

**Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
October 19, 2006**

Call to Order: The Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee (EBWPC) regular meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Rik Thompson, Chairman.

Committee Members Present:

Rik Thompson	Ryan Schwebach
John L. Jones	Doug Sayre
Jim Rea	Dan McGregor
Randy Autrey	Bud Hagerman
Chuck Ring	

Staff:

Melissa Archuleta Kayser, Recorder

Guests Present:

Art Swenka, Chairman Estancia Basin Resource Association
Jace Alderson, City of Moriarty
Joe Quintana, MRCOG

Approval of Agenda:

- Ryan Schwebach moved to approve the agenda as presented. John L. Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval/Amend Minutes:

- Chuck Ring moved to approve the minutes as amended. Doug Sayre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Dee had sent a financial report showing the balance as \$15,102.70 in the regular account.

Correspondence:

- Rik Thompson gave each Committee member a copy of the resumes the Committee had received for the Torrance County Ag position vacancy on the Committee. The resumes were from Jace Alderson, Jimmy Corliss and Alton Adams.

- Melissa Archuleta Kayser also passed out copies of emails from Jim Corbin which contained information on water issues in New Mexico he felt the Committee would be interested in.

Chairman's Report:

- Rik had emailed Dr. Chester J. Weiss from Sandia National Laboratories to get an update on the Geophysical Assessment of Geologic Controls on Groundwater Distribution, Recharge and Salinity in the Estancia Basin Project. Dr. Weiss had attended an EBWPC meeting several months ago to propose this project and obtained 12 landowner agreements within the basin for this project. Dr. Weiss obtained a portion of the money they requested, but have had to scale the project back some. Jim Rea will ask Dr. Weiss to attend the next EBWPC meeting to give an update. The Committee will set aside an hour for the presentation and questions from the Committee on the presentation.

- Rik reviewed the invoice from Estancia Valley Economic Development Association (EVEDA) in the amount of \$5,000.00. There was discussion concerning Estancia Basin Resource Association (EBRA) paying this invoice from the money they had committed to the EBWPC for the economic development report in the draft Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan Update. Art Swenka, Chairman of EBRA said he would take the invoice to his board and see if they would be willing to pay this invoice. Rik will also check with the Executive Director of EVEDA concerning the invoice.

- Rik reviewed the invoice from the City of Moriarty in the amount of \$20,000 to help pay for their 40 year water plan. Rik will work with Dee Tarr to see if this amount has been approved by the EBWPC in a previous meeting. Rik will also visit with State Representative Rhonda King concerning this invoice.

- The Committee discussed the new water group called Water Texas and their ideas on desalination plant. Rik encouraged the Committee to attend the meeting to sponsor by EBRA on Monday, October 23, 2006 at the Moriarty Convention Center.

- Rik attended the MRCOG Water Resource Board meeting. He gave a brief update on the meeting. Art Swenka is the Vice-Chairman of the board. Joe Quintana, MRCOG has asked Rik to give the Water Resource Board a report on the "draft" Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan Update. Rik has agreed to do this after the EBWPC has completed the draft update.

Staff Report:

Unfinished Business:

Funding – Develop Funding Strategy for FY07

Report from Budget Sub-Committee: Randy Autrey, Chairman of the Budget Sub-Committee gave a short report from the sub-committee's meeting. The Committee discussed the proposed budget by the line items.

1. The Committee discussed the finalization of the regional water plan update and hiring a facilitator for the public meetings that will need to be held during the public review period of draft Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan Update. The Committee

- agreed to budget \$30,000 for the plan update and \$10,000 for the public meetings and a facilitator.
2. Complete a Sub-Basin Study – The Committee decided to increase the budget amount to \$80,000.
 3. Educational Campaign – The Committee decided to increase the budget amount to \$20,000.
 4. Public Information Consultant – Hire a consultant. The Committee decided to move this to the Educational Campaign and rename the Educational Campaign to Education and Public Information Campaign. This line item will be \$24,000.
 5. Technical Assistance – The Committee decided to leave the \$40,000 in this line item. They decided to stress “work with” the communities.
 6. Contingencies – Web Site – The Committee decided to move this to the Educational and Public Information Campaign to increase the line item to \$29,000 with the following breakout: \$20,000 – Education: Print ads, newsletters discussing water catchment, information from the farming/agriculture industry concerning their water savings; \$5,000 – to hire a public information consultant; \$4,000 – Web-site
 7. Torrance County – Fiscal Agent Fee – The Committee decided to leave the line item at \$1,000. When the Committee meets with State Representative Rhonda King it should be pointed out to her that the fiscal agent fee to Torrance County is lower than what other fiscal agents would charge.

The Committee discussed setting up a master budget. This budget would include the funding from Santa Fe County, which will be used as administrative/technical funding. The budget will then need to be broken out into the legislative funding budget and a budget for administrative/technical assistance. Chuck Ring moved to approve the Legislative Funding Request Budget for Projects in the amount of \$190,000. Jim Rea seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim Rea moved to summarize the budget activities in a master plan showing the project budget separate from the administrative budget in the amount of \$19,500. Ryan Schwebach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Committee discussed the funding they have been able to bring in for different projects since the Regional Water Plan was accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission. Bud Hagerman explained he is writing up a list of these projects so the committee can use this when trying to get funding for projects and administrative/technical support. Rik thanked Randy Autrey and his sub-committee for their work on the budget.

Discussion of Review of Draft Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan

Update: Rik asked everyone to get his or her comments on the draft regional water plan to Dan McGregor. Dan will then get all of the markups to Jim Corbin to be incorporated into the “draft” update. Jim Rea asked that Jim Corbin be asked to mark the areas that are changed so they are easily identified.

Monitoring Station – Dan McGregor reported they have a contract on one of the wells. The leases from the State Land Office have come in and will be going to

the Bernalillo County manager on Friday for signature. Jim Rea announced the Water Trust Board funding had contracted for the first monitoring station and he will be touring the site on October 20, 2006.

ACTION ITEMS:

Name of Person	Action Item	Completion Date
Dee Tarr and Rik Thompson	Research Invoice from City of Moriarty	
EBWPC	Attend meeting sponsored by EBRA on Monday, October 23, 2006	
Rik Thompson	Visit with EVEDA concerning their invoice to EBWPC	
Art Swenka	Invoice from EVEDA for Economic Development information	
Doug Sayre	Getting the EBWPC on the Santa Fe County Commission Agenda	
Rik Thompson	Meeting with State Representative Rhonda King concerning funding	
Bud Hagerman and Dee Tarr	Compose a list of funding that has come to the Estancia Basin since the Regional Water Plan was approved	
Agenda Items for November	Amend Code of Ethics to include a 2 nd Vice-Chairman and Treasurer; Select a Torrance County Ag Position member to recommend to Torrance County	
Doug Sayre	DONUTS	11/16/06

New Business:

Discussion of the Proposed Pumping of the Salt Lakes: Ryan Schwebach moved to table this discussion. Chuck Ring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Replacement for Torrance County Ag Position: Chuck Ring moved to table this discussion. Jim Rea seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointment of Member At Large: John Jones moved to appoint Chuck Ring as the member at large. Doug Sayre seconded the motion.

Election of Officers:

The Committee discussed the positions and the possible addition of a Second Vice-Chairman and Treasurer position to take some of the responsibility. This discussion will continue at the November meeting.

Jim moved to elect Rik Thompson as Chairman. Chuck Ring seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Ring moved to elect Ryan Schwebach as Vice-Chairman. Bud Hagerman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Ring moved to elect Jim Rea as Secretary. Randy Autrey seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Chuck Ring withdrew his nomination. Dan McGregor moved to elect John L. Jones as Secretary. Ryan Schwebach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Reports:

Meetings Attended:

Public Comment:

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Torrance County Commission Room, Estancia, New Mexico.

Adjourn:

- There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dan McGregor moved to adjourn. Jim Rea seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 noon.

Rik Thompson, Chairman

John L. Jones, Secretary