

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

Summary Table:

Business Item	Action
Letter of Support to EMW Gas Association	Approved

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
Gene Winn
Randy Autrey
Tom Spindle
Chuck Ring

Ryan Schwebach
Jim Rea
Brian Greene
Jimmy Corliss

Staff:

Jim Corbin, Corbin Consulting Inc., Technical Advisor
Dierdre L. Tarr, Recorder

Guests Present:

Art Swenka, Chairman Estancia Basin Resource Association
Jerry Sanchez, EMW Gas Association
Jim Schwebach, EMW Gas Association
Martin Hibbs, EMW Gas Association

Approval of Agenda:

- Brian Greene moved to approve the agenda as presented. Chuck Ring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentation by EMW Gas Association – Jim Schwebach:

- Jim Schwebach, Martin Hibbs and Jerry Sanchez explained to the Committee the EMW Gas Association is a non-profit Intercommunity Natural Gas Association that was form in 1964 to serve Willard, Estancia and Moriarty and the farms between. In 1967 it expanded within the municipalities and north of Moriarty, into Santa Fe County. They now have over 600 miles of gas lines through out

Torrance and Santa Fe County and serve over 5,000 customers from residential, commercial, irrigation and industrial. They now feel there is a need for a locally owned and controlled company to distribute water in the Basin. The cities who own EMW Gas Association are in favor of EMW Gas Association expanding to also distribute water in the same areas they now service with gas. They would like to approach the Legislature for funding to conduct a feasibility study for this project. Discussion followed. Chuck Ring moved to provide a letter of support to EMW Gas Association for a feasibility study with the encouragement of public funding to have a locally owned and controlled company distribute water in the Estancia Basin and offering any helpful information the Committee has to EMW Gas Association. The Committee would like to have any information that might be helpful to them from EMW Gas Association. Tom Spindle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval/Amend Minutes:

- Brian Greene moved to approve the minutes as amended. Chuck Ring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Dee reported the EBWPC balance is \$14,946.22. She reported she is starting to purchase the information/education items that the Committee received special funding for.

Correspondence:

- The correspondence received was as follows:
 - Christmas Card from Corbin Consulting, Inc.
 - Newsletter from Mid-Region Council of Governments – Agribusiness Connection
 - Newsletter from New Mexico Water Conservation Alliance

Chairman's Report:

- Rik asked all the Committee members to let him know if they have additions or changes to the agenda. Rik met with the Torrance County Commission. He reported the Commission appointed Jimmy Corliss as an Ag Representative and reappointed Rik as the Torrance County Municipal/Developer/Utility Representative. The Commission also approved the budget for the Committee. Rik has been giving the Torrance County Commission a regular update on the Committee's activities. He realizes he needs to be giving updates to the Santa Fe County Commission and has been working with Doug Sayre to get on the agenda for the Santa Fe County meetings. He has not been able to get on this agenda to date, but he is still working on the situation. The Committee will be asking Santa Fe County for additional funding soon, so the updates are very critical.

Staff Report:

Unfinished Business:

Funding Strategy - Rik Thompson reported he had talked to Rhonda King about a capital outlay request of \$190,000 for the EBWPC. This request would be used to 1) Finalize the Update of the Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan and associated costs; 2) Complete a sub-basin study; 3) Water educational material; 4) Assistance to the communities on developing their water plans that would be incorporated into the regional water plan. Rik asked the Committee for their assistance in talking to representatives and senators who represent different areas of the Basin to explain our budget and what we will be doing with this money. The Committee will work on a schedule for attending the legislative session at the next meeting. Brian will work with each member who comes up during the session in meeting legislators and talking with them. Ryan Schwebach will work on the budget narrative. Each EBWPC member can have the budget and budget narrative to use when discussing budget items with legislators.

The Committee discussed the educational money from Santa Fe County. John Jones is working on the proposal and plans to present it to Santa Fe County Commissioner by the end of January, 2007. Tom Spindle explained his mother will be retiring this year as a teacher. She would be interested in working with the schools and the water trailer after her retirement for the EBWPC.

Discussion of Review of Draft Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan Update - Ryan Schwebach reported he had talked to Lucy Moore about facilitating the round of public meetings to discuss the draft update of the water plan. Lucy is interested in conducting these meetings for the Committee. Ryan is planning a meeting with Lucy, John Jones and Dan McGregor on December 19, 2007.

ACTION ITEMS:

Name of Person	Action Item	Completion Date
Bud Hagerman and Dee Tarr	Compose a list of funding that has come to the Estancia Basin since the Regional Water Plan was approved	
John Jones	Water Education Proposal to Santa Fe County for water education in the Southern Santa Fe County schools	
Doug Sayre	Getting the EBWPC on the Santa Fe County Commission Agenda	
Committee	Talk with Legislators about funding. Legislators: Representatives Rhonda King, Kathy McCoy, Richard Vigil; State Senators Pete Campos, Sue Wilson Beffort	
Committee	Suggestions for a work plan for Jim Corbin to finish the water plan update	March, 2007
EBWPC	Look at Draft Scope of Work for finalization of Regional Water Plan	

	Update	
Ryan Schwebach	Contact Lucy Moore to facilitate the Public Meetings	
Dan McGregor	Will check with Bernalillo County – a facilitator for the Public meetings	
Rik Thompson	Ask the Torrance County Attorney concerning the EBWPC complying with the Open Meeting Act; Rik will ask the County Attorney to give us something in writing.	
Rik Thompson	Jim Corbin's Contract	
Dee Tarr	List of Legislative Committee	
Dee Tarr	Letter of Support – EMW Gas Association	
Dee Tarr	Capital Outlay Requests	
Doug Sayre	Donuts	01/11/07

- Brian Greene talked to Karl Wood, Director of WRRRI about water research and studies. They suggested the Committee send someone over to talk to John Holley or Frank Titus either of who would know if work has already been done on some of the ideas the Committee might have for water studies in the basin.

New Business:

Additional Reports:

Meetings Attended:

Public Comment:

Next Meeting:

- The EBWPC discussed the January meeting date. Rik would like to for the Committee to meet prior to the Legislature starting. Chuck Ring moved to move the regular meeting from January 18 to January 11, 2006. Brian Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- The next meeting of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, January 11, 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, Chuck Ring moved to adjourn. Randy Autrey seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Rik Thompson, Chairman

John L. Jones, Secretary