



ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2007

Members Present: **Rik Thompson** – *Chairman TC, Municipal/Developer/Utility Pos* **Ryan Schwebach**- *Vice Chairman, East Torrance SWCD*
John Jones – *Secretary/ Treasurer* **H.L. (Bud) Hagerman**-*Santa Fe,Ag. Position*
Jim Rea – *Edgewood SWCD* **Randy Autrey**- *Torrance County Ag. Position*
Daniel McGregor- *Bernalillo Gov. Position* **Gene Winn** –*Torrance County Gov. Position*
Douglas M. Sayre- *SF County Gov. Position* **Tom Spindle**- *SF, Municipal/Developer/Utility Pos.*
Jimmy Corliss- *Torrance County Ag Position* **Charles (Chuck) Ring**- *At-Large Position*

Members Absent: **J. Brian Greene**- *Claunch-Pinto SWCD*

Staff Present: **Jim Corbin**- *Committee Technical Advisor* **Cheri Lujan** – *Recorder*

Others/ Guests: **John Hawley**-*Hawley Geomatters* **Wayne Sleep** – *USDA-NRCS*
Arlene Perea- *USDA-Forest Service* **Karen Lessard**-*USDA-Forest Service*
David Chace- *Sandia National Laboratories* **Art Swenka** – *EBRA*
Bill Larson – *Farmer*

Call to Order:

Rik Thompson, Chairman, called the regular Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Rik Thompson asked that each committee member to introduce themselves for the guests.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Jim Rea to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Tom Spindle. Motion carried.

Approval of 02/15/07 Minutes:

Minutes from the 02/15/07 meeting have not been received. After discussion it was moved by Chuck Ring to table the minutes. Motion was seconded by Ryan Schwebach. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Up-date (Ryan Schwebach)

Ryan Schwebach reported that \$6000.00 is still obligated in the budget under miscellaneous. Randy Autrey (not present at the time) has more solid figures for the committee to review at a later time. Randy Autrey and Ryan Schwebach have been working on the educational funding and budget.

Invoices

Cheri Lujan presented the committee an invoice from Torrance County for fiscal agent fee. Motion made by Douglas Sayre to pay the invoice as presented. Motion seconded by John Jones. No discussion, motion carried.

Per-Diem Discussion

Rik Thompson updated the board that he had asked Cheri Lujan to look into who and who has not been paid for attending committee meeting. Committee members were asked to sign a W-9 form or sign a waiver pertaining to getting paid or not for attending the meetings. After discussion and comments Rik Thompson asked all committee members to decide on signing the waiver or W-9 and get it back to Cheri Lujan.

Correspondence:

Ryan Schwebach provided a copy of the letter sent to Claunch-Pinto SWCD, accepting the resignation effective immediately and thanking them for their service. Discussion followed, centering on files and if the Committee had access to them. Most files are in the County Building, but we'll need to obtain files from the custody of Claunch-Pinto.

Guests:

Rik Thompson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Guests were asked to stand up and introduce themselves.

Reports:

Chairman's Report (Rik Thompson)

Chairman has been busy last couple of months at the Legislative session. In spite of local legislative support and intensive lobbying, it didn't make it through the process. Discussion revealed EBWPC did receive \$30K in SB 611, and that EBWPC is the only one to receive monies for updating a water plan. The Chair requested the Budget Sub committee meet and revise the budget to a \$50K threshold to fit the funds we believe will be available from the State and the County of Santa Fe. He welcomed Cheri Lujan, from East Torraine, and her help with administrative matters, which will be covered by an Assistance Agreement, which will be presented later in the meeting. The Agreement is valid through 30 June 2007.

Chuck Ring encouraged EBWPC to approach Edgewood for money.

Randy Autrey updated committee that we have not received any deliverables or invoices for the educational materials ordered for us by Claunch-Pinto and he had been told the materials would be available within a month. After discussion, Dan McGregor made a motion to give 30 day notice to Claunch-Pinto for those materials or ordering information be delivered or payment will not be rendered. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Corliss. During discussion Bud Hagerman state he would work with Ryan Schwebach and Randy Autrey on the educational materials since he has been involved since the beginning on what should have been ordered. Motion carried unanimously.

Sub Committee Meeting 2/22/07 – (Moisture Indicator Study Proposal)

Jim Rea updated the committee of the sub committee meeting held 2/22/07. Committee had some concerns regarding aspects of the product. Committee suggested that EBWPC pass on this proposal, however, it is appropriate for EWPC to indicate, in its updated water plan, that technologies, methods and experiences applicable to more efficient use of water in the Estancia Basin should be an area of interest and concern for the EBWPC and that EBWPC should be open to promising opportunities to apply new technologies and methods for this purpose.

After discussion it was moved by Chuck Ring and seconded by Ryan Schwebach for the sub committee to draft a letter to Mr. Roger Patrick in response to the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Jim Corbin

Jim Corbin echoed that everyone did a good job in Santa Fe. Lack of funding has nothing to do with the groups efforts. There is great unhappiness in Santa Fe with the legislatures perception of the overall condition of water planning in the state, because there is largely no real action stemming from the existing plans. Jim Corbin has meetings set up with the State water planner in the Interstate Streams Commission. He opined that the committee needs a focus on updating the water plan. Next month EBWPC meeting needs about an hour and half to go over the rough draft to update the water plan, and narrow it on down where the committee would like to go. Jim stated that Interstate Stream Commission would support our effort. Question was asked if public hearing will be needed again by a committee member, Jim Corbin replied yes but not as many because of relationships the EBWPC now has.

Cheri Lujan

Cheri Lujan up-dated the committee on the sign in sheet and folders process for the meetings. Rik Thompson did ask the committee members to not give Cheri Lujan any work without going through him first.

Recess of meeting for short break:

Chairman departed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. for a previous commitment. After a short break, Vice Chairman Ryan Schwebach took the gavel to continue the meeting.

Re-Convene of meeting:

Ryan Schwebach called the meeting back to order at 10:46 a.m.

Additional Reports/ Meetings Attended:

John Jones opined that EBWPC needs to get on the agenda of two legislative committees, during the interim session, to get more notice for the next session. He suggested making a presentation to the Water, Natural Resource, and Legislative Finance committees. After some discussion, John said that he'd take steps to get on the agenda and would like some time at the next meeting to help focus the presentations.

Jim Rea raised discussion on rumors that funds may have been given to the ISC approximately of 1.5 million, and if the EBWPC could receive some of the funding, and if legislative contact would help. After discussion John Jones said he would look into this matter and report back at next months meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Legislative Session Up-Date:

Item has been covered under reports; SB 611 Sec 17 references the 30 thousand for the EBWPC which has been signed. Cheri Lujan will notify Torrance County of funding.

Subdivision Review Report:

Dan McGregor did do a review for phase 3 for the Deer Canyon on behalf of the committee and he has sent comments to Rik Thompson for review and direction on how to proceed.

Water Plan Update Report:

(Covered in Jim Corbin's staff report)

Jim Rea asked the EBWPC to set aside 30 minutes to an hour for discussion on working with the Sandia Small Business Assistance program studying the Estancia Basin water quantity and quality issues.

Action Items Update:

Items were reviewed and up-dated by committee members.

Bud Hagerman stressed that the committee needs to not wait so long this year on the education with Brain Swayne from Las Cruces. Discussion that the committee needs to see on what the money situation will be. Bud Hagerman will call Brian Swayne and talk with him. Randy asked not to contact him until the money situation is all cleared up first. Randy and Ryan will keep Bud up-to-date on this situation.

Discussion on submitted funding to Santa Fe, EBWPC needs to ask for \$19,500.00.

Action item of Open meetings act was discussed reference to the e-mail that Rik Thompson had sent out. Cheri Lujan was asked to please give all committee members next month a copy of the Open meeting act.

Name of Person	Action Item	Completion Date
Bud Hagerman & Jim Corbin	Compose a list of funding that has come to the Estancia Basin since the Regional Water Plan was accepted	<i>In Progress</i>
John Jones	Water Education Proposal to Santa Fe County for water education in the Southern Santa Fe County Schools	<i>Will bring proposal April meeting</i>
Doug Sayre / Rik Thompson/ Jim Corbin	Getting the EBWPC on the Santa Fe County Commission Agenda	<i>Send letter to Jennifer Armijo and Commissioner Anyra to be placed on the next presentation agenda</i>
Committee	Talk with Legislators about funding. Legislators: Rhonda King, Kathy McCoy, Richard Vigil, State Senators Pete Campos, Sue Wilson Beffort	<i>completed</i>

Committee	Suggestions for a work plan for Jim Corbin to finish the water plan update	Agenda item for April
EBWPC	Look at Draft Scope of Work for finalization of Regional Water Plan Update	Agenda item for April
Ryan Schwebach	Contact Lucy Mooree to facilitate the Public Meetings	Completed
Dan McGregor	Will check with Bernalillo County - a facilitator for the Public meetings	Drop item as action item
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	February, 2007
Rik Thompson	Jim Corbin's Contract	
Dee Tarr	List of Legislative Committee	Drop item as action item
Dee Tarr	Letter of Support - EMW Gas Association	Completed
Dee Tarr	Capital Outlay Requests	Completed / Drop item as action item
Doug Sayre	Donuts	April Meeting

New Business:

Assistance Agreement:

Copy of assistance agreement was given out for review. After review and discussion motion was made by John Jones and seconded by Jim Rea to accept the assistance agreement as written. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Chuck Ring announced that a four lane hwy is going in from the over pass to Dinkle Road in Edgewood. Daniel McGregor announced that Bernalillo County Water Conservation ordinance was approved by the County Commissioners.

Public Comment:

Next Meeting:

April 19th, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss motion was made by Dan McGregor and seconded by Tommy Spindle to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Lujan, Recorder*

Reviewed and approved by:

Rik Thompson, Chairman

John L. Jones, Secretary

Torrance County

Santa Fe County

Bernalillo County

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