



ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes December 20, 2007

Members Present: **Ryan Schwebach**- *Chairman, East Torrance SWCD Rep.* **Gene Winn** –*Torrance County Gov. Position*
J. Brian Greene- *Claunch-Pinto SWCD* **David Tixier** – *TC, Municipal/Developer/ Utility Pos*
Daniel McGregor- *Bernalillo Gov. Position* **Jim Rea** – *Edgewood SWCD*

Members Absent: **John L. Jones** – *Secretary/ Treasurer* **H.L. (Bud) Hagerman**-*Santa Fe, Ag. Position*
Douglas M. Sayre- *SF County Gov. Position* **Jimmy Corliss**- *Torrance County Ag Position*
Tom Spindle- *SF, Municipal/Developer/Utility Pos* **Vacant**- *At-Large Position*
Randy Autrey- *Torrance County Ag. Position*

Staff Present: **Cheri Lujan** – *Recorder*
Jim Corbin – *Committee Technical Advisor*
Charles T. Dumars – *Law & Resource Planning Associates, P.C.*

Staff Absent:

Others/ Guests: **Laura Nesbitt**-*Mountain view Telegraph* **Arthur Swenka**-*EBRA*
LeRoy M Candelaria-*TC Commissioner* **David Chace**-*SNL*
Wayne Sleep-*NRCS* **Annette Ortiz**-*Deputy County Manager*

Call to Order:

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman called the regular Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. A quorum was not present. Consensus of the committee was to proceed as a committee meeting till a quorum becomes present. All motions and actions indicated below are to be considered as recommendations to the full committee and subject to its formal approval.

Guests:

Ryan Schwebach acknowledged all guests attending the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Announcements:

Jim Corbin updated the committee of Bud Hagerman's death in the family

Unfinished Business:

Rough Draft Water Plan Discussion:

Fact Sheets submitted by Jim Corbin were reviewed by Committee members. The sheets contained information on water rights, potential local government actions to reduce water usage, and available water supply. Along with written comments submitted by H.L. (Bud) Hagerman were given to committee members for review and comments. After reviewing documents submitted the committee continued in discussion on well licensing. A conservation bank was also discussed which could be established at the county level. Torrance County Commissioner Leroy Candelaria in attendance discussed the key is to work along side of the Planning and Zoning. Discussion followed on what other counties are doing. Dan McGregor offered help to Torrance County on what Bernalillo has set up and in place.

Brian Greene joined the committee meeting in progress at 10:25 a.m. Discussion followed if the committee has a quorum. Committee will continue as a committee meeting with minutes and actions taken requested for approval at the next meeting with a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Brian Greene to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Dan McGregor. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 11/15/07 Minutes:

Minutes from the 11/15/07 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Brian Greene to approve the minutes as amended under New Business: (Member At Large Position) third line replace applications with applicants. Motion was seconded by Gene Winn. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Cheri Lujan

Cheri Lujan submitted copies of the financial print out showing bills paid and submitted. Ending balance for general fund was reported at \$23,217.73 and the ISC fund balance ending at \$41,543.09 as of December 19, 2007. Invoice from Corbin Consulting, INC. was submitted for review for \$465.81. After review and discussion it was moved by Dan McGregor and seconded by Brian Greene to file financial report for audit. Motion carried unanimously. Dan McGregor made a motion and seconded by Brian Greene to approve invoice submitted by Corbin Consulting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Written Resignation from Chuck Ring had been received and forwarded to the Torrance County Commission. EMW Gas Association submitted a press release along with a letter in reference to the EMW Regional Water System Preliminary Engineering Report information request. Discussion followed with the committee being updated regarding regional water plans. EBWPC will submit a letter to Torrance County Commission requesting that the committee would be able to review and provide written comments on such projects that may come before the commission. Dan McGregor will work with Cheri Lujan in submitting the letter.

Additional Reports/ Meetings Attended:

Sandia Small Business Assistance Update:

David Chase updated the committee that \$70,000 has been allocated for groundwater categorization for 2008 in the Estancia Basin. \$40,000 has been allocated for the septic tank project which a third to a fourth of the money will be used in the Estancia Basin. Money is going to be used to assessing the problem. Jerry King has also requested some help for his farms which would bring another \$20,000 into the valley.

Cont. Unfinished Business:

Member at Large Position:

Cheri Lujan reported that John L. Jones received one written letter of interest for the position. Other names came forward but no resume were received. After discussion the committee recommended to table action item till a quorum is present. Cheri Lujan is to contact submitted names to ask for full resumes, along with letters of interest clarifying how much time the individual is able to give to the committee and stating any conflict of interest and to make sure they are aware when and how long the committee usually meets.

New Business:

Open Meetings Act Resolution # 01-2008:

After review and discussion, Dan McGregor moved for recommendation to approve with the amendment of changing 72 to 24 hours for the agenda to be made available prior to the meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Greene. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion only items:

David Tixier reported that Myra Pancrazio from EVDA could not make the meeting today but she was able to get figures on wells serviced by the Electric Co-op. 351 wells are serviced with 58 billing over \$2000.00 a month. She will get the committee more information and clarification on figures for next month. Discussion followed with the usage of meters on pumped wells and the pros and cons of metering the wells landowners face.

Recess of meeting for short break:

Meeting was adjourned for a short break at 11:17 am.

Re-Convene of meeting:

Ryan Schwebach called the meeting back to order at 11:28 am

Cont. Unfinished Business:

Rough Draft Water Plan Discussion:

Continued discussion on the rough draft of the water plan with questions and answers directed to Mr. Chuck Dumars. Discussion followed with licensing on what is going on in Santa Fe County and Legislative issues to watch in the upcoming session. Suggestions given were to evaluate the length of water supply to sustain development, focus on critical management areas, and aquifer protection zones.

Action Items Update:

Items were not reviewed or up-dated by committee members.

Next Meeting:

Topic under the Rough Draft Water Plan will be reviewed and announced by the end of next week for January’s meeting. After discussion the January meeting will be moved from January 17th to January 10, 2008 @ 9:00 A.M. due to the Legislative Session being in session.

All approvals/recommendations indicated above are to be considered for approval by the full committee

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss committee meeting was dismissed at 12:35 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Lujan, Recorder*

Reviewed and approved by:

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman

John L. Jones, Secretary

Torrance County

Santa Fe County

Bernalillo County

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