



Winkelmann Natural Resource Conservation District

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June 29, 2015

Draft Minutes

Location: CAC Aravaipa Campus, Room E102

In Attendance:

Bill Dunn, Josh Avey, Beverly Miller, Hattie Hedrick, Steve Turcotte, Stephanie Smallhouse, David McKay, John Windes, Bob Evans, Cameron Becker, Bob Rogers, John Windes, Shawn Lowery, Andrew Smallhouse, Chris Postel

Called to order:

Meeting called to order by Bill at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

No quorum for approval for February, March, April, May and June minutes

Discussion: David McKay, Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Pre-Proposal.

The following RCPP Narrative Elements for Pre-Proposal were discussed:

1. Describe how each partner meets the eligibility criteria. According to eligibility criteria, producers could participate if they have at 50 acres and \$1,000 in annual sales.
2. Specify the geographic focus of the project area. Lands contiguous to the project's boundaries, such as Aravaipa, would be considered part of the project's area.
3. Identify the project objectives and the natural resource concerns that the project will address and how the partners identified those concerns. Local work groups and CRMPs would be used to identify resource concerns.
4. A general description of the plans for evaluating outcomes, including plans for monitoring and modeling, and for reporting on progress to achieve the objectives of the application. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) currently measures ground water, would be used to evaluate outcomes.
5. A brief description of the types and sequence of implementation of conservation practices that the project will implement.
6. If applicable, indicate how the project will "assist producers in meeting or avoiding the need for natural resource regulatory requirements."
7. A description of any requested program adjustments of terms (adjustments to regulations or policy).
8. Whether and how the project requests alternative funding arrangements.
9. Any additional information that has not specifically been requested but will help reviewers understand your proposal

The following next steps were discussed:

- David McKay will revise/email the RCPP Narrative Elements by Wednesday
- Josh Avey will be meeting with Resolution staff this week.
- Consider contacting Audubon Society to participate.
- Bill Dunn will contact Asarco.
- Contact Kristen Egen regarding NRCS's eligibility criteria for producers.
- The Districts would need a Dunns number for the Proposal, not Pre-Proposal.
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Time and date for next meeting:

To be determined.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by Bill at 12:55 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: _____

Date: _____