



Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District

Special Meeting

August 19, 2015

Draft Minutes

Date: August 19, 2015

Location: Teleconference

In Attendance

Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Francie Meyer, Peter Else, Stefanie Smallhouse, Andrew Smallhouse, Biran Hartmna, Charles Ffolliott, Bob Evans, Chris Postel

Called to order

Meeting called to order by Bill at 7:04 p.m.

Discussion of Sun Zia's Permitting through the Arizona Corporation Commission Line Siting Committee

The Pre-filing meeting (Arizona Corporation Commission Line Siting Committee) is scheduled for August 26, only a 12 day notice was given. At this point, not sure which groups will try to intervene. Do the Districts want to intervene in order to influence which route is selected. The Districts don't want the route to go through the lower San Pedro area. Sun Zia has been floating two routes through Aravaipa (Sulphur Springs North and South), in contrast to the BLM preferred route, which follows the I-10 corridor. Also, Sun Zia is an agenda item on Pinal County's Planning & Zoning Commission's meeting on August 20. Bill and Andy will attend the meeting.

The Line Siting Committee considers several factors when reviewing an application. The Arizona statutes list criteria for issuing or denying a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, some of these items are:

- Existing plans of the state, local government and private entities for other developments at or in the vicinity of the proposed site.
- Fish, wildlife and plant life and associated forms of life upon which they are dependent.
- Existing scenic areas, historic sites and structures or archaeological sites at or in the vicinity of the proposed site.
- The total environment of the area

Several people are interested in attending the August 26 Arizona Corporation Commission meeting. After the meeting, a mitigation plan would have to be done and then, the route is selected. Any local government can intervene but would have to know the protocols and probably hire a lawyer.

Next Meeting Date

After the August 26 meeting, another District meeting will be scheduled.

Call to the public – nothing brought forward

Adjourn:

Motion made by Francie Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Steve Turcott seconded the motion. The Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: _____

Date: _____