



# WINKELMAN NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Quarterly Meeting

July 20, 2016

Draft Minutes

April 20, 2016

General Kearny Inn, 301 Alden Rd, Kearny, AZ 85137

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

## Board and Staff

Bill Dunn, Francie Meyer, Steve Turcotte, Gary Vinson, Carol DuBois (absent), Hattie Hedrick, Chris Postel

## Agencies

Alisha Phipps & Briana Martinez (NRCS), Rana Tucker (AzG&F), Barbara McGuire (Az State Senator)

## Members and Guests

Melissa McMaster (Tamarisk Coalition), Mila Besich (Copper Basin), Becky Dunn, Rick Bader, Sam Reidhead (Asarco), Beverly Miller, Georgie Wood, Ron Deen, Tom Deen, Celeste Andresen (TNC), Chandra McDowell (Ray Schools), Kayla McDowell, Sam Hosler (Town of Kearny), Amber Barton, Charly Goff, Kemp Morris, Gerry Kaufhold.

## Minutes of Past Meetings

Reviewed minutes: 04-20-16, 4-22-16, 5-18-16. 06-01-16, 06-24-16, 06-30-16 Francie Meyer moved to accept the minutes as printed. Steve Turcotte seconded. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report: District funds, \$40,649.34, & State fund, \$5,888.32, reviewed Balance Sheet & Income Statement. Steve Turcotte moved to accept the financial reports. Francie Meyer seconded. Motion passed.

Administration: No invoices for approval; Discussed & agreed to move scheduled quarterly meeting months ahead one month. Francie Meyer moved to hold the quarterly meetings in November, February, May & August on the 3rd Wednesday. Steve Turcotte seconded. Motion passed. Next quarterly meeting will be on November 16.

## New Business

- **Tamarisk Coalition Presentation:** By Melissa McMaster. See attached PowerPoint slides.
- **Election Update:** Bill Dunn was re-elected and appointed to the Chairman position. Gary Vinson and Carol DuBois were reappointed to the supervisor positions.
- **Grant Application, Resolution Copper Mine:** Chris is just starting to work on the application for Education Center funding for the Ag in the Classroom program.
- **Farm Bill Survey:** Bill needs to complete the survey. The District's critical issues are water quantity, EQIP, regulatory reform and to split out the programs. About 60% of the cooperators have resource management plans and on average are 8-10 years old.
- **Winkelman's Annual Report:** Steve Turcotte moved to report. Gary Vinson seconded. Motion passed.

## Old Business

- **Local Work Group:** No change.
- **Water Protection Fund Grant:** Funds are available and have to apply in early September, due in 30 days. Steve Turcotte moved to have Chris apply for the grant. Francie Meyer seconded. Motion passed.
- **FEMA/AZ Forestry Grant Application:** The grant was submitted and work is projected to start Feb, 2017.
- **BLM Planning 2.0 Coalition update:** WNRCD will be a plaintiff with 16 other counties/governments, over \$500,000 has been raised for the lawsuit. The big concern is whether the District can withdraw from the being in the lawsuit and what is our fiduciary obligation. Bill will ask the Coalition these 2 questions.

### Reports from Agency Personnel

- **NRCS:** Alisha Phipps. 2 ongoing plans and processing applications for next funding cycle in October. Will begin accepting applications on State Land now. Have 6 active contracts. State Land has 3 range conservation jobs open. See Attached report.
- **AZ Game and Fish:** Rana Tucker. Personnel, new wildlife managers, Alison Dutt & John McLard. The Heritage Fund has grant funds available, applications begin on August 3, due Sept. 30. Grants are also available through the Habitat Partnerships (Tucson Committee), deadline is Sept 1. BLM has available funds for the nursery.
- **State Land Department, AZ State Forestry, BLM & USFS, UA Coop Ext, Pinal County Sheriff** - none

Supervisors Reports There were no reports from the Supervisors.

Call to the Public Nothing brought forward

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Education Center Meeting (Convened at 12:35)

- **Annual Report:** Checking account balance is \$22,103.62. Francie Meyer moved to accept report. Gary Vinson seconded. Motion passed.
- **AACD Summer Meeting:** Seven people from the District will be attending the meeting, Aug. 9-11.
- **2012 Field Report (# of copies to print):** Chris will research the cost to print the report.

### Annual Meeting

- **Nominate Advisory Board/Officers:** The following were nominated: Chandra McDowell, Megan Vinson, Hattie Hedrick, Amber Barton, Lucy Postel, Becky Dunn, Molly Yoder, Bev Miller, & Gerry Kaufhold.
- **2016-2017 Plan of Work:** Presented by Bill Dunn.
- **Bond the Advisory Board:** Chris will research the cost to bond the board.

Adjournment Motion by Steve Turcotte to adjourn meeting at 1:05. Francie Meyer seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Winkelman NRCD Clerk

Date: July 24, 2016

Approval of Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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