



# Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District

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August 23, 2016

Draft Minutes

Location: CAC Aravaipa Campus, Room E102, at 9 a.m.

In Attendance:

Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Francie Meyer, Catherine Mann, Jack Mann, Rick Bader, Beverly Miller, Hattie Hedrick, Ashley Hall (UA Coop Ext), Celeste Andersen (TNC), Andy Smallhouse (Redington), Bob Evans (Cascabel Conserv Assoc), Rana Tucker (AZGF), Scott Wilbor (AZLTW), Chris Postel.

Called to order: Meeting called to order by Bill at 9:14 a.m.

Discussion:

- Reviewed mission statement, still relevant to the group's objectives. See attachment.
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) pre-proposal was submitted in June, 2015 but didn't get approved to go to the next step. It was for brush management for lower San Pedro watershed and parts of Aravaipa.
- AZ State Land focus is on benefits to the beneficiaries, producing income.
- Per Andy, a big issue is water rights. SRP bought a small ranch (15 acres) and tried to transfer 1,000 acres for water rights in the San Pedro watershed, Andy's family has had land in the area for 5 generations. The only way to contest it was thru legislative action. Consider having different speakers come to future meetings to discuss water rights: SRP representative & Dave Brown.
- What can we do (See attachment): Conserve resources, preserve open space & market the ranch life. Biggest issue is water quantity & quality. Define committee's mission or objectives: ID problems such as water rights, education & information dissemination, pursue grants for grassland restoration to improve water quantity/quality. Conduct workshops in cooperation with Cattlemans Assoc, AZ Farm Bureau, AZLTW, etc. Contact other watershed management groups.
- Short term goals: Keep the producers in business, education (Agency Rules).
- Long term goals: Water rights & next generation property transfer.

Next steps: contact David Brown to set date for a presentation on water rights & issues

Time and date for next meeting: To be determined.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by Bill at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Winkelman NRCD Clerk

Date: August 23, 2016

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

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