



WINKELMAN NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Quarterly Meeting

November 16, 2016

Draft Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Board and Staff

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

Agencies

Alisha Phipps (NRCS), Alison Dutt (AzG&F), Ashley Hall (UA Coop Ext), Doug Peable, Brandee Ralston (Pinal County Sheriff), Mary Richardson, Jess Gwinn, Mike Martinez (US Game & Fish), Tab Bomerino (BR), Cameron Becker (Az Land Water Trust),

Members and Guests

Becky Dunn, Rick Bader, Beverly Miller, Georgie Wood, Celeste Andresen & Bob Rogers (TNC), Pat Granillo, Chris Fletcher (Redington), Sam Hosler (Town of Kearny), Walt Meyer, Beverly Miller, Brook Phelps (AACD).

Minutes of Past Meetings

Reviewed minutes: July 20,2016 Steve Turcotte moved to accept the minutes with changes. Gary Vinson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report: District funds, \$40,649.34, & State fund, \$9,101.66, reviewed Balance Sheet & Income Statement. Steve Turcotte moved to accept the financial reports. Francie Meyer seconded. Motion passed.

Administration: Francie Meyer moved to approve the National NACD invoice for \$750. Steve Turcotte seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

- **Aravaipa Partners Presentation:** By Mary Richardson. See attached PowerPoint slides. The biggest concern is depleted water flows, water quality & quantity should be considered. How can the WNRCD help with moving forward such having as a future meeting to offer funding, provide technical assistance, etc? Francie Meyer made a motion for the WNRCD to coordinate with other agencies. Steve Turcotte seconded. Motion passed.
- **Clean Water Plan:** See attached Power Point slides. Clean Water Plan process was discussed. Working with ADEQ, a plan would be done for Aravaipa Creek and Gila (start at Kelvin & proceed for about 8-10 miles). A plan would take 6-9 months, one of the major tasks is to obtain water samples. The plan needs to be done to be eligible to obtain grant monies from the EPA.
- **Watershed Management Group:** Chris is in the early stages of researching options: form a committee within the Ed Center, work with the upper San Pedro group or form a 501 C3. This group would drive Clean Water Plans, identify/prioritize projects & key stakeholders, develop funding partners, etc.

- **Yellow Billed Cuckoo - Delisting Petition:** Tabled to have a conference call with Margaret.
- **AACD Update - Brook Phelps, AACD Communications Director:** Doing a newsletter. Putting together an Ed Center Coalition; so, gathering contact information. Brush management programs are being done in Apache & Navajo counties first; then, SE Arizona would be addressed. This BLM project is being funded for \$10 million for 5 years and have a lot of partners involved. We are trying to replicate the New Mexico model.

Old Business

- **Local Work Group:** No change.
- **Grant Application Updates:**
 - **FEMA/AZ Forestry Grant:** The grant is still in process.
- **BLM Planning 2.0 Coalition update:** WNRCD will have a conference call with Margaret to discuss status and next steps for us.

Reports from Agency Personnel

- **NRCS:** Alisha Phipps. 3 ongoing plans and RCPP will be coming up next year. State Land did fill the range positions, Maria Preciado, 602-542-2692. See Attached report.
- **AZ Game and Fish:** Alison Dutt. She is new wildlife manager and is getting out and meeting the people. Rena helped with the incident on the Meyer's ranch.
- **UA Coop Ext:** Ashley Hall is the new hire and will be sending out a needs assessment survey. Planning a drought monitoring workshop in Globe (April). We should suggest workshop topics.
- **Pinal County Sheriff:** Mark Land is the new elected Sheriff and wants more contact with ranchers.
- **Open Space Meeting:** Per Pat, no funds to do anything.
- **Bureau of Reclamation:** Per Tab, having NEPA compliance issues.
- **The Nature Conservancy:** Per Bob Rogers, writing a new conservation plan to cover everything in the San Pedro Watershed.
- **Asarco:** Per Sam Reidhead, working on water line replacement.
- **Arizona State Land Trust:** Per Cameron Beckman, did a lot of workshops, drones were popular.
- **State Land Department, AZ State Forestry, BLM & USFS -** none

Supervisors Reports

- **Bill:** Sunzia Plan of Development (POD) has started. Winkelman & Redington will be meeting with Sunzia in the next 2 months. We may need to use engineers/biologists/etc. to assist us with reviewing the POD.

No other reports from supervisors. Walt Meyer: Working with AACD on Desert Tortoise BMP.

Call to the Public Nothing brought forward

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Education Center Meeting (Convened at 1:20 pm)

- **Financial Report:** Checking account balance is \$19,969.82. Another \$1,250 was just deposited. Per Bill, this is the last check from State Land, few environmental plates are being sold. Francie Meyer moved to accept report. seconded. Motion passed.
- **Bond the Advisory Bond & Officers:** It will cost about \$100 to do the bond.

- **Native Plant Nursery:** Per Rena, Triangle Bar is being considered for use as a nursery. Still haven't heard back from Debra about CAC partnering with the 2 districts on the nursery.
- **Ed Center Development Plan:** Winkelman & Redington need to appoint their committees to create a plan.
- **Education Materials Funding Request:** Per Gary, Megan needs to purchase materials for her class, about \$500 for this request. A motion was made by Francie Meyer to fund this and other education project requests as they are submitted to the Supervisory committee. Steve Turcotte seconded. Motion passed

Adjournment Motion by Francie Meyer to adjourn meeting at 1:40. Steve Turcotte seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Winkelman NRCD Clerk Date: November 22, 2016

Approval of Minutes: _____ Date: _____

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