



# Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District

**Special Meeting**

**December 6, 2016**

**Draft Minutes**

Date: December 6, 2016

Location: Teleconference

## In Attendance

Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Francie Meyer, Gary Vinson, Carol DuBois, Margaret Byfield (American Stewards of Liberty), Chris Postel (clerk)

Called to order: Meeting called to order by Bill at 7:05 p.m.

## Agenda

Aravaipa Creek Strategy: Steve: Need to look at the whole picture. Only 6 permanent residents & 11 temporary. Kevin is the new resident, orchard, signed on as cooperator and will apply to NRCS for EQUIP funding. Long term strategy is to look at the creek as a whole from Klondyke. Federal measurements have changed. TNC completing a watershed analysis in June. A lot of water is being drawn from Wilcox to Klondyke. Discussed items with BLM hydrologist. Need to talk to Gila Valley NRCD, they have a watershed management group. A lot of loss in 5 to 6 measuring stations.

Francie: In the short term, show solutions, talk to USFW probably using poor science and ask questions. Develop a list of questions and have a meeting with USFW, BLM, and Gila Valley NRCD. Then, contact the owners regarding their irrigation systems. Need to satisfy people on the creek. Each writes a list of issues/questions, meet with the agencies, and then, meet with the land owners.

Delisting Petition - Yellow Billed Cuckoo (Margaret Blyfield - Stewards for Liberty): Three species were listed in error or have recovered. Westland has prepared a proposal and petition for Yellow Billed Cuckoo to get delisted. Have new listing and delisting rule, using a 90 day period and determine if action is warranted.

Hereford, their county, has joined with the Colorado country in the BLM 2.0 lawsuit. Funded already, just need our name. Reasons for delisting, listed in error. Arizona State Land needs to file in 30 days and then, we can input our comments. No need for WNRCD support for expenses right now. Reducing the number of plaintiffs to 3 counties. Motion made by Steve Turcotte to withdraw from the BLM 2.0 lawsuit. Carol DuBois seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Mexican Wolf DNA Study: USFW and AZGF have requested DNA samples. Next step is to hire a geneticist to review DNA Study. Ask Redington to share in the cost. Motion made by Steve Turcotte to fund \$2,000 for the Mexican Wolf DNA study. Francie Meyer seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sunzia: Meeting is scheduled for January 10 at CAC with Tom Wray and his staff. Also, need to meet with Redington after this meeting to discuss Education Center next steps with CAC.

Gary Vinson mentioned that the 3rd grade wants to get some funding. Also, we should contact Ramon Rubacabla regarding participating in Environthon.

Call to the public

Adjourn:

Motion made by Gary Vinson to adjourn the meeting. Steve Turcotte seconded the motion. The Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Winkelman NRCD Clerk

Date: December 8, 2016

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

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