

Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District

Teleconference Meeting April 16, 2018 Final Minutes

<u>Date:</u> April 16, 2018 <u>Location:</u> Teleconference

In Attendance

Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Gary Vinson, Carol DuBois, Francie Meyer, Chris Postel (clerk), Linda Leigh (Oracle Community Garden), Chris Fletcher (Reddington NRCD).

<u>Called to order:</u> Meeting called to order by Bill at 7:09 p.m.

<u>Agenda</u>

Hoop Houses Partnerships

Oracle Community Learning Garden (OCLG): Linda talked to CAC & other organizations about a conservation education program and researched "hoop houses." Their foot print is 82x20 feet and the Oracle Garden property is 1.5 acres. Per Steve, the hoop houses at CAC (Aravaipa) were ready to go but nothing has happened since last summer. Evening and weekend access is a concern at CAC. Per Linda, what is a conservation education program and would funds be available for a part-time person. The next step is to define expectations for the Education Center and the Oracle Garden. Since the Districts main charge is natural resources, what are the options and goals? Per Linda, the OCLG goals are: sustainability, education (gardening), create community, and financial success. The next step is to get one person from each district, including CAC, to meet with Linda to identify ideas/details and to put together a plan. The point person will be Bill Dunn & Chris Postel.

Arizona Game & Fish (AZGF): After the March 26 LWG meeting, Bill looked over the AZGF Duddleyville property with Justin Ladd. They are very interested in a hoop house and have requested a proposal from the District (See attached MOU). Their plants (native) would be different from the plants at the Oracle Garden. Bill will review the MOU and send to AZGF.

<u>District Coordinator Position</u>: Kyle Thompson's interview was discussed. His goals/objectives need to be defined. Initially, he would work on the on the set-up of the hoop houses for the Oracle Community Learning Garden and grants that are due in May. Steve Turcotte made a motion to offer \$25/hr (a minimum of 40 hours/month) to Kyle Thompson. Seconded by Francie Meyer. No further discussion. Motion carried. Information will be forwarded to Reddington.

<u>Call to the public</u> Per Chris Fletcher, Sunzia construction is delayed and will begin in the Fall.

<u>Adjourn</u>: Motion made by Gary Vinson to adjourn the meeting. Carol DuBois seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: <u>Chris Postel, Winkelman NRCD Clerk</u>	Date: <u>Aprıl 18, 2018</u>
Approval of Minutes:	Date: