



WINKELMAN NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Quarterly Meeting

May 16, 2018

Draft Minutes

Location: A Diamond Ranch, 24710 North A Diamond Ranch Road, Kearny, AZ 85137

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Board and Staff

Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Francie Meyer, Gary Vinson, Carol DuBois, Hattie Hedrick, Chris Postel.

Agencies

Willie Sommers (Dept Forestry-Fire Mgt), Ashley Hall (UA Coop Extension, Jeff McCarley, Doug Peoble, Tyler Schiess (Pinal County Sheriff), and Barb Elliot (Pinal Country Office Emergency Management).

Members and Guests

Kyle Thompson (WNRCD District Coordinator), Becky Dunn, Rick Bader, Robin Barnes (Asarco), Walt Meyer, Jack, & Catherine Mann, Linda Leigh (Oracle Community Learning Garden), Duane Reece, Helen Reece, Sam & Carol Hosler, Stacy Walker (SRP-San Pedro River Preserve).

Minutes of Past Meetings

Reviewed minutes: 02/20/2018, 03/06/2018, 03/26/2018, & 04/16/2018. Francie Meyer moved to accept the minutes. Steve Turcotte seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report: District/State funds, \$39,548.72 & \$8,733.48. The Balance Sheet & Income Statement were reviewed. Steve Turcotte moved to accept the financial reports. Carol DuBois seconded. Motion passed.

Administration - Invoices

- Chris Fletcher: Steve Turcotte moved to accept the invoice, \$2,397.74. Francie Meyer seconded. Motion passed.
- Request to fund \$150 for AZDA Food Access Workshop (See Attached) on June 11. Steve Turcotte moved to fund \$150 for the workshop. Carol DuBois seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

- Accounting Change: from Cash Basis to Modified Accrual: Steve Turcotte moved to change accounting to Modified Accrual effective July 1, 2018. Francie Meyer seconded. Motion passed.
- AACD Dues: If the dues hasn't been paid Bill will pay the annual dues.
- Big Cat Resolution: This resolution has been withdrawn.
- District Commandment (See Attached): Francie Meyer moved to add the commandment to the District's mission statement. Carol DuBois seconded. Motion passed.
- Facebook: With Francie retiring, a new person needs to help manage the Facebook page. Kyle Thompson volunteered to co-manage the page with Amber Barton & Jane Turcotte.
- Rangeland Fire Protection Associations: Per Willie Sommers, legislation was passed to authorize AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management to train to landowners, with no liability to the state, to prevent, detect and suppress fires. Per Bill Dunn, this is something that the NRCDs should be involved in. Steve Turcotte made a motion to explore this program with the County, State and Federal agencies. Francie Meyer seconded. Motion passed.

- AACD Summer Meeting: Per Bill Dunn, the meeting will be on July 10-12 at the Wigwam. The main purpose of the meeting is for Supervisor training with NRCS and get the Districts organized.

Old Business

- NRCDs move from State Land to Arizona Forestry: Next year, Governor is focused on Education now.
- May 2018 Elections: Carol DuBois submitted her paperwork. The election was uncontested; so, an election did not have to be held.
- Kearny River Fire Grant: Per Willie, the US Fish & Wildlife still needs to do native species review and has assigned to it to a biologist.
- AACD Update: Steve Barker, AACD, has been meeting monthly to create a cultural resources programmatic agreement for all of the participating agencies.
- District Project Coordinator: Kyle Thompson is the new District Project Coordinator. He has a BS in Wildlife Ecology & Restoration from ASU and a MS from UofA. He worked with Altar Valley.
- Nursery Update (CAC, AzGF & Oracle Community Learning Garden): No response from CAC. Bill, Steve, and Carol visited the OCLG site. A MOU was sent to AzGF regarding the hoop houses. A draft MOU will also be sent to OCLG.

Reports from Agency Personnel

- AZ State Forestry, Willie Sommers: 557 fires have happened this year (551 were human caused) and have burned over 66,000 acres. They have a new website with an incident map system. They have Invasive Plant grants (due in October) for up to \$20,000 but require a 50% match. Grants are also available for hazardous fuel removal.
- UA Cooperative Extension, Ashley Hall: Just held a workshop with over 60 people attending. Another workshop will be held in October regarding Genetics & Artificial Insemination. She is very interested in having a Career Day event for the high schools in the Fall.
- Pinal County Sheriff: Doug Peoble: So far this, they have had 180 service calls, 33 in April, for search & rescue and patrol.
- Pinal County (Office Emergency Management): Barb Elliot attended a fire management needs meeting this past week. She works part-time and has 40 years fire fighting experience and she just finished a grant. She supports Rangeland Fire Associations for the rural areas.
- San Pedro River Preserve (SRP): Stacy Walker is the manager and is developing a management plan for the Preserve. During the Roach fire last year, the SW Willow Flycatcher nesting was burned out.

Supervisors Reports

None

Call to the Public

None

Adjourn

Carol DuBois made a motion to Adjourn at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Gary seconded it. Motion carried

Education Center Meeting (Convened at 12:36 pm)

Financial Report: Checking account balance is \$16,703.95. Motion by Steve Turcotte to accept the financial report. Carol DuBois seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

- Ray Primary School Field Trips Funding Request of \$2,375 for 6 field trips.
- Ray Primary School "CAC College for Kids" Scholarships Funding Request: Megan Corder has 7 students from Kearny interested in attending the CAC College for Kids program. Motion by Francie Meyer to fund the field trips (\$2,375) and 7 CAC scholarships (2x210=\$1,470). Carol DuBois seconded. Motion passed.

Call to the Public

Ashley Hall: She will contact Rich Gibson regarding an AG and Science Career day for high school Junior and Seniors. Bill Dunn will contact Kurt Cook, Ray High School principal. Chris Postel will contact at Maria Munoz at CAC. To date, only 10 students have signed up for the NRCWAY camp. Per Willie Sommers, he is on the NRCWAY finance committee and is seeking funding for donations & scholarships.

Adjournment

Motion by Francie Meyer to adjourn meeting at 1:26 p.m. Carol DuBois seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Winkelman NRCD Clerk Date: May 16, 2018

Approval of Minutes: _____ Date: _____

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Next Quarterly meeting: August 15, 2018