



## **Winkelman NRCD**

Quarterly Meeting

May 15, 2024

Draft Minutes

Location: Dudleyville Multi-Generational Complex.

The Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District (WNRCD) was called to order at 10:10 am.

### **Board and Staff**

WNRCD: Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Carol DuBois, Barb McGuire, Gary Vinson, Liz Tuck and Kyle Thompson. Absent- Chris Postel WNRCD Clerk.

### **Agencies and Organizations**

John Windes (Nature Conservancy); Stacy Walker (San Pedro River Preserve); Mynesha Holliday, Samantha Yazzie, & Alisha Phipps (NRCS); Don McDowell (ACGA, SWRS); Jonah Cude (NRCD helper); Dan Thurman – AZ Copper Credit Union; Jamie Ramsey (Capstone Copper); Tom McGuire (Resolution Copper). Cooperators: Becky Dunn, Wade Luack, Jack & Catherine Mann, Hattie Hedrick.

### **Approve Final Meeting Minutes**

Steve Turcotte moved, and Barb McGuire seconded the motion to approve the WNRCD minutes of 2/21/24, 3/11/24 & 4/25/24. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Review/Approve WNRCD Financial Report**

Bill Dunn reviewed the WNRCD Financial Report. \$12,980 is in the State fund. The District fund has \$270,833.00. Steve Turcotte made the motion to approve and file the WNRCD financial report. Carol DuBois seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Reports from Agencies & Other Organizations:**

NRCS: There is a current opening for a Ranger Manager position.

### **UA Cooperative Extension**

AZGFD: Landowner Relations Program proposals due on July 12, 2024. These are smaller scale projects <\$30,000. Habitat enhancement Program large scale habitat restoration projects >\$50,000. Habitat Partnership Committee proposals are funded to benefit one of the 10 big game species.

### **Reports from Supervisors and District Personnel:**

Bill Dunn: He reminded Supervisors that the AACD Annual Summer meeting will be held on August 5-6.

### **Call to the Public**

Dan Thurman (AZ Copper Credit Union): They are merging with another credit union, American Southwest Credit Union and will be able to offer more services to producers.

Stacy Walker (SRP): SRP has created the AZ Conservation Corps; crews of 4-6 people who are working on various conservation projects.

Don McDowell (representing ACGA, and SWRS): He described several projects that they are working on to restore critical habitats.

**Next Meeting Date:** 6/12/2024 Teleconference

**Adjournment WNRCD**

Barb McGuire moved to adjourn the meeting 10:47. Carol DuBois seconded.

**Local Work Group (LWG) Meeting**

Alisha Phipps facilitated the meeting, explaining that the purpose is to provide feedback to NRCS on how to prioritize funding allocations to producers. This prioritization is used in making decisions on how to expend EQIP funds. Each EQIP project is scored according to this ranking and the highest rated projects are funded first. After discussion, the WNRCD supervisors prioritized the following needs:

- Inadequate Livestock Water Quantity, Quality and Distribution
- Plant Productivity and Health
- Energy Efficiency of Equipment and Facilities
- Soil – Sheet and Rill Erosion

Draft Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel & Liz Tuck

Date: 05/20/2024

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

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