



## **Winkelman NRCD**

Quarterly Meeting      March 12, 2025    Final Minutes

Location: Dudleyville Multi-Generational Complex.

The Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District (WNRCD) was called to order at 10:00 am.

### **Board and Staff**

WNRCD: Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Sen. Barbara McGuire, Carol DuBois, Jonah Cude (NRCD Operations Manager), & Hattie Hedrick. Absent: Chris Postel WNRCD (Clerk), Kyle Thompson (NRCD Coord), Gary Vinson.

### **Agencies and Organizations**

Stace Walker (SRP, San Pedro River Preserve); Alisha Phipps, Heather Spieth, & Austin Urcadez (NRCS); Tom McGuire (Resolution Copper) Scott & Cathie Heartquist (Heartquist Hollow Farm), Ashley Hall & Anne LeSenne (UofA Cooperative Extension), Don McDowel (ACGG Southwest Ranch) & Melanie Ginther, Aaron Cohn (Red Hawk Mining) & Deb Smith (AACD). Cooperators: Becky Dunn, Laysa Rought, Don Seifert, Bobby Blake, Zary May, Amber Barton, Jack & Catherine Mann, Button DuBois, & Shad Beebe. Public: Reed Collingwood & Alyssa Warren.

### **Approve Final Meeting Minutes**

Steve Turcotte moved to approve the WNRCD minutes of 12/18/24. Barb McGuire seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

**Review/Approve WNRCD Financial Report** Bill Dunn reviewed the WNRCD Financial Report 02/28/2025. \$19,487.89 is in the State fund. The District fund has \$69,856.02. Steve Turcotte made the motion to approve and file the WNRCD financial report. Barb McGuire seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Old Business**

**AZ NRCD Board Update** Per Deb Smith (AACD), Conservation Districts are no longer under ASLD. AACD is the new administrator until the new Board is set up and functioning. There may be a funding opportunity with state legislation for OHVs. Need to update regulations and policies, and have monies for mitigating OHV damage fall under district responsibilities. New federal funding opportunities by administration are now frozen except for EQIP. Anything new is frozen.

**Producer Drought Planning Workshop** Ashley Hall will contact speakers. She will present information on how to best manage resources available, hold sometime in April.

**Sunzia Update** Per Bill, mitigation seems to be going well.

**Water Protection Fund Grant Update** Bill Dunn said that we are still waiting on a contract. He has been in contact with Reuben and he is putting language in the contract that will allow us to use some of the revegetation money to be used to apply for water rights to our well; so, we can use it for watering plants for revegetation. He proposed: to

work with ADWR, look into converting nonexempt well into exempt (can not use nonexempt well to water revegetation) and apply for a water right for the well.

**Windmill Generator Committee Report** Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

**2025 Local Work Group (LWG) Planning** Per Deb Smith, the Local Work Group Meeting will be held in the NRCS field office in Tucson on April 22. Pima, Santa Cruz and Winkelman are invited to attend. The focus will be on funding priorities.

**2025 AACD Dues Request** Barb McGuire moved to approve \$2,000 for the AACD dues. Carol DuBois seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

**2025 NACD Dues Request** Barb McGuire moved to approve \$775 for the NACD dues. Carol DuBois seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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

**NRCS (Alish Phipps):** See attached report. Per Alisha, the NRCS training room has been reserved for all day.

**UofA Cooperative Extension (Anne LeSenne)** Ann discussed pollinators and how we need to be proactive in protecting the Monarch Butterfly since it will probably be listed as endangered species soon

**Call to the Public:** Predator Problems: Several ranchers are having problems with lions. It was suggested to contact Wyatt Fillabaum and state the problem, providing location and number of losses. Also, coyote harassing was a problem. Don McDonnell and Reed Collingwood offered to help with this problem. He will draft a letter for the District get the information to Fish and Game. Carol DuBois made a motion to have the letter drafted. Steve Turcotte seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

### **Reports from Supervisors and District Personnel: None**

### **Adjournment WNRCD**

Steve Turcotte moved to adjourn the meeting 11:30 am. Carol DuBois seconded.

Final Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel

Date: 06/18/2025

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

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