



Santa Cruz

Natural Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting

June 6, 2018

Final Minutes

Location: Wild Horse Restaurant, 277 McKeown Ave, Patagonia, AZ 85624

Welcome & Introductions: Stephen Williams called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Board Supervisors & Clerk: Stephen Williams, Daniel Bell, Bill Schock and Barbara Neville-Johnson, Dean Fish (Education Center), and Chris Postel (Clerk).

Agencies & Guests: Jackie Thomas, NRCD Program Manager (Arizona State Land Department).

Review/Approve Minutes: Reviewed April 25 minutes. It was moved by Dan Bell to approve the minutes. Barbara Johnson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Dan Bell): The State account balance was \$2,620.15 and the Ed Center's account balance was \$28.20. Reviewed financial reports: Barbara Johnson moved to approve the financial reports. Bill Schock seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Center Report (Dean Fish):

- This year there were 1,147 visits to the Santa Fe Ranch and the Education Center. Three field trips (about 80-90 students/trip) were held in May at the Santa Fe Ranch. Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) was held on May 10 at the Nogales High School. 353 4th grade students from 6 different schools participated. Nogales High School students conducted the training to the participants.

Administration (Chris Postel):

- Clerk's April (\$452.97) and May (\$400) Invoices: It was moved by Barbara Johnson to approve the invoices. Bill Schock seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.
- Website: The District's website would be about 4-5 pages. Wordpress would be used and Chris would do create the website with help from Brooke Gladden (Arizona Association of Conservation Districts). Dean Fish mentioned that "santacruznr.cd.org is renewing for \$100 for 5 years. Chris will investigate using this address versus "scnr.cd.org." The website would be created over the next 3 months.

Agency Updates:

- NRCS (Kristen Egen): Email from Kristen: Busy trying for finish obligating contracts for the year. I really don't have any changes for a report this time. The only action of note is that we are funding 2 more applicants in your area for brush management with a small amount of CIS funds (less than \$3k) and with the RCPP Ft Huachuca funds (over \$30k on that one). We may be close to spending the entire RCPP in 2 years with our contracts and some from Douglas. I'll know exact amount remaining within a month or so.
- Arizona State Land Department (Jackie Thomas): The elections are done. Parts of the NRCD manual will be re-written. Per the statutes, 3% of the cooperators signatures are needed for nomination forms versus the current 25. The statutes should be re-written but she has not gotten the approval to do that. She also will be doing a license plate re-design. Schools will be contacted to solicit "student art" with a Water Conservation theme. The reports are due June 20 and July 20 using the "old" format. Next year, the reports will be "profile based" with pictures. Per Dean, a photo release form would be needed. Per Bill Schock, NRCD profiles were created 7 years ago and Chris will contact Stephanie Smallhouse about them

OLD BUSINESS

District Sprayer Retainer: Per Stephen Williams, we need a way to manage the sprayer: fee collection, check in/out, maintenance, etc. We could partner with a business and pay them a fee. It was suggested to contact 3 Bar 3, Diamond JK Nursery, and Bill Brake. Stephen will contact them.

NEW BUSINESS

Cooperator List: The list was reviewed, changes were noted and updated.

Cooperator Mailing Documents: The documents were reviewed (See Attached). The cooperator agreement will be changed to "suggested donation".

Annual Reports Discussion: The reports were reviewed, changes were noted and updated.

Work Plan Discussion: The work plans were reviewed, changes were noted and updated.

Financial Report Discussion: The financial reports were reviewed, changes were noted and updated. All of the reports and work plans will be discussed on a June 12 conference call.

Recommendation for Appointment of Two Supervisors: It was moved by Bill Schock to appoint Stephen Williams and Dan Bell for the two Supervisor positions. Barbara Johnson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. Also, Stephen Williams received Mark Larkin's resignation letter. So, a person needs to be appointed to his unexpired Supervisor position (expires 2022). The following individuals will be contacted by Stephen regarding the open Supervisor position: Cody Hurford, Dave Parker, and John Hamilton.

Call to the Public: None

Supervisor Reports

- Bill Schock: He will attend a Water Protection Fund meeting next week in Flagstaff. They have a new Director. Bill is on the Sentinel Landscape Riparian committee. There are problems with Johnson grass and trees need to be removed near the San Pedro Riparian Conservation Area. We are in a severe drought.
- Barbara Johnson: None
- Dan Bell: U.S. Forest Service (Nogales) is looking for ways to reduce fuels. They are going to use cattle but must do NEPA (National Environment Policy Act) review; so, the District should support this. They would also need to have a monitoring component.
- Stephen Williams: The Arizona Land & Water Trust and the Sonoran Institute are doing work on the Santa Cruz River. Stephen, Bill and Dan will be going to the summer AACD meeting. Chris said that he wasn't planning on going because the meeting focus is "Supervisor Training".

Adjourn: Motion made by Barbara Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Bill Schock seconded the motion. The Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Next regular meeting on August 22 at 12 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Santa Cruz NRCD Clerk

Date: June 8, 2018

Approval of Minutes: _____

Date: _____