



Santa Cruz Natural Resource Conservation District

Santa Cruz Regular Meeting July 21, 2021 Final Minutes

Location: Teleconference: (515) 604-9099, access code: 645264651

Board Supervisors & Clerk: Stephen Williams, Daniel Bell, Bill Schock, Fox Johnson (Absent), Andy Jackson, and Chris Postel (Clerk).

Agencies & Guests: Brooke Gladden (Arizona Association of Conservation Districts (AACD)).

Called to Order: 5:03 pm

Review/Approve June 17, 2021 Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. It was moved by Dan Bell to approve the minutes as amended. Andy Jackson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0.

Treasurer's Report (See Attached Report): Per Dan, the checking account balances are: \$7,234.19 (State), \$3,915.26 (Education Center) and \$120,032.90 (Local). Andy Jackson moved to accept and file the Treasurer's reports. Bill Schock seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

AACD Update (Brooke Gladden):

The AACD Summer Conference will be August 9-11 at the Wigwam Resort. You must reserve a hotel room by July 19 and register for the conference by the end of July. On August 9, the AACD Board of Directors meeting will cover these items: company review, committee meetings and business meeting. At night, a silent auction will be held during the trade show mixer. On August 10, a series of panel discussions will be held on: surface-groundwater issues; conservation perspectives, & growing more food, conservation programs and local food, composting & donating and diversifying markets for agricultural producers. During lunch, Gloria Green, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, will be the keynote speaker. At night, a local food, wine and beer tasting with a silent auction will be held. On August 11, Keisha Tatum (NRCS) will cover Resource Assessment and Local Work Groups. The Conserve AZ Portal and the Conservation Action Plan will also be discussed. The Gun Raffle was sold out. In terms of communications, AACD update emails are being sent out as needed. The newsletter is on a monthly basis. A ConserveAZ magazine will be published twice a year, printed copies for the Districts will be available at the summer conference, and now can be downloaded as a PDF. The website has been re-launched. Grant writing and management support services are available to the Districts. Stephen Williams will be attending the conference.

State Land Reports: The clerk reviewed the following District reports: Request for Funds Plans of Work, and Annual Reports. Dan Bell made a motion to approve the Request for Funds, Plans of Work, and Annual Reports. Bill Schock seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. 4-0

Call to the Public: None

Supervisor & Clerk Reports

- Dan Bell: The local Boy Scout troop has an eagle scout, Bobby Concholla, working on a solar project and may require some funding from the District to purchase some materials.
- Stephen Williams: He is trying to find out if Santa Cruz county will have a fair this year.
- Bill Schock: He is contact with a group that is doing conservation, some in the Canelo area. Working with ADEQ, they put together a workshop and a video. Bill will send the youtube link. They are recommending removing cattle from the impacted areas.
- Clerk: The Winkelman NRCD will be hosting a Sonoran Desert Tortoise (SDT) Best Management Practices on July 21 at the Kearny GKI. Stephen Williams is planning to attended. The Pima NRCD is considering having a SDT workshop by the end of August or early September.

Adjourn: The Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm. Andy Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Schock seconded it. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0

Next meeting on September 21 at 12 pm at The Wild Horse Restaurant

Final Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Santa Cruz NRCD Clerk

Date: September 21, 2021

Approval of Minutes: _____

Date: _____