



Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District

Quarterly Meeting

July 9, 2014

Minutes

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Oracle State Park, Kannally Ranch House, Oracle, Arizona

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

In Attendance:

Board and Staff

Bill Dunn, Francie Meyer, Steve Turcotte, Gary Vinson, Hattie Hedrick, Diana Stirling (clerk)

Agencies

Katie Cline (NRCS), Chris Haynes (NRCS), Darrell Tersey (BLM), Amber Morin (ASLD)

Members and Guests

Patrick Bray (Arizona Cattle Growers Association), Charley Goff, Bill Stambaugh, Jen Wilson, Miriam Reed, Beverly Miller, Donna Woods, Molly Yoder, Stanley Yoder

Minutes of Past Meetings

Francie moved to approve the minutes of the April 9 meeting as presented. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Francie moved to approve the minutes of the June 4 meeting as presented. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Gary moved to approve the minutes of the July 7 meeting as presented. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5932.11 in the State Funds account.

As of May 31, the District account had a balance of \$819.53.

No bills were presented.

Report on the Lower San Pedro Initiative Committee

Steve summarized the history of the Initiative and the current situation. Attendees were invited to contribute ideas and suggestions for the further work of the Committee.

Guest Presentation

Patrick Bray, Executive Director of the ACGA, presented on the proposed rule for expansion of the Mexican wolf. Mr. Bray discussed the history of the wolf reintroduction and the options and implications for the future of the program.

New Business

- The Best Management Practices document relating to the Sonoran Desert Tortoise has been completed in draft form and sent out for comments. The results will be presented at the AzNRCD summer conference in August.
- Bill explained the NRCS RCPP grant application and WNRCD's potential role as a partner in the project proposed by the Tonto NRCD.

Steve moved that the WNRCD proceed forward as a partner in the Tonto NRCD RCPP application process. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

- Bill presented the Annual Budget (Request for Funds) and Plan of Work documents.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

- Bill read a proposed Resolution to be submitted at the AzNRCD conference and forwarded from there to the NACD. The Resolution appears at the end of these minutes.

Gary moved to adopt the Resolution to be submitted at the summer conference of the AzNRCD and then to be forwarded to the NACD. Francie seconded. Motion carried.

Local Work Group Planning Update

The next Local Work Group meeting will be held October 8.

Reports from Supervisors

- Neither Bill nor Gary had anything to report.
- Steve gave an update on rain at his place.
- Francie thanked the outgoing clerk and gave an update on the new clerk search and changes to the position.

Reports from Agency Personnel

- Katie Cline (NRCS) mentioned the new RCPP and also said that 4 new EQIP projects had been submitted for funding from our District this year.
- Darrell Tersey (BLM) gave an update on the SunZia project.

Call to the Public

- Miriam Reed suggested inviting a representative from ADEQ to a meeting to present on water management rules.
- Donna Woods announced her granddaughter's internship with Morris Udall in Washington, D.C.

The meeting adjourned for an executive session at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:42 p.m.

Suggested for the Next Agenda:

- Change banks

Education Center Meeting

The Ed Center reported a balance in the account of \$27, 788.00 with one check outstanding.

There was a motion by Francie to accept the Application for Funds. Seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

Francie moved to reimburse or pay for attendance at the AzNRCD summer conference for members and supervisors. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Francie moved to renew membership in Stewards of the Range at last year's membership level. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Suggested for the Next Agenda:

- Selling books and pamphlets at public events

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the NACD has developed policy commending the EPA's recent Waters of the U.S. Rule proposal,

And Whereas, the districts in Arizona are adamantly opposed to the Rule for many reasons, including:

- It is contrary to at least 3 Supreme Court decisions.
- It has created a constitutional crisis because of the Executive Branch ignoring over 200 years of respect for the Separate but Equal doctrine.
- It ignores the Clean Water Act mandate that regulation of intrastate waters is the province of the states.
- It defines land as water.
- It creates new ways for "federal nexus" to affect private property where, before there was none.

Therefore,

AzNRCD demands that NACD revisit their policy and include the concerns of western states, most of which developed their water laws according to the doctrine of prior appropriations.