



# Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District

Special Meeting

September 9, 2015

Draft Minutes

Date: September 9, 2015

Location: Teleconference

Supervisor Committee: Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Francie Meyer, Carol DuBois, Gary Vinson

Other attendees: Chris Postel, WNRCD clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

## Nominate Signers for the Ray Federal Credit Union Checking Accounts

The following members were nominated to be signers for the WNRCDs (Tax ID 86-0932080) District and State accounts at the Ray Federal Credit Union: Bill Dunn & Gary Vinson, a motion made by Steve Turcotte to accept and approve the nominations. Francie Meyer seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion was approved.

## Water Protection Fund application

Funding cycle has just ended but still had funds left over. The next funding cycle starts in February. A grant application workshop will be held in the future and people from the district should attend. Funds could be used to reclaim Kearny River Fire land, this land is held by Asarco or the Town of Kearny. Mitigation credit would not be available. Add this topic to the quarterly meeting agenda.

## Sun Zia update

Steve went to the pre-filing meeting that was attended by the Attorney General, Arizona Corporation Commission staff, and Sun Zia representatives. Sun Zia plans to do a filing in the next couple of weeks with their final documents and preferred route. Starting October 19, a series of public hearings/tours will be held in Wilcox, Tucson and Casa Grande. This process will be concluded by November 19. The WNRCD district needs to decide if we want to intervene; so, a resolution would be needed to be made to appoint someone to represent the district. Could this lay person represent multiple districts or organizations (TNC, Sierra Club, etc)? Bill and Andy Smallhouse will meet with the Sun Zia representatives in next couple of weeks to gather information. Also, need to find out what is their preferred route; is it the BLM recommended route? Another meeting will be scheduled after additional information has been obtained. Add this topic to the quarterly meeting agenda.

## Quarterly Meeting (Oct 21) – Location, Newsletter topics, FB Page status, etc

The quarterly meeting will be held at Steve Turcotte's ranch. Need to get a speaker, maybe Sharma Hammons (discussing Project Central, could conduct an estate planning workshop in the future). Some of the kids that received scholarships for the CAC "college for kids" program could do a presentation on what they learned.

Suggested topics for the newsletter are:

- Update on the Dudleyville ranch area fire district by Steve
- FaceBook page
- Sonoran Desert Tortoise update
- Sun Zia update
- RCPP grant status
- Tonto Coordination status
- Kearny River Fire update
- Summer monsoons update

Administration – Time Sheets, Computer Strategy (Windows 10, Office 2013, etc)

Time sheets need to capture all activity/time, no matter how small it may seem, check email, make a phone call to discuss district business, doing research, etc. On a monthly basis, the activity and time would be recorded in an excel spreadsheet; and then, summarized by member in a district summary spreadsheet. Upgrading to Windows 10 is free until the end of June, 2016, which may require an upgrade to your computer. Also, an upgrade to Office 2013 should also be considered. Bill sent an email to an insurance company regarding obtaining a surety bond.

Call to the public – nothing brought forward

Adjourn:

Motion made by Francie Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Carol DuBois seconded the motion. The Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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

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