

HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 7:30 a.m.

Telephonic Meeting

Call in Number: 515-739-1015

Access Code Number: 303-205-934 #

Board Present: John Ladd, Lucinda Earven, David Greenberg, Pat Call

Others Present: Don Decker—NRCS, Sarah Gandaria—AZGFD, Kathy Morris—Board Clerk

A. Call to Order

John Ladd called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

B. Introductions

No introductions were necessary.

C. Call to the Public.

There was no call from the public.

E. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Meeting, October 17, 2018

Motion: David Greenberg moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 17, 2018.

Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

2. Special Telephonic Meeting November 19, 2018

Motion: David Greenberg moved to approve the special telephonic meeting minutes of November 19, 2018

Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

F. Committee and Other Reports

1. **Upper San Pedro Partnership (USPP):** There is a meeting December 19, 2018, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Council Chambers at City Hall. They will be discussing their science summit planning. The Technical Committee of the USPP seems to be the most valuable facet of the group.

2. **NRCS:** Don Decker reported there is a schedule for the EQIP program for fiscal year 2019. At this point there is just one cycle for 2019. At Don's office level they are to have their producers eligible, ranked and assessed, with the proposal written up, by March 15, 2019. The area office will pre-approve proposals March 22. All funding has to be in place by June 1, 2019.

3. **USFS:** No one present to report.

4. **BLM:** No one present to report.

5. **AZGFD:** Sarah Gandaria reported the next local Habitat Partnership Committee (HPC) meetings will be in Spring 2019. Brad Fulk leads the Sierra Vista Chapter. The next deadline to apply for HPC funds is September 1, 2019. For those people who applied for HPC funds in September 2018, they will be notified if they were funded following the funding meeting in January. <https://www.azgfd.com/Wildlife/HPC/>

Landowner Relations Program (LRP) currently has funding available for projects through our access program (which provides public access to private lands.) There is no deadline, but cooperators are encouraged to reach out prior to July 1st. People interested in the program can call Matt Walton at (520) 388-4468 or myself at (520) 388-4471. LRP will also have funding becoming available for habitat improvement projects (projects that will mutually benefit wildlife and production) in July 2019. This is a cost-share program for projects smaller than \$20,000. Again, there is no deadline, but people interested in the program are encouraged to contact me prior to July 1, as funds will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. <https://www.azgfd.com/Wildlife/LandOwners/>

Partners for Fish and Wildlife (US Fish and Wildlife) and Arizona Game and Fish also have funding available for smaller projects on private land only, that will mutually benefit wildlife and production. There is no deadline to apply, but funds will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Interested cooperators should reach out to Jennifer Kaplan at (602) 889-5947 and/or Sarah Gandaria at (520) 388-4471. <https://www.fws.gov/partners/aboutus.html>

6. The Arizona Rangeland Conservation Partnership: This will be removed from the agenda until further notice.

7. Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network (CCRN): John Ladd reported there was a very productive meeting last month with the current projects being reviewed and studies on them being reported.

8. Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Restoration Partnership (SLRP): Lucinda Earven attended an October meeting led by Scott Feldhausen--BLM that was quite good. In their strategic plan review and discussion they talked about open space, working lands, endangered species, hazardous fuels and wildfires. There is supposed to be a final plan in December approved by the NRCS but Don Decker has not heard anything about it to date. They said they thought it was more efficient to hire a leader for the steering committee, rather than using a volunteer. They want to make more outreach to private land owners. NEPA has been done—shovel ready—for some projects and NRCS Easement Coordinator, Scott Morton is on board. They reported 18 million from the Farm Bill has been appropriated. They presented a production they had produced to show what SLRP has done in other parts of the country. Grizzly Creek Productions was supposed to be filming in November here to highlight the southwest. Lucinda contacted John Ladd about that because they needed ranchers to interview but John never heard from them. There was no report on the scheduling of another meeting.

G. District Financial Reports

Motion: Pat Call moved to approve the payment of items 1-5 on the November Payment Schedule, and items 1-3 on the December Payment Schedule.

Second: David Greenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Financial reports will be submitted for audit.

H. Old Business

1. Horseshoe Draw Plaque: Tabled.

2. AACD Partnership List: John Ladd will submit to AACD a list of partners for the HNRCD.

I. New Business

1. AACD Winter/Legislative Meeting, January 30, 31, 2019 (Gilbert & Phoenix, AZ):

Motion: Pat Call moved the HNRCD compensate for travel, registration, and expenses any Board Supervisor attending the AACD Winter Meeting.

Second: David Greenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

2. Drone Meeting with Whitewater Draw NRCD, February, 2019: Dates in February, 2019 were discussed when everyone would be available to have a meeting in conjunction with the Whitewater

Draw NRCD at the NRCS Douglas Field Office. HNRCD dates need to coincide with Dusty Glidewell and Don Decker—NRCS, Kim McReynolds, and the Whitewater Draw NRCD.

3. Compensation to Mary Darling for Continuing Consultation:

Motion: Pat Call moved to retain Mary Darling for further work on the BLM SPRNCA Resource Management Plan.

Second: David Greenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

4. Support for SPRNCA Plan C, Comments Due December 21, 2018: BLM has indicated more letters of support of Alternative C on the Draft RMP are needed. HNRCD Board members need to reach out to entities that might write letters of support.

5. BLM Programmatic Agreement Draft I, Comments Due Jan. 8, 2019: Tabled.

6. January, 2019 & February, 2019 HNRCD Meeting: John Ladd will be gone January 10-26, 2019. The HNRCD regular meeting will be held as usual in January and February, 2019.

7. Link Addition to HNRCD Web Site:

Motion: David Greenberg moved we add the link <https://www.improvenet.com/a/backyard-environmental-education> to our web site.

Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

8. Replies to Property Inquiries: The email inquiry the Board Clerk received from Harry Mallory on mesquite control was handled by David Greenberg. It was agreed that any further inquiries will be sent directly to David. Don Decker will email Kathy Morris seed suppliers and seed mixes.

J. Education Programs

1. Tombstone High School Ag Program: Tabled.

2. Small Acreage Resource Concerns (SARC) Mass Mailing Postcard: The link for the actual survey needs to be inserted on the post card. David Greenberg will do this. The mailing should go out after the first of the new year.

3. Field Trips to Horseshoe Draw & Palominas Project for School Children: David Greenberg still intends to attend a Palominas School Board meeting and present the idea of field trips to them.

J. Correspondence

1. *Forestry Notes*
2. *Aquatics in Brief*

K. Future Meetings / Agenda Items

HNRCD Regular Meeting

January 16, 2019
Cochise County Complex

Wednesday
Large conference room

9:30 a.m.
Sierra Vista, AZ

HNRCD Regular Meeting

February 20, 2019
Cochise County Complex

Wednesday
Large conference room

9:30 a.m.
Sierra Vista, AZ

HNRCD/WHITEWATER DRAW NRCD

February 25, 2019
NRCS Douglas Field Office

Monday
6940 North Air Terminal Blvd.

9:00 a.m.
Douglas, AZ

L. Adjournment

John Ladd adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Approved by the Board _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(John Ladd, Chairman)

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