

HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Sierra Vista County Complex—Large Conference Room—9:30 a.m.

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

Others Present: Jeri Ligon—Advisor, Jack Ladd—Advisor, Dusty Glidewell—NRCS, Sarah Gandaria—AZGFD, Ivette Cunningham—Cooperator, Chuck Cunningham—Cooperator, Steve Boice—Cooperator, Joy Banks—Cooperator, Lisa Wall—Cooperator, Mary Rozzano—Cooperator, Tricia Gerrodette—citizen, Kathy Morris—Board Clerk

A. Call to Order

John Ladd called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

B. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

C. Call to the Public.

Tricia Gerrodette made a request that whatever material is given to the Board members prior to a meeting is made available to everyone.

D. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Meeting, August 15, 2018

Motion: Pat Call moved to approve and accept the August 15, 2018 minutes as submitted.

Second: David Greenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

E. Committee and Other Reports

1. Upper San Pedro Partnership: Nothing to report.

2. NRCS: Dusty Glidewell presented a *Summary of Fiscal Year 2018 Contracts Funded* through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)-EQIP, and Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Area funds. In the District there were 16,000 acres resulting in 10 contracts.

Dusty reminded the District that there is no Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) report in place to date. The District was under the impression Don Decker had been re-working the CIS report for the last several months.

Jim Lindsey reminded the Board that at the AACD Summer Conference he learned that it's a requirement for the Board to meet with whomever are considered "partners" to do business with. The idea of the meeting is to determine what the District has planned for conservation programs and what the partners have planned.

John Ladd said the Board already has a list of potential partners. It was suggested we ask to a meeting partners that already have conservation plans.

November 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m. was decided as a date and time. John Ladd will contact the necessary people for the meeting.

3. USFS: No one present to report.

4. BLM: No one present to report.

5. AZGFD: Sarah Gandaria gave a brief report. (Clerk's note: because of background noise and Sarah's very quiet voice it was not possible to hear the details of her report.)

6. The Arizona Rangeland Conservation Partnership: No report.

7. Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network (CCRN): Last month's meeting was cancelled—nothing to report.

8. Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Restoration Partnership (SLRP): Jim Lindsey attended the last meeting. He reported they are still formulating a lot of data as to what has already been done within the "mitten" so as to decide what can still be done within the "mitten."

The #1 priority of the project is for easements. The #2 priority is for restoration projects for property owners just outside of Fort Huachuca who do not want an easement, yet property restoration will help protect the Fort.

Jim educated the group on the fact that any ranchers who have not previously done conservation projects will need to have in place a ranch plan with NRCS in order to obtain EQIP funding. If SLRP helped ranchers put a plan together then the ranchers, in turn, would be helping to preserve the land adjoining and near Fort Huachuca.

Hopefully the budget will be renewable though Washington, D.C.

F. District Financial Report

Motion: David Greenberg moved to authorize payments 1-6 on the payment schedule.

Second: Jim Lindsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

The financial report will be filed for audit.

G. Old Business

1. Small Acreage Resource Concerns (SARC) Mass Mailing Postcard: David Greenberg reported the design is completed. David had estimated costs for 5,000 pieces: Printing—about \$1,900; Postage—about \$1,500; Survey (based on responses)—about \$400. Estimated total is about \$4,000.

Motion: Pat Call moved to approve the estimated budget and move forward with the project.

Second: Jim Lindsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Discussion: A question was asked if it is necessary to mail 5,000 postcards? David answered that Dan Coxworth—Cochise County had actually come up with approximately 7,000 recipients. David had been knowledgeable enough to lower the amount of recipients to around 5,000.

The issue was raised: if we do get a large response do we have the funds to help people? The HNRCD does not have the funds; rather, the District's role is to help people *find* monies that are available. Finding funding is a *catch-22*. It's difficult for the HNRCD to go to sources such as NRCS or AZGFD requesting funds for projects when there are no people lined up needing project help; it's precarious reaching out to the public asking what kind of help people need when there are no funds in place.

Also discussed was the probability that people responding to the survey may expect "overnight results" to their concerns. The HNRCD needs to be clear with people on the role of the District.

2. Horseshoe Draw Plaque: Jim Lindsey reported that he hasn't been able to get in touch with Jake Buckley—Granite Construction re drawings or renderings for a sign. Mary Darling—Darling Geomatics did send him some photos. Linda Feltner—artist who was originally approached to do the project has turned it over to another individual.

Jim is still waiting for price quotes; however, some numbers that have been thrown around to him are in the \$2,500-\$5,000 range.

The point was raised that this is too much money for a plaque; but also the point of the plaque was to have something educational when tours are organized.

Tabled until more specific costs have been determined.

3. Horseshoe Draw/Palominas Project Tour: The tour was cancelled because of Senator John McCain's memorial service. New dates have been proposed, such as October 17th, 18th, or 19th, 2018.

4. Field Trips to Horseshoe Draw & Palominas Project for School Children: Nothing to report. David Greenberg intends to attend the Palominas School Board meeting and offer field trips to them. Pat Call agreed to attend with David (probably the November meeting).

5. HNRCD Brochure: Kathy Morris reported she had made the appropriate changes, i.e., Board positions. She does not have good photographs. Several supervisors said they would send her photographs.

The suggestion was made to “caption” the photographs. Key photos could include the Tombstone High School FFA participants, before and after Spike treatments, small acreage projects, and Horseshoe Draw.

If the brochure is “print-ready” the District can have copies printed as needed.

H. New Business

1. HNRCD Comment Letter on BLM SPRNCA RMP Approval:

- Motion:** Jim Lindsey moved to approve the comment letter with any typographical errors corrected; and to submit the letter to BLM with the Chairman, John Ladd’s signature.
- Second:** Pat Call seconded the motion.
- Vote:** Carried unanimously.

(Clerk’s Note: ((As per page 26 of the *NRCD Handbook*)) public member Tricia Gerrodette was warned by the Chairman not to be disruptive during the meeting.)

2. Appointment of HNRCD Advisors: The District needs to appoint advisors. Currently listed as District advisors are: Gail Griffin, Jack Ladd, Mike Hayhurst, Jeri Ligon, and Carol Vaughn.

The ensuing discussion involved a definition of an advisor. There is nothing in the *NRCD Handbook* concerning advisors; therefore the Board agreed to develop an HNRCD Advisor Policy. Pat Call and David Greenberg will draft a policy and present it at the October meeting.

3. AACD Partnership List:

- Motion:** Lucinda moved to table this request until after our November, 2018 CIS meeting because we will have a better understanding of who our partners are.
- Second:** Pat Call 2nd the motion.
- Vote:** Carried unanimously.

4. District Boundaries: An email request from Jackie Thomas—AZ State Land Dept. came to the District inquiring about boundaries between Hereford and Santa Cruz districts. Because this issue goes back many years and involves people that are no longer in positions now that they were then, Lucinda Earven will research this item and report at the October meeting.

I. Education Programs

1. Tombstone High School Ag Program: Amber Ford—Tombstone HS Agriculture and FFA Advisor asked Jim Lindsey if he would participate in the supervisory committee for their agriculture and FFA programs.

Jim requested an expense report from Amber for the FFA and ag needs of the school.

J. Correspondence

None.

K. Future Meetings / Agenda Items

HNRCD Regular Meeting

October 17, 2018
Cochise County Complex

Wednesday
Large conference room

9:30a.m.
Sierra Vista, AZ

It was requested Items #1 and #4 under *Old Business* be moved to *Education Programs* because both these items are on-going educational projects.

L. Adjournment

John Ladd adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Approved by the Board _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(John Ladd, Chairman)