

HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (HNRCD)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

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

Board Present: John Ladd, Jim Lindsey, Lucinda Earven, David Greenberg, Mike Hayhurst

Others Present: Hans Huth—ADEQ, Dusty Glidewell—NRCS, Scott Feldhausen—BLM, Brian Seasholes—Southwestern Communities Coalition, Peggy Judd—Cochise County Supervisor, Nancy Neumann—Cooperator, Joy Banks—Cooperator, Tricia Gerrodette—citizen, Ann Aust—citizen, Kimberly Kling—citizen, Kathy Morris—Board Clerk

A. Call to Order

John Ladd called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

B. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

C. Call to the Public: Tricia Gerrodette asked for a copy of the SLRP Joint Chiefs' Proposal.

Peggy Judd explained the scheduled Sulpher Springs Valley Community Water Seminars. Please contact nrcdhereford@gmail.com for the entire list.

D. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Meeting, October 16, 2019

Motion: David Greenberg moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 16, 2019.

Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

2. Telephonic Meeting, October 18, 2019

Motion: David Greenberg moved to approve the telephonic meeting minutes of October 18, 2019.

Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

E. Agency and Committee Reports

1. **USPP:** David Greenberg attended the last meeting. He reported Tom Borer is now chairman of USPP. *David was concerned over the lack of monitoring on Horseshoe Draw.*

2. **NRCS:** Dusty Glidewell reported they are in the process of moving their office and the move should be completed by the end of this month. The phone number will remain the same. The new address is: 640 East 10th Street, Douglas, AZ 85607.

4. **BLM:** Scott Feldhausen reported their Tucson area is mostly fully staffed. They still need a few equipment operators and maintenance staff.

They are working on implementing the SPRNCA RMP. They've been working with AZGFD on the hunting implementation at SPRNCA. Staff and contractors have been out gathering data for health evaluations for the grazing permit renewals, followed by vegetation management planning.

They are continuing to provide requested information to the Army Corp of Engineers and Homeland Security related to the San Pedro crossing (at the international border) but they have yet to see any proposed project designs there.

A programmatic agreement between BLM, AACD and SHPO is out this week for the third and final review of the final draft.

5. AZGFD: No one present to report.

6. CCRN: John Ladd was unable to attend the last meeting but he did receive the meeting minutes. They are still pursuing funds for the building of the Bella Vista project.

7. SLRP: No one from the District was able to attend the last meeting but Scott Feldhausen attended. The big project now is to finalize the implementation plans for review by the steering committee, with a real focus on trying to do vegetative restoration. They've been working hard trying to identify where the priority areas exist.

8. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ): Hans Huth reported no monitoring equipment has been pulled from Horseshoe Draw. However, he did say they don't know how to get to the site when it rains because of the mud and access to Horseshoe Draw is a challenge.

He said volunteers have been doing a good monitoring job on Greenbush Draw.

ADEQ has stakeholders interested in projects adjacent to the Babocomari River. One such individual is Mike Hayhurst. Mike is interested in feeding cattle native grass hay, just before the monsoons, in an approximately 50 acre fenced in area, letting them naturally seed native grasses back to the land. He was also interested in procuring the cut native grasses along the roads for hay. He will research this idea and present to the Board.

F. District Financial Reports

Motion: Lucinda Earven moved to authorize payment of items 1-3 on the Payment Schedule.

Second: David Greenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

The approved financial reports will be submitted for audit.

G. Old Business

1. Society for Range Management Winter Meeting, January 22-24, 2020: Dusty Glidewell reported she is no longer on the committee for this meeting, but the dates are correct and the meeting will be held at 1551 South Vulture Road, Wickenburg, Arizona, 85390. For registration information go to: <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/arizona-society-for-range-management-winter-meeting-2138758273>

Motion: Jim Lindsey moved to reimburse travel, lodging, and registration costs for any HNRCD supervisor attending the SRM winter meeting.

Second: David Greenberg 2nd the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

H. New Business

1. Future HNRCD Workshops: The next HNRCD workshop will be for wildlife attractors and habitat.

- ❖ March 21, 2020 will be the date. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. will be the time frame.
- ❖ Mike Hayhurst will contact Tombstone High School to see if we may use their facilities again.
- ❖ Lucinda Earven will contact Sarah Gandaria—AZGFD and Jan Groth—Master Gardener at Cochise College to inquire about their participation.

2. Arizona Association of Conservation Districts Winter Meeting January 28-29, 2019, Phoenix, AZ:

Motion: Jim Lindsey moved to reimburse supervisors and advisors for travel and registration costs to the AACD winter meeting.

Second: David Greenberg 2nd the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

I. Education Programs

1. "Director" for HNRCD Education Center: Tabled.

2. **Tombstone High School Ag Program:** Tombstone High School FFA students will be attending the State competitions. HNRCD contributions helped to make this happen.

J. Correspondence

1. Thank You Notes from Tombstone High School FFA Students

K. Future Meetings / Agenda Items

HNRCD Regular Meeting

December 18, 2019
Cochise County Complex

Wednesday
Large conference room

9:30 a.m.
Sierra Vista, AZ

SRM Winter Meeting

January 22-24, 2020

Wickenburg, AZ

AACD Winter Meeting

January 28, 29, 2020

Phoenix, AZ

M. Adjournment

Lucinda Earven adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Approved by the Board _____
(Date) 12/18/19

Signed  _____
(Jim Lindsey, Secretary/Treasurer)

ACCRONYMS

- AACD Arizona Association of Conservation Districts
- ADEQ Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
- ALWT Arizona Land and Water Trust
- ASLD Arizona State Land Department
- AZGFD Arizona Game and Fish Department
- BLM Bureau of Land Management
- CCRN Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network
- EA Environmental Assessment

EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
FFA	Future Farmers of America
FLPMA	Federal Land Planning and Management Act
HPC	Habitat Partnership Committees
HNRC	Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRCWAY	Natural Resource Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth
RMP	Resource Management Plan
SARC	Small Acreage Resource Concerns
SHPO	State Historical Preservation Office
SLRP	Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Restoration Partnership
SPRNCA	San Pedro River National Conservation Area
SRM	Society for Range Management
THS	Tombstone High School
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USPP	Upper San Pedro Partnership
USPO	United States Post Office
WOTUS	Waters of the United States
WPF	Water Protection Fund

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