

HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (HNRCD) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

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

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

Others Present: Jack Ladd—Advisor, Steve Boice—Advisor, Jeri Ligon—Advisor, Donald Decker—NRCS, Dusty Glidewell—NRCS, Joy Banks—Cooperator, Nancy Neumann—Cooperator, Ivette Cunningham—Cooperator, Chuck Cunningham—Cooperator, Tom Crosby—citizen, Kathy Morris—Board Clerk

A. Call to Order

John Ladd called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

B. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

C. Call to the Public

None

D. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Meeting, June 19, 2019

Motion: David Greenberg moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 19, 2019.
Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously

2. Telephonic Meeting, June 28, 2019

Motion: David Greenberg moved to approve the telephonic meeting minutes of June 28, 2019.
Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

E. Committee and Other Reports

1. **USPP:** Lucinda Earven reported the next meeting will be August 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m. (this is a change—the general meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m.) in the Mona Bishop Room at the Sierra Vista Library. The public is invited. Agendas are not yet out.

2. **NRCS:** Don Decker reported on his attendance at the AACD Summer Conference. Matthew Lohr—NRCS Chief was one of the highlighted speakers at the meeting. He also spent time with individual District people and had one on one time with NRCS people. Lohr said he was the first farmer to be Chief of the NRCS in 14 years. As Chief he has visited over 20 states. He served in the Virginia legislature. Don said he was impressed with Matthew Lohr.

John Ladd said he understood one reason Matthew Lohr attended the meeting was to address SHPO. The biggest challenge presently is NRCS is not going to perform any archeological clearances on State land projects. Keisha Tatem—NRCS Tucson alluded to the fact it was cost prohibitive for NRCS to do so. Ranchers may still do projects on State land but there is no answer as to how the archeological clearances will be performed. It appears the bottom line with SHPO is personalities have

entered the agenda and authority has been overstepped. One of the main arguments is what is considered historical and what is garbage, ie. tin cans, car bumpers, and the like. What these disagreements have done is put a huge backlog on clearances for the Douglas Field Office as well as the producer. Presently the average "wait time" for an approved clearance is 1 ½ years. No projects can be started without an approved clearance.

John Ladd brought up the subject of MOUs between the Districts and NRCS. Don Decker said existing MOUs across the nation are out of date. Don thought the new policy between Districts and NRCS will be Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs). MOUs involve financial interaction; MOAs are used when there is no financial interaction between the two parties.

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

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

5. **AZGFD:** No one present to report.

6. **CCRN:** John Ladd was unable to attend last month's meeting. John said there had been a substantial article in the Sierra Vista and Bisbee newspapers on the Bella Vista/Coyote Wash project. CCRN is searching for the money to build the project. Currently they are in the permit process. NRCS contributed \$550,000 to the study/design project.

7. **SLRP:** Jim Lindsey and Lucinda Earven were unable to attend the last meeting.

F. District Financial Reports

Motion: David Greenberg moved to authorize payment of items 1-7 on the Payment Schedule with necessary changes made.

Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Discussion: The corrected Payment Schedule will be posted on the District web site.

The approved financial reports will be submitted for audit.

G. Old Business

1. **Society for Range Management Winter Meeting, January 15-17, 2020:** Dusty Glidewell reported the meeting committee decided to move the meeting to Wickenburg, AZ. The dates have also been altered: January 22-24, 2020. SRM is still looking for Districts to donate money or speakers.

2. **Arizona Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) Summer Conference:** John Ladd and Steve Boice attended the meeting.

Steve was impressed with the official speakers, the tremendous amount of participation from Districts across the State (there were reportedly 160 attendees, with every District having at least one representative), the quantity and quality of information provided, how the conference was set up, and the way people cooperated with one another.

John reminded everyone the AACD is the Districts' legislative body to the AZ State Land Department.

H. New Business

1. Approval of HNRCD Annual Report for AZ State Land Department

Motion: Lucinda Earven moved for approval of the HNRCD District 2018/19 Annual Report and that it be submitted as is to the ASLD.

Second: David Greenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Discussion: Kathy Morris brought up her questions but she had answered the report questions as the Board preferred.

2. Approval of HNRCD Education Center Annual Report for AZ State Land Department

- Motion:** Lucinda Earven moved for approval of the HNRCD Education Center 2018/19 Annual Report and it be submitted to ASLD with the discussed changes.
- Second:** David Greenberg seconded the motion.
- Vote:** Carried unanimously.
- Discussion:** Kathy Morris will add the quotation from Amber Ford.

3. Request for 10 Minute Speaking Engagement: Tom Crosby made a presentation on FLPMA, BLM and SPRNCA. His main point was SPRNCA is unconstitutional and is part of BLM's overreach.

4. Soils Workshop Plans: John Ladd asked for input to the HNRCD putting on a soils workshop. Items that need to be brought to the table at next month's regular meeting include: 1) date/time, 2) location, 3) speakers, 4) advertising, 5) refreshments.

Don Decker and Dusty Glidewell agreed to be involved. John Ladd will contact Kim McReynolds—U of A, Steve Boice will contact Cochise College master gardener. John Ladd said he would like to invite neighboring NRCDs to join in this workshop.

5. HNRCD Bylaws: Advisors Being Reimbursed Travel/Expenses for District Activities:

- Motion:** David Greenberg moved to make the addition of "Advisors" to the existing *HNRCD Travel and Per Diem Policy*.
- Second:** Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.
- Vote:** Carried unanimously.

I. Education Programs

1. Tombstone High School Ag Program: Amber Ford—THS Ag/FFA instructor submitted a list of what her students need this year in the way of FFA materials and support.

- Motion:** Lucinda Earven moved to donate \$10,000.00 from the HNRCD Education Center budget to the THS FFA program.
- Second:** Jim Lindsey seconded the motion.
- Vote:** Carried unanimously.

2. Small Acreage Resource Concerns (SARC) Mass Mailing Postcard: Steve Boice reported we have had very little response back from Survey Monkey.

The postcards will be mailed to all cooperators.

J. Correspondence

1. *Aquatics in Brief*

K. Future Meetings / Agenda Items

HNRCD Regular Meeting

August 21, 2019

Cochise County Complex

Wednesday

Large conference room

9:30a.m.

Sierra Vista, AZ

M. Adjournment

John Ladd adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Approved by the Board Aug 21, 2019
(Date)

Signed John Ladd
(John Ladd, Chairman)

ACCRONYMS

AACD	Arizona Association of Conservation Districts
ASLD	Arizona State Land Department
AZGFD	Arizona Game and Fish Department
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CCRN	Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network
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
HNRCD	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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