

HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (HNRC D)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

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

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

Others Present: Jack Ladd—Advisor, Steve Boice—Advisor, Dusty Glidewell—NRCS, Sarah Gandaria—AZGFD, Joy Banks—Cooperator, Hans Huth—ADEQ, Nancy Neumann—Cooperator, Chuck Cunningham—Cooperator, Holly Richter—Cooperator, Tom Crosby—citizen, Tricia Gerrodette—citizen, Ann Aust—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

Holly Richter introduced herself as a relatively new HNRC D cooperator as well as her role with The Nature Conservancy. Hans J. Huth—Senior Hydrologist, ADEQ introduced himself.

D. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Meeting, July 17, 2019

Motion: Mike Hayhurst moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 17, 2019.

Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

E. Committee and Other Reports

1. **USPP:** Lucinda Earven reported the last meeting was cancelled. Holly Richter reported the organization is going through some major overhauls.

2. **NRCS:** Dusty Glidewell reported the annual Coordinated Resource Management Meeting for Cochise County Ranches was today in Willcox. This meeting allows for all the various NRCS agency field personnel who are working with ranchers on rangeland in the area to meet and discuss ranch conservation planning they are working on together.

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

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

5. **AZGFD:** Sarah Gandaria gave a brief report, including the fact that Sierra Vista/Douglas will not be having an HPC meeting. She said there are still some funds available. Contact Sarah for more information on HPC meetings.

6. **CCRN:** Holly Richter dispersed two fliers on the CCRN: Cochise Conservation & Recharge Network—Supporting the San Pedro River and Local Communities and CCRN Interim Findings from the Hydrologic Monitoring Program. Both fliers will be available on www.herefordnrcd.com and at nrcdhereford@gmail.com (please be specific if requesting from the email).

Jack Ladd asked the status of the Bisbee effluent. It's being "talked about."

7. **SLRP:** The last meeting was cancelled. Sarah Gandaria reported the drafts for strategies have been submitted for each group. The next meeting is scheduled for October, 2019. Willie Sommers is still the Chairman.

F. District Financial Reports

Motion: Lucinda Earven moved to authorize payment of items 1-4 on the Payment Schedule.
Second: Mike Hayhurst seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

The approved financial reports will be submitted for audit.

Jim Lindsey reported the District is required by Arizona State Land Department to have four checking accounts: #1) account for ASLD District funds, #2) account for Education Center ASLD funds, #3) account for District funds, i.e. donations, cooperators dues, etc., #4) account for Education Center funds, i.e., donations, etc. Jim said the ASLD is going to be very specific as to what can be paid with ASLD funds.

ASLD is going to begin doing direct deposits rather than mailing checks.

Motion: Jim Lindsey moved to open three checking accounts required by ASLD to meet their financial requirements. Two accounts will be for ASLD monies and one account will “go with” the existing account to be for District monies separate from ASLD funds. The bank signature card for each account will include: Jim Lindsey—Treasurer, John Ladd—Chairman, Lucinda Earven—Vice Chairwoman, David Greenberg—Supervisor, Mike Hayhurst—Supervisor.
Second: David Greenberg seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.
Discussion: A discussion ensued as to how to divide the District monies among the two District accounts. It was agreed to take \$2,500 from the HNRCD savings account for the new Ed Center account and to leave the \$2,500 in the Horseshoe Draw account in place to be spent on Horseshoe Draw monitoring. Once the \$2,500 in the Horseshoe Draw account has been spent that account will be closed. The Horseshoe Draw money was HNRCD money to begin with. It was “seed money” to begin the project.
HNRCD will be responsible for the additional bank fees for the “extra” accounts even though this is required by ASLD.

Motion: Jim Lindsey moved to close the District savings account and move all but \$2,500 to the District general account. The \$2,500 will be to open the Ed Center general account.
Second: Mike Hayhurst seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

G. Old Business

1. Society for Range Management Winter Meeting, January 22-24, 2020: Dusty Glidewell reported she did not yet know what the registration fee will be. The meeting will be at Rancho des los Caballeros in Wickenburg, AZ.

2. Soils Workshop Plans

- ✓ Date and time agreed on: October 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- ✓ HNRCD will provide water, no refreshments or lunch.
- ✓ Amber Ford—THS will be in contact with Jim Lindsey on procuring the high school for the event. Amber said the FFA students do want to be involved in the workshop. Mike Hayhurst volunteered to make sure the school is available and the District can use it.
- ✓ John Ladd said Kim McReynolds has committed to the project. John has the name of an NRCS soils expert in New Mexico that might come. Dusty Glidewell will send John the contact information of an Arizona NRCS soils expert.
- ✓ Steve Boice said the Cochise College garden expert will come depending on the date. Steve will let her know the date and time today.
- ✓ Jim Lindsey contacted the Sierra Vista Farmers’ Market but they have yet to get back with him.

- ✓ Nancy Neumann said she will contact the Bisbee Farmers' Market.
- ✓ Lucinda Earven will produce a flier and Kathy Morris will disperse it to everyone connected with the HNRCD. Lucinda will contact the Sierra Vista Herald.
- ✓ Dusty Glidewell said Don Decker will be able to attend.
- ✓ Sarah Gandaria said she will be able to attend.
- ✓ Dusty Glidewell will send contact information to Kathy Morris for the Cochise County Fair personnel.
- ✓ Whitewater Draw NRCD, Willcox NRCD, Santa Cruz NRCD, and San Pedro NRCD will be sent fliers and asked to invite their cooperators.

3. Possibility of HNRCD Purchasing Equipment: Mike Hayhurst reported he was quite enthusiastic on this possibility until he spoke with people that had tried it. He heard stories of people getting injured on district equipment, district equipment breaking down and the responsibility of repairs being in question, and insurance being a big factor. The more he learned the more he was certain it is not a good idea for the District to buy any kind of equipment for cooperator use or loan.

Mike was most interested in the District purchasing a drone after attending the HNRCD/WWDNRCD drone workshop last winter. But even with a drone the same kinds of problems could exist. John Ladd said several producers are looking into purchasing a drone on their own—not going through any specific NRCD. It was pointed out there are several people/organizations in business who fly drones for various projects and concerns.

It was a unanimous agreement the HNRCD should not buy a drone or any other equipment.

H. New Business

1. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with NRCS

- Motion:* David Greenberg moved to approve the NRCS required MOA.
Second: Mike Hayhurst seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

2. American Stewards of Liberty Dues:

- Motion:* Mike Hayhurst moved to pay ASL dues of \$200.00.
Second: Lucinda Earven seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

3. Thank You Letter Report: Kathy Morris reported that after she had forwarded the thank you letter from NRCWAY to the HNRCD supervisors, advisors, and cooperators she received an email from Advisor Gail Griffin saying she would help on the bill the youth are interested in. That email was forwarded to Kim McReynolds—NRCWAY, so they are all in touch with one another.

4. Paid Cooperator Dues Report: Kathy Morris reported there are only seven members who have not paid 2019 dues. A reminder letter will be sent to those people.

I. Education Programs

1. Tombstone High School Ag Program: Jim Lindsey visited Tombstone High School's Principle, David Thursby. They visited Amber Ford's classroom in progress. Jim said both Mr. Thursday and Amber were very appreciative of the HNRCD's involvement in the FFA program.

2. Small Acreage Resource Concerns (SARC) Mass Mailing Postcard: Steve Boice said there is nothing new to report.

J. Correspondence

1. Thank you letter from NRCWAY
2. Arizona Land and Water Trust Annual Report

K. Future Meetings / Agenda Items

HNRCD Regular Meeting

September 18, 2019
Cochise County Complex

Wednesday
Large conference room

9:30 a.m.
Sierra Vista, AZ

Soils Workshop

October 5, 2019
To Be Determined

Saturday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Hans Huth—ADEQ will be on the September agenda.

M. Adjournment

John Ladd adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Approved by the Board _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(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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