

HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (HNRC D)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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: Jack Ladd—Advisor, Hans Huth—ADEQ, Dusty Glidewell—NRCS, Don Decker—NRCS, Joy Banks—Cooperator, Chris Postel—Clerk, Santa Cruz, Winkelman, Pima NRCDs, Tricia Gerrodette—citizen, Kathy Morris—Board Clerk

A. Call to Order

John Ladd called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

B. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

C. Call to the Public: Chris Postel—Board Clerk for Santa Cruz, Winkelman, and Pima NRCDs gave a brief overview regarding what the three NRCDs are involved in that he clerks for.

D. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Telephonic, Regular Meeting, December 18, 2019

Motion: Mike Hayhurst moved to accept the telephonic, regular meeting minutes of December 18, 2019.

Second: Jim Lindsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

E. Agency and Committee Reports

1. **USPP:** Lucinda Earven reported the next meeting will be February 12, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.—noon in the Mona Bishop Room in the Sierra Vista Library.

2. **NRCS:** Don Decker reported starting the week of January 20th Dusty Glidewell will be filling in as the Acting District Conservationist for the Yuma and Parker Field Offices. The assignment could last for the next three to four months. Dusty said hopefully she will still be able to help the Douglas Field Office.

For EQIP, there's no new cost list yet and no cut-off date has been decided, so there's no schedule as to when documents are due.

The question was asked if there is any development on an NRCS archeologist. Don said, "it's a positive." NRCS is hiring private consultants. For Southern Arizona it's Paleo West. Hopefully this month archeologists will be "on the ground," beginning archeological surveys. They will be concentrating on the present backlog.

4. **BLM:** No one present to report, however Eric Baker emailed comments concerning the existing SPRNCA allotment holders which were forwarded to Board members.

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

6. **CCRN:** John Ladd reported the next meeting is scheduled for February. He said they were out last Monday monitoring Horseshoe Draw. Horseshoe Draw is working well, however, at the inlet smaller rocks were used than should have been used—basketball sized rip-rap is too small so there is some erosion.

They are still searching for grants for the Bella Vista Project. To date there is nothing positive about securing the money. Hans Huth is involved in helping them find funding.

7. SLRP: Joy Banks attended the last meeting and reported Willie Sommers is stepping down as chairman. The next chairman will be a partnership between two gentlemen, one of which is Ryan Fitzpatrick. The next meeting is February 7, 2020, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. in the Mona Bishop Room at the Sierra Vista Library. Joy volunteered to represent HNRCD at SLRP meetings in the future. A main value of SLRP is getting the various agencies to work together.

8. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ): Hans Huth reported on Horseshoe Draw. Hans developed and installed a new type of remote technology at Horseshoe Draw. The technology installed was a pilot project and due to some problems Hans pulled the equipment.

Samples from Greenbush Draw showed high levels of E coli but whether the E coli was human or bovine had not been determined. Hans said there has not been a sewage overflow from Naco, Sonora, Mexico since last year.

Hans felt ADEQ should be supporting the CCRN Bella Vista Project because of Sierra Vista runoff which is potentially sources for E coli. The Bella Vista Project could address this situation.

Hans was excited about the work being done by Van Clothier and his book, *Let the River Do the Work, Induced Meandering, an Evolving Method for Restoring Incised Channels*. Hans hopes to use Van Clothier's method on other properties.

F. District Financial Reports

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

Second: Mike Hayhurst seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Motion: David Greenberg moved to file the financial reports for audit.

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 John English will be at the meeting with a booth to speak about Spike.

2. Arizona Association of Conservation Districts Winter Meeting January 28-29, 2020, Phoenix, AZ: Jim Lindsey will attend January 29th.

3. Arizona Gift Clause: No new material from Jackie Thomas—ASLD has been received. HNRCD needs clarified in writing exactly what's acceptable on how to spend State funds.

4. Wildlife Attractors Workshop:

✚ March 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m.—Noon

✚ Steve Boice has made arrangements with Jan Groth—Master Gardner, U of A Extension Service to be the main speaker. Jan has reserved the Garden Courtyard at U of A South. If the weather is good there will be seating outside in the courtyard; if the weather is bad there will be seating inside

✚ San Pedro Spirits 4-H group will host lunch

✚ Sharma Torrens—AACD will be a speaker

✚ Steve Boice has spoken with the *Sierra Vista Herald*; Lucinda Earven will also call Dana Cole—*Sierra Vista Herald*

✚ John Ladd will call Sarah Gandaria—USGFD

✚ Lucinda Earven will do a flyer

H. New Business

1. Water Protection Fund Grants: Lucinda Earven passed around information regarding projects Water Protection Fund has funded. Eight projects amounting to over a million dollars were funded through grants. There is a comment period open through February 21st so if anyone wants to comment get in touch with Lucinda. HNRCD did not apply for any grants last year.

I. Education Programs

1. "Director" for HNRCD Education Center: Jim Lindsey reported he had spoken with Sharma Torrens—AACD regarding HNRCD’s need for an official director. She felt the way the HNRCD’s Education Center is set up there is no need for an official director. HNRCD’s Education Center is part of the District. There is no separate EIN number for the Ed Center—it is not a separate entity. The State funds are however, kept separate, hence the reason for multiple checking accounts. Mike Hayhurst may know of a person that would be interested in volunteering for an education center director job.

2. Tombstone High School Ag Program: Mike Hayhurst reported their welding program is a “go.” They are going to begin welding through the advanced agriculture class. Amber Ford—THS Agriculture has a welding certification and can teach welding.

J. Correspondence

- 1. *Forestry Notes*
- 2. *Inside Agroforestry*

K. Supervisor Comments (no actions will be taken): Mike Hayhurst commented on the proposal to monitor all domestic wells in Cochise County.

Kathy Morris reported she had received a computer notification that Windows 7 is no longer supported by Microsoft, leaving the HNRCD owned computer open to viruses, etc. Chris Postel said the problem was how much memory is on the computer.

John Ladd mentioned the letter he received from US Customs and Border Protection regarding them maintaining an air operation facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca. He had already called them and said the District did not need to comment.

David Greenberg thought the District should look for a permit-free project to do.

L. Future Meetings / Agenda Items

HNRCD Regular Meeting

February 19, 2020
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

John Ladd adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Approved by the Board _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(John Ladd, Chairman)

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
U of A	University of Arizona
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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