

**HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (HNRCD)
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Regular Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

March 13, 2026

Cochise College Benson Center, 1025 AZ-90, Benson, AZ 85602

1. Call to Order

- a. John Ladd calls the meeting to order at 9:49 am

2. Introductions

- a. Made around the room
 - i. Supervisors Present: Lance Clawson – Supervisor, Steve Boice – Supervisor, John Ladd – Chair, Pat Call – Vice Chair, Jim Lindsey – Treasurer
 - ii. Others Present: Sharon Reid – San Pedro NRCD; Neil Gintz – San Pedro NRCD and Saint David Irrigation; Lexi Boss, AACD Southern Programs Assistant; Blair Randolph – Public; Phil Dahl – Falken Drone Services, Hereford NRCD; Dale Lehman – Nutriem; Bridgette Kantner – HNRCD Clerk; Deb Smith – AACD Director and NRCB

3. Call to the Public

- a. Neil Gintz– San Pedro NRCD and Saint David Irrigation – update on San Pedro NRCD water project for St. David/Pomerene area
- b. Dale Leiman – Nutrien – available for weed and shrub remediation; discussed chemical types and application

4. Review and Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting – January 9, 2026
 - Motion to approve – Pat Call
 - Seconds motion – Jim Lindsey
 - Votes to approve – Pat Call, Jim Lindsey, Lance Clawson, Steve Boice, John Ladd
 - No opposition

5. Agency, Partner, and Committee Reports

- a. NRCS – **Don Decker**
 - i. NRCS Team 7 Report – please refer to attached report

- b. AACD – **Deb Smith, Amber Morin**
 - i. Reminder for AACD Annual Conference coming up in August

6. District Financial Reports

- a. Payment Authorizations

- i. Acknowledge Payments Made
- ii. Payment Requests
 - Motions to approve – Pat Call
 - Seconds motion – Steve Boice
 - Votes to approve – Pat Call, Steve Boice, John Ladd, Jim Lindsey, Lance Clawson
 - No Opposition
- b. Monthly Financial Reports – File for Audit
 - Motion to approve and file – Pat Call
 - Seconds motion – Steve Boice
 - Votes to approve - Pat Call, Steve Boice, John Ladd, Jim Lindsey, Lance Clawson
 - No Opposition

7. Old Business

- a. 2026 Supervisor Elections
 - i. Vice Chair
 - 1. Discussed next steps
- b. 2026 Supervisor Appointments
 - i. First Appointment
 - ii. Second Appointment
 - 1. Appointments will occur after elections

8. New Business

- a. Cooperative Agreements
 - i. Phil Dahl
 - ii. Chris O'Connor
 - Motion to approve – Pat Call
 - Seconds motion – Lance Clawson
 - Votes to approve – Jim Lindsey, Pat Call, John Ladd, Steve Boice and
 - No opposition
- b. AACD Annual Contribution
 - i. Not requested for 2026
- c. Future Workshops
 - i. Solar Power
 - 1. Discussion regarding possible workshop
 - 2. Would like to hold in July
 - ii. Erosion Control
 - 1. Discussion regarding possible workshop
 - 2. May hold at Jim Lindsey's ranch after April
 - iii. Rainwater Capture with Tank Raffle
 - 1. Discussion regarding possible workshop
 - 2. Later in the year

3. Looking into tank donation and having the workshop at that vendor's location
4. Residential size system – DIY kit possible
5. Creating a committee for planning headed up by Sharon Reid

9. Correspondence

- a. NACD donation letter

10. Supervisor Comments (no action will be taken)

11. Future Meetings – Agenda Items

- a. Next Regular Meeting – July 16, 2026
 - i. Will include San Pedro NRCD and Whitewater Draw
 - ii. Will hold at Palominas Fire Training Center

12. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn – Pat Call
- b. Meeting adjourned by John Ladd at 11:25 am

Approved by board on _____

John Ladd, Chair

ACRONYMS

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
CCSO	Cochise County Sheriff's Office
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
HNRCD	Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District
IRA	Inflation Reduction Act
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRCB	Natural Resources Conservation Board
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
TBD	To Be Determined
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



**Hereford/Whitewater Draw/San Pedro NRCD Meeting
NRCS Team 7 Report
March 13, 2026**

Government Shutdown 2026

- The USDA-NRCS is funded through the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2026)

FARM BILL PROGRAM UPDATES:

- **Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) started October 1, 2026.**
- **Still operating under 2018 Farm Bill.**

NRCS FUNDING PROGRAMS:

- Nationwide sign-ups for EQIP, CSP, and ACEP have passed their deadlines. The applicants (49) that made the deadline for this batching are currently being assessed for potential funding. <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/regenerative-pilot-program/news/usda-announces-january-15-national-batching>
 - The Arizona RCPP application batching deadline has passed. The applicants (38) that made the deadline for this batching are currently being assessed for potential funding.
 - Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Conservation
 - Sky Island Region Land Management & Protection
 - Restoring Arizona's Colorado River Basin Conservation Area (RACRBCA)
 - NRCS has continual sign-ups so producers are encouraged to complete an application at any time.
 - Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)
 - \$400 million through EQIP
 - \$300 million through CSP
 - Requirements: Whole farm assessment, implementing one primary regenerative management practice, performing soil health testing.
 - More information can be found here: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/regenerative-pilot-program>
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Team 7 Staffing Updates:

- No new staffing updates
- Acting Team Lead – Amy Humphrey (Team 8 Lead) is continuing to cover the Team 7 Lead position.

Rain Report-Douglas FO

- Current precipitation for 2026=3.73”
- Amount of precipitation at this time last year=.14”
- Total precipitation for 2025=11.89”
- Last 5-year average total precipitation=11.83”

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