

# Redington Natural Resource Conservation District Redington Conservation Education Center

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Regular Business Meeting**

August 18, 2015 4:00pm Teleconference Call-In Number: 641-715-3580 Access Code: 607-207#

Call to Order: Andrew Smallhouse, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

**Welcome & Introductions:** The following were present on the conference call: Andrew Smallhouse, Charlie Ffolliott, Jess Barry, Chris Fletcher, Kim Land, Penny (NRCS), Reyna (AZ Game & Fish), Mick Meader, Bob Evans, Bill Dunn. The following were absent from the meeting: Max Madsen, Supervisor.

Call to the Public: None.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda for today's meeting was distributed to all attendees via email prior to the call. A motion was made by Charlie Ffolliott to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Jess Barry. All were in favor and motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** The typed minutes from 06/09/15 and 06/29/15 were distributed via email prior to the call for supervisor review. A motion was made by Jess Barry to approve the minutes from 6/09/15 and 06/29/15 as presented. A second to the motion was made by Charlie Ffolliott. All were in favor and motion carried.

#### **Conservation Education Center:**

- 1. Education Center Report no report
- Discussion / Proposals for Upcoming Workshops Andy stated that he was working to schedule Steve Barker to come back for a follow-up to the ecological site visit. Andy stated that this year's AG day field trip for Mammoth –San Manuel School District was currently scheduled for Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed.

#### Financial:

- 1. Conservation Education Center & RNRCD Financial Report The financial reports were reviewed by Kim Land including beginning balances, transactions, and ended balances of all accounts.
- 2. Reimbursements Andy Smallhouse sumitted receipts for lodging from the AZNRCD summer conference.

#### **Reports:**

- Supervisor Report(s) Andy reported on the 2015 AZNRCD Summer conference. Andy stated that this year's focus was on soils. They participated in a field trip to Rob Reynor's farm. The Water committee made no policy changes. Discussion was held on the wild horses in Salt River. Andy encouraged ALL supervisors to attend next year's conference. Amber will be scheduling new supervisor training classes. Bill Dunn stated that during the board meeting that the official name was changed from AZNRCD to AACD. Bill reported that a \$3 million grant was received from BLM and they are hoping to have NRCC match, which will be distributed among 20 districts. Bill gave updates on the Sonoran Desert Tortoise.
- Agency Report(s) Penny Daye Driscoll, NRCS, reviewed the DC report. Penny stated that Allison Hatch was new to the NRCS and she would like to bring her around to the districts to introduce. Reyna Tucker from AZ Game and Fish discussed the RCCP.

#### Old Business:

1. LSPI (Lower San Pedro1 Initiative): There have been no recent meetings. Still waiting on RCCP grant of \$1 million between the two districts.

#### New Business:

- 1. New Cooperator Application(s) None.
- 2. Appointment of LSPI committee members Current members are Bob Evans, Charlie Ffolliott, Josh Avey, Stefanie Smallhouse, Bob Rogers.
- 3. Fencing Resources: Chris Fletcher discussed the need for appropriate fencing and landowner knowledge, which is an important part of conservation. Chris has printed materials including cost analysis and supplies for fending. Chris stated that this would be a valuable resource for the NRCD website. Discussion followed. Supervisors would like to review the material prior to placing on website.
- 4. Schedule Local Work Group Meeting: Discussion ensued regarding programming cycles. Andy suggested cycles two times per year. It was determined that no LWG meeting was needed at this time.
- 5. SunZia: Andy discussed that there will be a Line Siting Committee meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Attorney General's office in Phoenix. Discussion followed. Bill Dunn stated that there will be a conference call to discuss, and notification will be sent out.

#### Next Meeting Date: To be determined.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Andy will contact Kim with any additional agenda items prior to next meeting date.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Charlie Ffolliott to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Jess Barry. All were in favor and motion carried. The meeting officially adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Kim Land, Redington NRCD District Clerk

Date: August 20, 2015

Approval of Minutes:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_