

Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District (HNRCD)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 17, 2020

Telephonic Meeting

Board Present: Lucinda Earven, Mike Hayhurst, Jim Lindsey, Steve Boice, John Ladd

Others Present: Dusty Glidewell—NRCS, Sharma Torrens—AACD, Jackie Thomas—ASLD, Tricia Gerrodette—citizen, Kathy Morris—Board Clerk

A. Call to Order

Lucinda Earven called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

B. Introductions

People identified themselves as they logged onto the call.

C. Call to the Public: Tricia Gerrodette reported she had listened to a webinar from ADEQ and she asked them about 319 funding. They thought 319 funding would still be applicable even though the ephemeral washes will no longer be covered under the Clean Water Rule.

D. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Meeting May 20, 2020

Motion: Mike Hayhurst moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2020 as written.

Second: Jim Lindsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

2. Work Session Meeting June 9, 2020

Motion: Jim Lindsey moved to approve the work session meeting minutes of June 9, 2020 as written.

Second: Mike Hayhurst seconded the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

E. Agency and Committee Reports

1. USPP: Lucinda Earven reported HNRCD needs a person to be her alternate when she can't attend USPP meetings. She said the meetings are normally quarterly and the next one is scheduled for August 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m. It was suggested until such a volunteer steps forward she just let another Board member know if/when she can't attend a meeting.

2. NRCS: Dusty Glidewell reported rankings have been completed for the 2020 EQIP applications and there are some preliminary results. In the District at least one rangeland application is being prepared for funding. There is a chance for further funding before the end of the funding cycle this month. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applicants have been accepted and that ranking deadline is July 3, 2020.

3. USFS: No one present to report.

4. **BLM:** No one present to report.
5. **AZGFD:** No one present to report.
6. **CCRN:** Nothing to report.
7. **SLRP:** Nothing to report.
8. **ADEQ:** No one present to report.

F. District Financial Reports

1. Payment Schedule

Motion: Jim Lindsey moved to authorize payment of items 1-3 on the Payment Schedule.
Second: Mike Hayhurst seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

2. Financial Reports—File for Audit

Motion: Mike Hayhurst moved to file the financial reports for audit.
Second: Jim Lindsey seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

G. Old Business

1. **Wildlife Attractors Workshop:** The workshop is still postponed, with no new date yet set. Steve Boice has spoken with Jan Groth—U of A Master Gardner and she is still willing to be the main speaker at the workshop. However, she does not know when school will be open for such a gathering.
2. **HNRCD October Meeting Date Change:** Kathy Morris visited the Cochise County complex where the District meetings are held and the woman she spoke with said they have no idea when the rooms will be opened for public use. It was suggested Kathy look into the District meetings being held elsewhere and she will do so.

H. New Business

1. Approval of Annual Plan of Work:

Motion: John Ladd moved to approve and submit the ASLD 2020 Annual Plan of Work as prepared.
Second: Mike Hayhurst seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Education Center Annual Plan of Work:

Motion: Jim Lindsey moved to approve and submit the ASLD 2020 Education Center Annual Plan of Work as prepared.
Second: John Ladd seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

3. Arizona Association of Conservation Districts 2020 Support Letter:

Motion: Mike Hayhurst moved to contribute monetary support to AACD in the amount of \$2,000.
Second: Jim Lindsey seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried unanimously.

Discussion: AACD has been very active and supportive of the State NRCDs, especially compared to past years. There was overall agreement the AACD is doing a great job for all Districts and for HNRCD in particular with the financial reporting.

After the motion and vote Sharma Torrens said AACD is applying for a Soil Health Grant and they would appreciate a letter of support for that endeavor. This will be on next month's agenda.

4. Arizona Land & Water Trust Support Letter: John Ladd reported he has tried to get in touch with Alanna Riggs (author of the request letter) but has been unable to do so. Sharma Torrens will ask Alanna to call John. It was agreed the District needs more information on this issue, and hopefully will have more by next month's meeting.

I. Education Programs

1. Tombstone High School Ag Program: Nothing to report. Jim Lindsey had spoken with Mr. Deveer, school superintendent as to start-up plans for the coming school year. Nothing has been decided for certain at this time. Currently the AZ legislation is written that the students have to be on campus for the school to receive State funding.

2. Supervisor Contact San Pedro Spirits 4-H Group: Steve Boice reported the 4-H group is still wanting to do a lunch at the HNRCD Wildlife Attractors workshop as a fund raiser project for themselves. They are definitely interested in being involved with the HNRCD but all projects for them are currently "on hold" due to COVID.

J. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

K. Supervisor Comments: None

L. Future Meetings / Agenda Items:

HNRCD Regular Meeting

July 15, 2020
TBD

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.
Sierra Vista, AZ

May be Telephonic: If so, the meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m.

Agenda Item: Support for AACD re. Soil Health Grant

M. Adjournment

Lucinda Earven adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Approved by the Board 7-15-2020
(Date)

Signed John Ladd
(John Ladd, Chairman)

ACCRONYMS

AACD	Arizona Association of Conservation Districts
ADEQ	Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
AIM	Assessment, Inventory and Monitoring Strategy (BLM program)
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
CSP	Conservation Stewardship Program
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
FFA	Future Farmers of America
FLPMA	Federal Land Planning and Management Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
NC	Nature Conservancy
HPC	Habitat Partnership Committees
HNRC	Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts
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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