

# HEREFORD NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (HNRCD)

## Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 21, 2022

Palominas Fire District, Station 3, 10202 S. Hwy. 92, Hereford, AZ 85615

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**Board Present:** John Ladd, Jim Lindsey, Steve Boice, Pat Call

**Others Present:** Don Decker – USDA/NRCS Douglas, Tom Reis – USDA/NRCS Tucson, Lance Clawson – Cooperator, Dani Meador – Citizen, Kathy Morris – Cooperator

### A. Call to Order

John Ladd called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

### B. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

### C. Call to the Public

A.R.S. 38-431.01 authorizes the Board to make an open call to the public during a public meeting, to allow individuals to address the Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. The time will be limited to three minutes per speaker.

### D. Review and Approval of Minutes

1. Telephonic Meeting November 19, 2021
  - Motion to approve minutes: Pat Call
  - Second: Steve Boice
  - Motion carries unanimously
2. Telephonic Meeting December 2, 2021
  - Motion to approve minutes: Pat Call
  - Second: Steve Boice
  - Motion carries unanimously
3. Regular Meeting January 20, 2022
  - Motion to approve minutes: Pat Call
  - Second: Steve Boice
  - Motion carries unanimously
4. Telephonic Meeting February 6, 2022
  - Motion to approve minutes: Pat Call
  - Second: Steve Boice
  - Motion carries unanimously

### E. Agency, Partner and Committee Reports

1. NRCS – Don Decker presenting
  - a. 2022 Conservation Stewardship Program: due date for eligibility and applications has now passed. Ranking determined 4/22/2022 – Hereford district ranked with one applicant for 2022.
  - b. 2022 EQIP Applications: Application due date is now passed. Ranking is currently in process with Hereford District having nine applications (all rangeland) approved for funding.
  - c. 2022 Local Work Group Meetings
    - i. Whitewater Draw NRCD inviting Hereford NRCD to join meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
      1. Collaboration of each District's focus, conservation resource concerns, programs available.

- ii. John Ladd to contact Whitewater Draw regarding meeting details.
  - d. US Drought Monitor
    - i. Hereford NRCD has been upgraded to Severe Drought category – online access at <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>
- 2. NRCS Tucson Team 7 Report – Tom Reis presenting
  - a. Farm Bill Programs
    - i. EQIP – General
      - 1. May 6, 2022 deadline to obligate funding
      - 2. \$2,254,646 total obligations
    - ii. EQIP-CIC and Urban Initiative (Conservation Incentive Contracts)
      - 1. July 1, 2022 deadline to obligate funding
      - 2. Urban = \$250,000 (designated areas)
      - 3. CIC = \$550,000 (entire state)
    - iii. EQIP-Border Initiative
      - 1. Damage from border activities – focus on fence, pipeline, watering facilities and pumping plants. Replacing existing, damaged only.
      - 2. \$400,000 allocated to Arizona
      - 3. Application deadline June 10, 2022
    - iv. Coronavirus Agriculture Relief Payments (CARP)
      - 1. Extended through March 31, 2022
      - 2. Team 7 processed 17 payments for an additional \$26,955.51
  - b. Team 7 Staff Update
    - i. Emilio Carrillo is State Conservation Planning Specialist as of March 14, 2022
    - ii. Alisha Phipps selected as Rangeland Management Specialist (RMS) GS-11; starts May 9, 2022
    - iii. Tucson in selection process for FO RMS

## **F. District Financial Reports**

- 1. Payment Authorizations
  - a. Items on Payment Schedule
    - i. Reimbursement for January meeting to Steve Boice
    - ii. Jan., Feb. and Mar. Homestead website payments
    - iii. Board Clerk salary
    - iv. Board Clerk reimbursement for office supplies and postage
  - Motion to approve items on payment schedule to be paid: Pat Call
  - Second: Jim Lindsey
  - Motion carries (Steve Boice abstains from vote)
- 2. Monthly Financial Reports – File for Audit
  - a. No financial reports were received from AACD.
    - i. Jan, Feb and Mar financial reports tabled until received – telephonic meeting will be scheduled to approve.

## **G. Old Business**

- 1. Status Co-Hosting Fencing Workshop with BLM
  - a. Discussion concludes that HNRCD is no longer interested in this project.
    - i. Board Clerk to send letter to BLM to inform
  - Motion to remove from Old Business: Steve Boice
  - Second: Pat Call
  - Motion carries unanimously
- 2. Wildlife Attractor Workshop – Steve Boice presenting

- a. June 4, 2022 – University of Arizona South, Garden Center, time will be determined by RSVPs – For anyone: ranchers, land owners, home owners, etc.
- b. AACD will assist with marketing and funding (Deb Smith)
- c. NACD grant of \$4000 – Deborah Smith
- d. NRCS – Working Lands for Wildlife - Don Decker to attend/speak
- e. Game & Fish – attending to provide education about do's and don'ts

#### **H. New Business**

1. NACD 2022 Dues, \$250
  - a. Approved for payment at January 20, 2022 regular meeting.
  - b. Jim Lindsey confirmed payment was made.
2. American Stewards of Liberty Donation 2022
  - a. Includes newsletter
  - b. Fighting for grazing issues, 30X30 land grab
    - Motion to donate \$250 for 2022: Pat Call
    - Second: Jim Lindsey
    - Motion carries unanimously
3. HNRCD Elections to be held in May 2022
  - a. Cooperator, Kathy Morris, asking if there needs to be an election committee.
    - i. An Election Committee is still in place if needed.
4. AACD Summer Conference – Phoenix, August 4-5, 2022
  - a. John Ladd plans to attend at least one day.
  - b. No other board commitments at this time.
  - c. Board Clerk to attend training if available.
5. AACD Update – not attending
6. HNRCD current website on Homestead – increased \$1.75 increase/mo.
7. HNRCD new website on Wix.com
  - a. Free by allowing Wix.com to advertise on the site.
  - b. Being built by Board Clerk.
  - c. Will be put on agenda for vote once created and ready to switch.

#### **I. Education Programs**

1. Tombstone High School Ag Program – Jim Lindsey presenting
  - a. Read email on behalf of Amber Ford about ongoing program and upcoming events, did not say how HNRCD donation funds are being used.
  - b. Will send list of what HNRCD funds are to be used for and request for update on how HNRCD funds have been or will be used.
2. HNRCD will look for other educational programs to sponsor and/or work with.

#### **J. Correspondence**

1. Passed around to attendees.

#### **K. Supervisor Comments (no action will be taken)**

1. Bank updates – John Ladd
2. Begin process for cochair – John Ladd
3. Celebrating Animals, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Veteran's Memorial Park, 9 am to 3 pm – Steve Boice
4. Horse'n Around Rescue Tack Sale Fundraiser, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Single Star Ranch, 8 am to 2 pm – Steve Boice – more information at [www.horsenaroundrescue.org](http://www.horsenaroundrescue.org)
5. Single Star Ranch Raised Beef – End of August – sold by the quarter
6. County raising property value on ag exemption – plan is 5% per year for 12 years – John Ladd
  - a. Would like to look at appeals process for next year.

#### **L. Future Meetings/Agenda Items**

1. HNRCD Telephonic Meeting to approve financial reports TBD

2. Work Group Meeting – Whitewater Draw NRCD and Hereford NRCD, May 18, 2022
3. HNRCD Regular Meeting July 21, 2022

**M. HNRCD Administrative Duties Update**

1. Deborrah Smith not present.

**N. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Pat Call

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am

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
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
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