

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

Regular Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

October 17, 2024

Palominas Fire District Training Center Facility, 9222 S Kings Ranch Rd, Hereford, AZ 85615

1. Call to Order

- a. John Ladd calls the meeting to order at 9:46 am (late due to difficulties entering the training center)

2. Introductions

- a. Introductions made around the room
 - i. Board members present: John Ladd – Chair, Pat Call – Vice Chair, Steve Boice – Supervisor, Jim Lindsey – Treasurer
 - ii. Board members absent: Lance Clawson – Supervisor
 - iii. Others present: Don Decker and Charles Thorpe – NRCS Douglas Field Office, Deb Smith – AACD, Bridgette Kantner – HNRCD Clerk

3. Call to the Public

- a. No response

4. Review and Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting, April 18, 2024
- b. Telephonic Meeting, June 27, 2024
- c. Telephonic Meeting, June 30, 2024
- d. Telephonic Meeting, August 4, 2024
 - i. Motion to approve all minutes listed - Pat Call
 - ii. Seconds motion – Steve Boice
 - iii. Votes to approve – Jim Lindsey, Pat Call, Steve Boice, John Ladd
 - iv. No opposition

5. Agency, Partner, and Committee Reports

- a. AACD – **Deb Smith**
- b. NRCS – **Don Decker, Charles Thorpe**
 - i. Report and updates
 - 1. Farm Bill application/eligibility dates
- c. BLM – **Eric Baker**
 - i. Not present

6. District Financial Reports

- a. Payment Authorizations
 - i. Acknowledge Payments Made
 - ii. Payment Requests
 - 1. Reviewed
- b. Monthly Financial Reports – File for Audit
 - i. Motion to approve and file – Pat Call
 - ii. Seconds the motion – Steve Boice
 - iii. Votes to approve – Jim Lindsey, Steve Boice, John Ladd, Pat Call
 - iv. No opposition

7. Old Business

- a. AACD Annual Conference – Bridgette Kantner, clerk
 - i. Handouts to Board Members

8. New Business

- a. Overview – October 19th Cooperative Workshop – **Pat Call and John Ladd**
 - i. Contacted by Cochise County – bringing students from U of A and College of the Atlantic to go to Horseshoe Draw and on to the Palominas Project and then for a river walk regarding water conservation
- b. Discussion – Love Grass Workshop – **Board Members**
 - i. Successful – good turnout of attendees
 - ii. Invasive species information – Steve Boice
 - iii. Enjoyed the information shared and the people, flew a drone with ranch owner afterward to assist with brush control – Pat Call
 - iv. Amazed by the change in vegetation with elevation on the ranch, especially without using chemicals – Jim Lindsey
 - v. Interesting to see brush control used (NRCS project) – Charles Thorpe
- c. Discussion – Upcoming Changes to Districts - **Board Members and Deb Smith**
 - i. NRCDs under Title 41 starting January 1, 2025
 - ii. In the process of forming new board of supervisors – Arizona Natural Resources Board – that will administer the districts
 - iii. An Executive Director (ED) will be hired to administer the board
 - 1. ED will be a state employee, managed by the NRCDs

9. Education Programs – Jim Lindsey

- a. Update – Jim Lindsey
 - i. No update at this time

10. Correspondence

- a. Miscellaneous to be passed around the room

11. Supervisor Comments (no action will be taken)

12.Future Meetings – Agenda Items

- a. Next Regular Meeting – TBD
 - i. Telephonic Meeting January 16, 2025
 - ii. Local Workgroup Meeting and Stinkweed Workshop with WDNRCDC
 - 1. Wednesday, March 19, 2025
 - 2. Whitewater Draw NRCD Clerk will coordinate meeting place in Elfrida
 - 3. Deb Smith/HNRCD Clerk to coordinate agenda
 - iii. Will discuss having Local Workgroup Meeting separately from workshop

13.Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn – Steve Boice
- b. Seconds the motion – Pat Call
- c. John Ladd adjourns the meeting at 1:03 pm

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
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