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On May 18, 2022, at 9:00 am the Whitewater Draw NRCD held their Annual Local Workgroup Meeting at the Cowbelle Hall in Douglas, Arizona with 19 people in attendance. Hereford NRCD was invited to cooperate with us in this meeting. Fred Davis, Chairman for Whitewater Draw and John Ladd, Chairman for Hereford opened the meeting and everyone was introduced, and Deborah Smith, Executive Director for AACD was the facilitator.

Don Decker gave an introduction into the NRCS Strategic Process. Conservation action plans were discussed at length. The following were highlighted:
Resource concerns and problem solving re. Natural resources, removal of invasive brush, etc.
Regulatory responsibilities.
Identify priority areas.
Identify resource concerns for those areas.
Identify best management practices needed to deal with those resource concerns.

A District's responsibility to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is to develop a report identifying recommendations from the locally-led group for the State Technical Advisory Committee.

LWG needs Receipts, bids, etc. to Keisha Tatem to prove that costs have gone up. Write recommendations up to Team Leader. Cutoff June 1, but proof can be Jun 15.

Scott Feldhausen from the BLM explained the Sentinel Landscape and stated that the "mitten" expands all the way to the border with Mexico.

Team 7 Leader, Tom Reis talked about Urban Initiatives and the U.S. Border with Mexico Initiative. John Ladd stated that we need to add erosion control to the Border Initiative and document problems with photos.

A review of resource concerns was discussed and prioritized with the following:

1. SENTINEL LANDSCAPE EXPANSION AREA.
2. FARMING SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY: INEFFICIENT WATER USE and Soil health.
3. SUB-WATERSHEDS/WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY.
4. Practice of (TWM) Telemetry Water Monitoring.

A taco lunch was provided by the Hereford NRCD. The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm.

The Annual Meeting of the Whitewater Draw NRCD and the Nimon Hopkins Conservation Education Center was held at 1:00 pm following the Local Work Group Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Davis, Clerk