



Pima Natural Resource Conservation District
Pima Center for Conservation Education, Inc.
NRCS Plant Materials Center
3241 N. Romero Road
Tucson, AZ 85705



Final Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of the Pima Center for Conservation Education (PCCE)

Meeting Date/Time: Monday, November 25, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Meeting Location: Michas Restaurant, 2908 S 4th Ave #4819, Tucson, AZ 85713

Attendees:

Supervisors: Jim Chilton, Cindy Coping, Jonathan DuHamel, Patricia King, and Andrew McGibbon (Absent). Chris Postel (Clerk), Alisha Phipps, and Brett Meyers (NRCS), Sharma Torrens (AACD Education Director), and Sue Chilton (Cooperator).

PCCE Meeting

Call to Order: 1:00 pm

Approve August 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** Supervisor DuHamel moved to **approve the meeting minutes** of August 20, 2019. Motion seconded by Supervisor Coping. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.

Financial Report: Per Clerk Postel, the PCCE checking account balance is \$12,893.17. The financial reports are filed.

Resolution: Authorization to Open PCCE Fidelity Business Accounts and to Close the Hughes Accounts (See Attached Resolution). Per Supervisor Coping, Fidelity offers better options and services than Hughes. **Motion:** Supervisor Coping moved to **approve the Resolution (Mail statements to the NRCS Tucson office) and o a \$500 obtain a pre-paid credit card**. Motion seconded by Supervisor DuHamel. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.

Resolution: Roll Over the Certificate of Deposit (CD) at Fidelity: The current Fidelity CD has matured and needs to be reinvested. **Motion:** Supervisor Coping moved to **invest \$60,000 into multiple CDs using a laddered structure**. Motion seconded by Supervisor DuHamel. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.

Potential Topics for Educational Workshops:

- Sonoran Desert Tortoise (SDT) Best Management Practices (BMP): Per Supervisor Chilton, the Center for Biological Diversity has filed a lawsuit against US Fish & Wildlife for not listing the SDT as an endangered species. Bill Dunn (Winkelman NRCD), has contacted Christina Jones, SDT biologist (Arizona Game & Fish), and they need funding to monitor the SDT plots to update the science as a lawsuit defense. Per Sharma Torrens, the NRCDs must lobby the legislature for funding, not the AACD.

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- Water Rights and Land & Water Conservation: Per Clerk Postel, the Santa Cruz NRCD and Arizona Land & Water Trust, is conducting a Water Rights workshop on the February 12, 2020 at the Santa Cruz fairgrounds. This workshop format and topics could be modified to the Pima Cooperator needs and issues.

Call to the Public

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Meeting adjourned 1:41 pm. Supervisor DuHamel moved, 2nd by Supervisor Copping.
Motion carried 4 Aye - 0 Nay.

Final Minutes were submitted by Chris Postel, Pima NRCD Clerk on February 12, 2020

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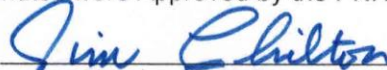
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