



Pima Natural Resource Conservation District
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**Final Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of the
Pima Natural Resources Conservation District (PNRCD)**

Meeting Date: June 9, 2020 Meeting Location: public teleconference
Time the meeting was called to order: 1:21 pm

Attendees:

Supervisors-Clerk: Jim Chilton (Chair), Cindy Copping, Jonathan DuHamel, Patricia King (Treasurer), Andrew McGibbon (absent), and Chris Postel (Clerk).

Others: Sharma Torrens (AACD Conservation Education Director), Jackie Thomas & Josh Grace (AZ State Land Department)

Approve April 13 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor DuHamel moved to accept the meeting minutes. Supervisor King seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Invoices (Clerk & Supervisors):

- Chris Postel (Clerk) submitted 2 invoices (\$1,190) April-June. Supervisor King moved to approve the invoices for \$1,190. Supervisor DuHamel seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
- Supervisor Copping submitted an invoice (\$13.16) for the website domain name. Supervisor King moved to approve the invoice for \$13.16. Supervisor DuHamel seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
- Chris Postel mentioned that the Supervisors should be paid their mileage for attending physical meetings during 2019-2020. The Board directed him to put together a list of supervisors with the standard mileage rates for the meetings that they attended.

Agency Update:

- NRCS (See Attached NRCS Report): No NRCS staff in attendance.
- AACD (Sharma Torrens): The next Ed Center teleconference is scheduled for June 22. AACD has launched a new website and newsletter. The summer conference has been cancelled but a board meeting conference call will be held in August. The dues request form was discussed. Supervisor King moved to approve the dues request for \$1,500. Supervisor DuHamel seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Review/Approve 2020 State Land Annual Reports Due June 20 (See attached reports): The 3 Request for Funds and the 2 Plans of Work were discussed. Supervisor Copping mentioned that a "Comments Workshop" should be offered by the District to teach Supervisors how to submit effective comments in response to proposed regulations. The workshop would cover

the Administrative Procedure Act as one topic. She suggested this workshop might be presented at the 2021 AACD summer conference. Supervisor Coping moved to accept the submitted reports. Supervisor King seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Nominate 2020 Supervisor Appointments (See Attached Nomination Form): It was noted that Supervisor Coping should be appointed, not Supervisor Chilton. The Nomination Form will be corrected to remove Supervisor Chilton and add Supervisor Coping. Supervisor King moved to appoint Cindy Coping and Jonathan DuHamel to the open supervisor positions. Supervisor Chilton seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Border Wall Update (See Attached Document): Per Supervisor Chilton's document, "*Fisher Industries has been awarded a contract to build a 42-mile 30-foot high bollard-style fence along the international boundary from the east boundary of the Tohono O'odham Reservation to Nogales, Arizona and then past Nogales on east to Mount Washington.*" Last week, several ranchers met with Border Patrol, Homeland Security, and other interested stakeholders to discuss the construction plan. Six gaps in the fence plan were identified and should be eliminated. The agencies will notify the ranchers within 60 days with their decision.

Supervisor & Clerk Reports:

- Supervisor Coping: During the last meeting, Kyle Thompson discussed the process to submit a grant request to AZ Game & Fish for cleaning/sealing dirt tanks. Just recently, NRCS announced that using ESS-13 from Seepage Control is going to be an approved EQIP practice. Supervisor Coping mentioned a Pima NRCD cooperator who has a dirt tank that needs to be cleaned and sealed. The tank is adjacent to a badly eroded, unpaved section of West Silverbell Road. Pima County would need dirt to repair the public road. In order to save the cost of hauling numerous truckloads of dirt a great distance over a bad roadway, the county might be willing to scrape and shape the dirt tank in exchange for the removed dirt. Supervisor Coping will contact the involved parties: NRCS, Pima County, Seepage Control, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm. Supervisor DuHamel moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor King seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Next Meeting Date: July 14, 2020 at 1:15 pm

Final Minutes: Submitted by Chris Postel, Pima NRCD Clerk on September 3, 2020

Final Minutes were Approved by the PNRCD/PCCE Board of Supervisors:

Signed Jim Chilton 9-7-20
Jim Chilton, Chair, Pima NRCD/PCCE Date