



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: November 10, 2020 Meeting Location: public teleconference
Time the meeting was called to order: 1:18 pm

Attendees:

- Supervisors-Clerk: Jim Chilton (Chair), Cindy Copping, Jonathan DuHamel, Patricia King (Treasurer), Andrew McGibbon, and Chris Postel (Clerk).
- Others: Jackie Thomas (AZ State Land Department), Alisha Phipps (NRCS) and Carolyn Harbison (West Pinal NRCD Clerk).

Review/Approve September 3 & September 10 Final Minutes (See attached): Supervisor Copping moved to accept the submitted minutes. Supervisor DuHamel seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Review/Approve Invoices (Supervisors & Clerk – See Attached Invoices):

- Supervisor Copping submitted an invoice for one year subscriptions for firewalls and Jet-pack services. Supervisor DuHamel moved to accept the \$157.21 invoice. Supervisor McGibbon seconded. The motion carried 4-0, 1 abstained.
- The Clerk submitted an invoice for September-October labor & newsletter. Supervisor DuHamel moved to accept the \$933.65 invoice. Supervisor Copping seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Agency Updates:

- NRCS (Alisha Phipps, Acting District Conservationist): Emilio Carrillo is still focused on the Bighorn fire activities. Alvaro Campos is still on his Army National Guard assignment. The Tucson field office is still closed. 3 EQIP applications were approved and no CSP applications were approved. A Local Work Group meeting was held on October 26 and the notes are being compiled which will be emailed when completed. ESS-13 is now allowed for pond sealing (must mix into the soil). Specific requirements must be met and the resource concern needs to be identified to qualify cost share.
- ASLD (Jackie Thomas): The Districts should be receiving their remaining annual funding of \$9,735 in the next day or so. The License Plate fund is still being paid quarterly (\$600). All of the Districts need to approve quarterly vs annual fund distributions.
- NRCS MOA Update: Per Alisha Phipps, the signed MOA is due 12/31/2020. The Clerk entered the required information into the MOA documents and emailed them to the Board. Supervisor Chilton had reviewed the documents and he recommended that the

District approve the MOA documents. The Clerk will resend the Civil Rights document for each of the Supervisors to sign and mail back to the Clerk. Alisha Phipps will print the MOA documents for Supervisor Chilton to sign after today's meeting. Supervisor King recommended that the MOA be approved for signing. Supervisor Coping seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Accounting Update:

- 10-31-2020 Financial Reports: Per the Clerk, the checking accounts balances (10/31/20) are: PNRCD (\$11,001.54) and PCCE (\$16,940.20). The Fidelity Account balance (9/30/20) is \$73,795.09. The Income Statements were reviewed (See Attached). The PNRCD had net income of \$2,656.59 (Revenue (\$3,395.66) less Expenses (\$739.07). The PCCE had net income of \$314.00 (Revenue (\$1,814.00) less Expenses (\$1,500.00). Supervisor King recommended to file the Financial Reports. Supervisor Coping seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
- AACD "Free" Accounting Service: Per the Clerk, Deborrah Smith is too busy to do the accounting; so, she is contracting with Carolyn Harbison to do the accounting. She is the Clerk for 3 other NRCDs. Per Carolyn, she would need to get a check register and the bank statements to prepare the financial statements. She could use either a spreadsheet or QuickBooks to create the financial statements. It was suggested that she use a spreadsheet. Supervisor Coping recommended to have AACD (Carolyn Harbison) do the accounting. Supervisor King seconded it. The motion carried 5-0.

Interstate 11 Update: Per Supervisor Coping, nothing has changed in the plan to have the Interstate 11 (I-11) route start from just west of Sahuarita, thru the Avra Valley and connect with Interstate 8. The right-of-way is ½ mile wide would remove 41 homes and has enough width to include a railroad. She is concerned about the impact on wildlife and the migratory species. Private landowners are aware that wildfires and other natural events can alter the migratory paths of birds. There isn't any data on what flora and fauna would be impacted in the proposed pathway of the new highway because, due to past weaponization of the Endangered Species Act against them, rural citizens are loathe to share species occurrence information. We need a way to communicate the real facts to the agencies and also protect the privacy of cooperators. Per Supervisor DuHamel, I-11 would impact the water re-charge. Per Supervisor King, comments have been submitted in the past by the Pima NRCD. The Pima County Board of Supervisors is against the I-11 proposed route through the Avra Valley, but the Pima County manager, Chuck Huckleberry, supports it. Supervisor Chilton asked if we should initiate coordination, which costs a lot of money? It was suggested that Supervisor King and Coping should meet with Sharon Bronson (Pima County Supervisor) first to discuss their concerns. An interested party would need to collect data, identify the flora, fauna, and wildlife impacted, and retain it in a manner that ensures the privacy and security of landowners. ADOT is still taking comments on their EIS.

Supervisor & Clerk Reports:

- Supervisor DuHamel: He can't make the next meeting on February 9. It was agreed to move the next quarterly meeting to February 10, at 1:15 pm

