



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: July 13, 2021

Meeting Location: public teleconference

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:18 pm

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

Others: Brooke Gladden (AACD) Sarah King, Mary Miller and Julia Sittig (Altar Valley Conservation Alliance).

AACD Update: Per Brooke Gladden, the AACD Summer Conference will be August 9-11 at the Wigwam Resort. You must reserve a hotel room by July 19 and register for the conference by the end of July. On August 9, the AACD Board of Directors meeting will cover these items: company review, committee meetings and business meeting. At night, a silent auction will be held during the trade show mixer. On August 10, a series of panel discussions will be held on: surface-groundwater issues; conservation perspectives, & growing more food, conservation programs and local food, composting & donating & diversifying Markets for Agricultural Producers. During lunch, Gloria Green, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, will be the keynote speaker. At night, a local food, wine and beer tasting with a silent auction will be held. On August 11, Keisha Tatum (NRCS) will cover Resource Assessment and Local Work Groups. The Conserve AZ Portal and the Conservation Action Plan will also be discussed.

Altar Valley Conservation Alliance (AVCA): Per Sarah King, AVCA has been conducting a series of Rangeland workshops: soil science and brush management. A third workshop will be held by the end of August. Per Julia Sittig, the topics come from ranchers and this year the focus is seeding. They use information specific to Altar Valley such as precipitation and vegetation. They have used the information to develop a brush treatment matrix. Per Sarah King, they have promoted the workshops using their e-new list and partnering with NRCS and UofA Cooperative Extension. Materials are available on the UofA website. Sarah is requesting a \$3,000 sponsorship from PNRCD and a proposal has just been emailed to the Board. Per Jim Chilton, the PNRCD board will act on their proposal at the next PNRCD meeting. Per Supervisor King, AVCA has links to view the previous workshops.

30x30 Resolution: Per Supervisor Coping, we agree with the Governor's Letter concerns that Governor Ducey signed that no more land should be taken out of production. A big issue is conserving versus preserving. The Center for American Progress is behind it. She researched the facts from various sources. There are a lot of Conservation Easements in

Arizona. Per Supervisor Chilton, we should work with land owners to define what is conservation and should rely more on volunteer agreements. So, less land is purchased. He noted 3 wording changes to the Resolution that Supervisor Copping documented. Supervisor Copping made a **Motion** to accept Supervisor Chilton's changes and to forward the Resolution to AACD. Supervisor DuHamel seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Conservation Easement Position Statement: Per Supervisor Copping, this is not a resolution but a Position statement, a different way to look at Conservation Easements. The laws need to be changed to reduce the negative impacts. This Position Statement would be sent to AACD. **Motion:** Supervisor King moved to submit the Position Statement to AACD. Supervisor Copping seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Sonoran Desert Tortoise Workshop: Per Supervisor Copping, the Winkelman NRCD is sponsoring a Sonoran Desert Tortoise Workshop on July 21 from 10 am to 2 pm (lunch will be provided). AACD has the funding. The PCCE should sponsor a workshop to educate people on the Best Management Practices. We could partner with AACD, Altar Valley, or the Santa Cruz NRCD. So, a venue and dates needs to be identified. Supervisor Chilton suggested the Longhorn restaurant in Amado. Supervisor King suggested the end of August to hold the workshop. The Clerk will contact Deb Smith regarding the dates.

PNRCD & PCCE Financial Report:

Per the Clerk, the checking accounts balances are: PNRCD (\$18,036.88) and PCCE (\$22,346.12). The Fidelity Account balance is \$73,800.03. The PNRCD had net income of \$9,69.92 (Revenue (\$13,131.87) less Expenses (\$3,439.95)). The PCCE had net income of \$5,720.07 (Revenue (\$7,648.15) less Expenses (\$1928.26)). **Motion:** Supervisor Copping moved to file the Financial report. Supervisor King seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Arizona State Land Reports: The Clerk reviewed the 3 Request for Funds reports, the PCCE & PNRCD Plans of Work, and the PCCE & PNRCD Annual Reports. **Motion:** Supervisor Duhamel moved to approve the State Land reports. Supervisor King seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

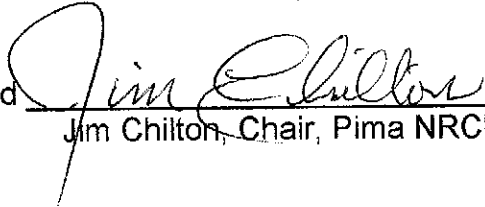
Supervisor & Clerk Reports: Supervisors: None.

Call to the Public: None

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm. Supervisor King moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor DuHamel seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Meeting Date: September 28, 2021 at Michas Restaurant (Tucson, AZ)

Final Minutes: Submitted by Chris Postel, Pima NRCD Clerk on September 28, 2021

Signed  9-28-2021
Jim Chilton, Chair, Pima NRCD/PCCE Date