**Agua Fria-New River NRCD**

**Board Meeting**

Meeting Location:

16251 West Glendale Avenue

Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

February 29, 2024

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Name Organization**

Cliff Amator Farm Bureau

Scott Schofield Adaman Water

Linda Dee Ecologic Solutions

Kelly Moss Mountain Shadow Dairy

Mike Moore Sycamore Farms (retired)

**CALL TO ORDER - Cliff**

 Cliff called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

**Establish a Quorum**

Yes quorum.

**APPROVAL Of past Meeting Minutes - Cliff**

 Cliff called for approval of the November 16, 2023 meeting minutes and Mike made a motion to approve. Linda seconded the motion. All in favor. The past minutes were passed unanimously.

**Financial Report – Scott**

Scott gave information on our current banking account.

Scott passed out the financial statement.

Expenses included meeting expenses, ag education donations, etc.

End of year balance - $74,932.58

Cliff and Scott are now the authorized check signers.

Cliff called for a motion of approval of the minutes. Mike made a motion and Linda seconded. All in favor. The financial statement was passed unanimously.

**District Board Elections and Nominations - Cliff**

Postponed until communication with AACD and State Land.

**Ed Center Report – Linda Dee**

The AZ Ed Center Report is attached.

NACD Annual Conference on February in San Diego - Linda

Linda attended the conference. The theme was ‘Operation Conservation.’ It was well attended with a number of interesting speakers and numerous panel discussions. We heard from the leader of NACD and NRCS.

**Other Business** –

Note: AACD is currently posting meeting minutes and agendas on their website.

AACD1944.com/AFNR

They will post our announcement of meetings, agenda, and minutes on their website.

**Call for Supervisors Comments - None**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the Adaman Water District on May 16, 2024.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Dee

Attachments

**Agua Fria-New River NRCD Quarterly Ed Center Report**

**February 29, 2024**

**By: Linda Dee**

The Agua Fria-New River NRCD Education Center continues to focus its educational efforts on the Arizona State Envirothon.

The AZ State Envirothon Committee is busily preparing for the 2024 Completion. It will be held at the R-C Scout Ranch in Payson, AZ on April 5-6. There was a training day at the Gilbert Riparian Preserve on November 4. The second training session took place on December 2 at the Hassayampa River Preserve. And the final training was an online presentation with a panel providing information on the current topic, which is ‘Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future.’

As we know, students are tested at the eco-stations focusing on four major topics. The natural resource competition measures students’ knowledge, including field skills, in aquatic ecology, water quality, forestry and wildlife management, soil science, land use and agriculture, then requires students to apply their knowledge to address an ecological challenge.

As stated, the focus issue for this year is ‘Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future.’ Consider the challenges of energy facing all of us today. Fossil fuels vs. electric is on everyone’s mind. So what can be done? Education can help and here is where Envirothon steps in. It educates our youth about the nature of our resources and what they can do for the thoughtful management and sustainability of those resources.

A big banner will be hung on the competition site in Payson with the AFNR NRCD logo prominently displayed. Also, please note that recognition on the AZ Envirothon website will find the AFNR NRCD listed in the Executive Circle as a major sponsor along with SRP.

The Arizona State Envirothon thanks the AFNR District for its continued sponsorship of this important, natural resource education program.