

APACHE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES, NRCS FIELD OFFICE  
823 E MAIN STREET – SPRINGERVILLE, ARIZONA  
1/23/2024 6pm

1. Chairman, Daric Knight, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM Board Members present were: Daric Knight, Chairman Kevin Burk, member, Milo Andrus: Treasurer, Macky Tricky Vice Chairman; Heather Lee, clerk, Kelsey Taylor, USDA-NRCS; Kent Curly USDA-NRCS; Jon Orona, DFFM Gaston Porterie, Contract Forestry Assistant DFFM, Malena Hannah, MHC
2. Board reviewed minutes from: 11/28/2023. Kevin made motion to accept the minutes as written. Milo Seconded motion, motion passed.

Daric made an amendment to the Agenda to move update on the Nutrioso Fuels project in front of Reports in order for Malena to make it home safely due to weather

Malina provided an update on the Nutrioso Fuels project: Grant closes March 2025, looking at completing work on approximately 208 acres. Few hang ups on ease of completion: lack of timber contractors, and the rise in cost. Cooperators with work done Casto, Farrelley, still working with Dwerys and Chee. Request for drawdown for 10% match totaling \$ 1309.96 for fuels treatment on Casto property and \$1871.37 for fuels treatment on Dave Farrelly to be paid to the county

3. Reports: *(reports may be submitted in writing, presented orally, or both, and may be discussed and voted upon).*
  - AZ Association of Conservation Districts – Daric gave quick update on WIFFA grant and winter legislation
    - USDA-NRCS – conservation programs- Kent Curley provided an oral report on conservation programs
    - USDA- Forest Service – pertaining to conservation programs – Not Present
    - Arizona Game and Fish –Heather is Contact with Elizabeth about District assistance with signage on the RiverWalk.
    - Apache Farm Bureau – Milo provided a brief update on Ag Fest. Heather brought new AITC books in.
    - U of A Coop Extension-Not Present
    - BLM - Not Present
    - US Fish & Wildlife - pertaining to conservation programs - Not Present
    - State Forestry (DFFM)- Jon Orona updated on Y fuels, Little Colorado River, and other projects DFFM is working on. Recommend looking at the HFI grant for potential thinning projects.
    - AZ State Land Dept. - Not Present
  - District Operations/ Education Center operations- Heather provided updates on the archival system, cooperator contact list and the 4-H Thank you letters the District has received. Overpayment on bond was received and to be deposited in the local account.
  - District Technical Advisors – pertaining to local district programs meeting- None Present
  - Other Agency Representatives – None Present

4. Old Business:

A)WIFA grant updates- Daric reported on the Old Concho Water Conservation & Efficiency Program grant to be completed December 2026. Daric updated the board on the Conservation District Support Agreement with AACD. This agreement would allow AACD to provide support and management of grants the District receives . Macky made a motion for the Apache NRCD to support the agreement as written. Kevin 2nd motion, Milo recused himself from voting. Daric Signed Contract

B)Nutrioso Fuels Project – Malena Hannah ( moved to beginning of agenda)

C)WPF – Dobson Timberline Ranch- Daric provided update. Management of the grant will be covered in the above stated agreement.

D)RCPP Grant – is held up at the National Office

E) DFFM Grant- Heather provided the board with an update on DFFM grant of \$12,000. Working on finalizing the budget and timeline with DFFM. Requested to the board to consider a in kind donation for the cost of DNA testing some heritage orchard trees. Kevin made a motion to not exceed \$2000 on DNA testing. Milo Seconded motion. Motion passed

E)Resource Assessments – nothing to update.

5. New Business:

A) Elections- Daric is up for election, The board reviewed the process, Heather will post a notification in the paper. Requested for the board to fill 3 positions needed for elections. Milo Andrus will be the inspector, Macky Tricky and Kevin Burk will be the two judges needed.

B) Policy Book- Discussion was had on the need for a policy book in order to fulfill the requirements for grants. Macky made a motion to accept the Apache NRCD Policy and Procedures handbook as written. Milo Seconded motion, motion passed. Recommend to review each part of the policy book in future meetings

C)New Cooperators-None

D) Pay Bills Heather provided bill for hours and expenses for reimbursement: Milo made motion to accept hours and expense reimbursement, Macky seconded motion, Motion passed. No other bills for the district.

6. Approval of District Financial /Ed Center Reports- Milo made a motion to approve audit as presented, Macky 2nd motion, motion passed.

7. Call to the Public (*This is the time for public comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Matters raised by the public may be scheduled for consideration at a later date.*)

8. Executive Session (*The Board may vote to enter into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of USDA-NRCS records exempted by law from public inspection that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by federal law pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §37-431.03(A)(2).*)

9. Announcements of future meeting date: Feb 27th at 6pm

10. Kevin made motion to adjourn, Macky Seconded motion meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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