

Big Sandy
Natural Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 3506
Kingman, AZ 86402

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON October 18, 2023 2:00 pm

In attendance:

Beatrice Zueger	Vice Chairman
Brenda Stockbridge	Secretary/Treasurer
Myron Storing	Supervisor
Emmett Sturgill	Supervisor

Advisors/Contractors:

Kathy Hicks	Advisor Technical
Garth Steed	Advisor Farming
Wayne Hollins	Water Conservation Consultant

Visitors:

Amanda Dodson –	BLM Manager Kingman field office
Edward Cimi	AZGFD
Carrie Wostal	BLM Law Enforcement Ranger

1. Call to Order at 2:00 pm

2. Introductions:

3. **Approve Minutes** for meeting of Meetings July 21, phone meeting of September 29 and August 31, 2023. Motion by Emmett, 2nd by Brenda, Approved

4. Treasurer Report

Move to file by Emmett 2nd by Myron Approved

5. NRCS, ASLD, BLM, AZ G&F, Fish & Wildlife, & other agencies reports-

Amanda gave a report concerning burros & staff. Carrie Wostal reported about dumps & campers Carrie Wostal Cell 480-239-2994, 24 hr dispatch 800-637-9152, cwostal@blm.gov

AZ G&F Edward Cimi gave a report about this season's surveys

6. Mohave County, Guest & Partners –

Solar for pumping Farm wells – Garth Steed spoke of the need for alternative energy to replace diesel. Solar is not entirely feasible because of the need to pump at night and the cost of batteries. Currently natural gas appears to be the best alternative. Although the application for solar said 12,000 acres, far fewer acres would be in actual use. The farm has been shut down for 240 days as of Oct 18.

Education Center

7. Water Conservation Education

Wayne Hollins – Water Conservation Education-Wayne has been giving classes on water harvesting and planning a demonstration on rain water harvesting.

8. Update In-the-classroom

Per Marge, she and her partner Tammy Hinman are very busy and all but one school is participating.

Administrative

9. Request for funds, and Bills.

Motion to approve funding of all Big Sandy's bills and \$1,000 Dues to NACD motion made by Myron, 2nd by Beatrice, Approved

10. Call to Public.

New Business

11. Next regular meeting

To be determined

12. Adjourn.

3:00 pm

Accepted By: Anita M. Waite Date: 1-17-2024
Chairman Anita Waite