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Patina Thompson, Admin. Coordinator

February 28, 2024 NRCD Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Willcox-San Simon NRCD Board of Supervisors, was held at 12:00pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at Maid Rite Feeds, 225 S Railroad Avenue in Willcox, AZ.

Supervisors and Advisors Present:

Tina Thompson – Chairman

Alan Seitz – Member

Peggy Judd – Cochise County Supervisor

Francis Grill – Cooperator

Joel Sayre

Amy Humphrey – Team 8 Lead Natural Resource Conservation Service

Shaun Thompson – Cooperator

Katherine Hamberger

Patina Thompson – Administrative Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:14pm.

Welcome guests: A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes: The December 14, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly financial report and budget were reviewed. The balance in the State account is \$74,976.51. The Local account balance is \$99,035.33. The balance in the Project Account is \$3,972.59. The total of all accounts is \$107,984.43.

Guest Reports:

Peggy Judd – nothing to report

Francis Grill – nothing to report

Joel Sayre had questions about water conservation efforts in the valley

Shaun Thompson – nothing to report

Katherine Hamberger – Katherine is a new coordinator for the Sulphur Springs Water Alliance (SSWA) and funded through the Lincoln Institute.

Alan Seitz – nothing to report

Reports: a. Amy Humphrey presented her NRCS report (attached) and Willcox received 40 applications ActNow is an initiative that targeted specific practices through NRCS and Team 8 has 15 contracts completed. Discussed significant staff reductions in Field 8. Only three planners are left – Millie Titla, Amy Humphrey and Chase Skaarer remain to help producers. Katie Cline is picking up some

of the workload on the range side.

- b. Tina Thompson – AACD Project Updates and NRCD Project Updates – see attached report.

New Business:

- a. Cooperator Contributions - \$325 as of July 1, 2023.
- b. Update on Rural Water Assurance Foundation (RWAFF) – Alan reported that they are focusing on three areas; homeowners, recharge projects, and future expansion.
- c. Sulphur Springs Valley Water Alliance (SSVWA) – see attached report and Katherine Hamberger is the Coordinator that was hired.
- d. 2024 Riggs Field Day – maybe Thursday, August 22nd. Amy will check with NRCS staff for date.
- e. Water Monitoring – no update.
- f. Cooperator of the Year signs – Patina gave an update regarding the replacement signs and has one more to order for M Triangle Ranch.
- g. Investment / Money Market account – Patina will look into a CD or money market at Western Bank, since our accounts are already there.
- h. 2024 Election Update - Amber Morin’s resignation – we will email Shaun a write-in candidate form and Francis wants some time to think about it.
- i. Natural Resource Conservation Commission – see attached report.
- j. Lithium Mine Proposal for Willcox Playa. Tina asked for permission to write a letter but it will be addressed at a later date.

Old Business:

- a. NACD Annual Dues – Gold Membership paid in October 2023.

Cooperating Agency Reports:

- a. See report above.

Correspondence & Items of Interest: None

Adjourn: Tina adjourned the meeting at 1:54pm. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 15th at 1PM at the Maid Rite conference room.**

Respectfully submitted:

Approval, NRCD Secretary
Submitted to ASLD via e-mail
Original on file in the Willcox-San Simon NRCD Office

Approval Date: