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Alan Seitz, Advisor
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Calvin Allred, Advisor
Patina Thompson, Admin. Coordinator

July 22, 2021 NRCD Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Willcox-San Simon NRCD Board of Supervisors, was held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Maid Rite Feeds, 225 S Railroad Avenue in Willcox, AZ.

Supervisors and Advisors Present:

Tina Thompson – President
Matt Klump – Member
Eva Morin – Secretary / Treasurer via phone
Alan Seitz - Advisor
Patina Thompson – Administrative Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Tina Thompson at 9:08 AM. A quorum was present.

Welcome guests: No guests present.

Approval of Minutes: The June 22, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. Eva moved to approve the minutes. John seconded.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly financial report and budget were reviewed. The monthly financial report and budget were reviewed. The balance in the State account is \$2,286.51. The Local account balance is \$98,906.06. The balance in the Project Account is \$18,750.00. The total of all accounts is \$119,942.57. Matt moved to file the NRCD financials. John seconded. Motion passes. Note that for 21-22 we may go back to an EXCEL type financial reporting instead of Quickbooks.

Guest Reports:

- None

Reports:

- a. **Tina Thompson – AACD Update:**
 - Patina Thompson has been awarded Administrative Clerk of the year and T & T Farms has been awarded the Conservation Farmer of the year. Award ceremony is August 10th at 12pm. It is customary for the NRCD that nominated the awardee to pay for their hotel room and rooms are \$95 per night plus tax and registration fees we incur. Registration fees are \$35/day per person. Eva made a motion to pay the two hotel rooms and all registration fees for the 2021 AACD meeting. Matt seconded. Motion passed. Eva moved that we pay Patina \$20 per hour for 12 hrs per day (\$240 per day) to attend the AACD Convention plus mileage and meals. John seconded. Motion passed. The Willcox-San Simon NRCD will provide a basket for the Ed Center fundraising raffle.

- Resolutions and Policies – two new resolutions need to be reviewed and discussed. Copies were sent to everyone to review and they will be discussed/voted on at the AACD Summer Conference. Matt made a motion to create a policy that the Willcox-San Simon NRCD does not support perpetual conservation easements. John seconded. Motion passed. The Policy will be added to the August agenda for signature. The Board discussed the 30/30 initiative and they do not support it. The Board discussed the ASLD Recreation issues and the Board is in support of it.
- b. **Tina Thompson - AACD Projects Update:**
 - **NRCS Contribution Agreement.** Our Application has been approved and our 2021-2022 contract has been signed. NRCS will provide \$15,000 for field data collection and WSS will provide \$5,000 in match with volunteer time and travel.
 - **NACD Technical Assistance Grant.** Total project funds = \$85,000.00 - \$75,000 from NACD, WSS NRCD will match \$7,000 and AACD \$3,000. With this grant we will partner up with Whitewater Draw and AACD and complete Archaeological Clearances in Willcox-San Simon and Whitewater Draw Districts and will do monitoring work for both districts. With our \$7,000 we will buy and install rain gauges. We have about 20 gauges and are waiting for direction from the Willcox Field Office as to where they would like them installed. We will contract Patina Thompson to install the rain gauges in areas determined most beneficial by the Willcox NRCS field office.
 - **Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Project.** This program is about USDA's Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service working together to improve the health of forests where public forests and grasslands connect to privately owned lands. Project priorities are: Reduce Wildfire Risk (Fuel Reduction), Protecting Water Quality and Enhancing Wildlife Habitat. Tina has contacted numerous landowners that border or are close to the boundaries of the Forest Service. So far, eight producers are interested in supporting and participation in this project. We are aiming to have an application together for the 2022 application time in June of 2022. The next meeting is July 29th to discuss the next steps.
 - **Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape.** Tina attended the 7/14/21 meeting. Ellen Parish with Diablo Trust and Stephanie Teskey with the Az Dept of Ag talked about the huge increase in outdoor recreation during the covid pandemic and continuing today. Public lands have been inundated with recreational traffic. Along with that, has been an increase in outdoor recreational emergency calls and an increase in cattle related crimes. Diablo Trust is sponsoring a Recreation summit on August 12th in Flagstaff. They will have a speaker from Utah that will talk about the ways they have been using technology for monitoring recreation activities. They would also like to work on promoting recreation ethics. You can find out more on their website. Deborah is attending a webinar for the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) to find out more details.

New Business:

- a. Cooperator Contributions - \$5,450 from Klump Ranches, Diamond Mountain Retreat, Alanna Riggs, Brent & Kim Haas, Riverview, Clay Riggs (Cimmaron and Oak Ranch), Shane & Patina Thompson, Kolin Kramme, Roger Garey, Shelton's, Cienega Ranch as of 7/13/21. YY Ranch and AZ Land & Water Trust have paid their Newsletter sponsorships for 2021. A sponsorship request has been sent to Tyler Bowen with Corteva Agriscience.
- b. Supervisor hours
- c. Water Monitoring Systems – it's still in the works - see Amy's report for information.
- d. AACD Summer Conference – August 9-11

- e. NRC D Reports - Plan of Work and Financial Applications submitted on 7/20/21. The reporting system does not seem to have improved and they are very hard to report and follow. There needs to be a change for next year.
- f. Riggs Field Day – September 1, 2021, update on sponsors. September 1st 2021 at the El Dorado Community Center. SSVEC donated \$1,000 towards prizes and what is left can go towards lunch. Maid Rite Feeds will sponsor the buckles at \$380.00. Gila Valley NRC D will donate \$500 toward lunch. Cochise County Farm Bureau will provide volunteers to prepare and serve lunch. Tina is going to ask Valley Telecom for a donation towards lunch. Their board meeting is the 28th of July. Tina called Kendrick with Big Tex and he quoted \$12.49 per plate if they deliver and serve but \$7.86 per plate if we pick up and serve it ourselves. We need to get a porta pot. We need to recruit a helper with the Wildlife portion as the AZGFD WM's are not available. Tina suggested we move the Riggs Field Day back to the Ed Center since it's an educational program. AACD may also have funds available via a grant. Nutrien will also donate \$250 to Riggs Field Day.
- g. Resolutions for AACD meeting (see above).
- h. We have received Q1, Q2 and Q3 payments for the Contribution Agreement, and will submit the Q4 next month to complete the 2020-2021 contract with NRCS.
- i. Discuss signors at Western Bank. Matt moved that we remove Tedd Haas from the Western Bank accounts and get a new debit card for the NRC D Local accout issued in Patina's name. Matt seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a. None

Cooperating Agency Reports:

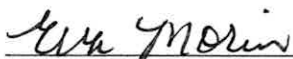
- a. See attached report from Amy Humphrey. The NRC D Board will meet early, at 8AM for the next meeting to go over current and prior year EQIP funding levels and numbers of producers. This is confidential information.

Correspondence & Items of Interest:

- a. None

Adjourn: Tina adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the Maid Rite conference room at 8:00 AM.**

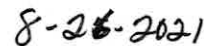
Respectfully submitted:



Approval, NRC D Secretary

Submitted to ASLD via e-mail

Original on file in the Willcox-San Simon NRC D Office



Approval Date: