



Pima Natural Resource Conservation District
Pima Center for Conservation Education, Inc.
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Draft Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of the Pima Natural Resource Conservation District (PNRCD)

Telephonic Meeting Date: July 12, 2022

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:00 pm

Supervisors-Clerk: Jim Chilton, Cindy Coping, Jonathan DuHamel, Patricia King, and Liz Tuck (Clerk). A quorum was present.

Discuss/approve May 24, 2022 and June 14, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Supervisor Coping moved to approve the minutes for May 24 and June 14, 2022. Supervisor Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Review/Approve Financial reports. The Annual Financial Statements were not approved due to an error in transcribing the final Fidelity account balance. Chair Chilton asked Supervisor Coping to contact the bookkeeper to rectify the report. Supervisor Coping agreed to the request.

Approve payment of \$42.90 for Jetpack subscription for Pima NRCD website. The software protects the website from brute force attacks, blocks spam and provides an offsite website backup service.

Motion: Supervisor King moved to approve the expense and Supervisor DuHamel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Discuss/Approve invoices from Chris Postel and Liz Tuck. Chris' invoice was \$60.00. Liz submitted two invoices: \$ 517.38 for work as Clerk to Pima NRCD and \$ 87.50 for PCCE work. **Motion**: Supervisor King moved to approve the expenses and Supervisor DuHamel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Chair Chilton stated that other than the excellent comments that Supervisor Coping has submitted, the Board is not using its funds for the good of the cause. He suggested that Pima NRCD support Altar Valley Conservation Alliance by offering matching funds for grants. An example was providing \$5,000 to match a \$50,000 grant. Several supervisors agreed with this idea. Supervisor King said she would contact the Alliance to get an update on their grant submissions and whether they would welcome this support.

The Director of the Ed Center, Liz Tuck, stated that the \$5,000 approved at the last meeting would not be sufficient to build a website. Chair Chilton asked her to gather bids from web developers. It was agreed that a special meeting would be called to

discuss the matter so that The Ed Center could start work before the September meeting.

Chair Chilton asked Supervisor DuHamel to post his newsletters on Pima NRCD's current website. The Chair requested that the articles be grouped by topic so that a user could study the matter in depth. Supervisor DuHamel agreed to the request.

Discuss/Approve Annual Report for Pima NRCD and PCCE

Some minor changes were suggested to the narrative, and it was noted that financial information that had been submitted was not shown in the printout. Supervisor Coping offered to assist the Clerk and ensure that the Annual Reports are accurate.

Motion: Supervisor DuHamel moved to approve both Annual Reports subject to the changes discussed. Supervisor Coping seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Discuss letter from AZ Dept of Water Management Area (TAMA)

Chair Chilton discussed the letter from TAMA, stating that the 5th Water Management Plan for the Tucson area has been adopted. The ruling lays out the future of water usage. Ranchers like Chair Chilton and the King ranch should not be affected because they are grandfathered in. However, it is concerning that this may adversely affect some of the Pima NRCD Cooperators. Chair Chilton stated he would like Pima NRCD to hold a work group meeting on this topic. He will contact the AZ Dept of Water Resources to see if they will provide a speaker to explain the new water management plan. Chair Chilton asked the clerk to get out notices to all the Cooperators if a speaker is available.

Supervisor Reports

Supervisor King reported that a Pima NRCD cooperator broke his leg and is in the hospital. His wife has Covid.

Supervisor Coping mentioned anecdotal evidence suggesting that active Covid cases are widespread currently, all across the country.

Chair Chilton mentioned the article "Cattle Calling" in *Tucson Lifestyle Magazine* features the McGibbon's ranch and is an excellent article.

Discuss date for next meeting

The meeting will be held **Tuesday September 13, 2022, at 1:00**. It will be a telephone meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02.

Draft Minutes: Submitted by Liz Harris-Tuck, Pima NRCD Clerk, on July 14, 2022

Signed _____

Jim Chilton, Chair, Pima NRCD/PCCE

Date September 13, 2022