



Pima Natural Resource Conservation District
Pima Center for Conservation Education, Inc.
3241 N. Romero Road
Tucson, AZ 85705



Friday, March 31, 2023 meeting minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM

Supervisors present: Andrew McGibbon, Jonathan DuHamel, Cindy Coping

Supervisor DuHamel motioned to approve minutes of January 24, 2023. Supervisor McGibbon 2nd Motion passed 3-0

Supervisor DuHamel motioned to approve two invoices for payment (\$1,533.00 to Blossom for website services and \$235.37 to Cindy Coping to reimburse AACD travel/hotel expenses). Supervisor McGibbon 2nd Motion passed 3-0

Supervisor DuHamel motioned to approve, upon submission of receipts, reimbursement for supervisor costs to attend AACD Board meeting and Legislative Day April 2 and 3. Supervisor McGibbon 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

Supervisor DuHamel motioned to approve transfer of \$2,590.43 from the Ed Center checking account to the State checking account to reimburse costs of website development for the Ed Center. Supervisor McGibbon 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

Supervisor DuHamel motioned to approve the proposed resolution (published in the meeting agenda) regarding HB2444. Supervisor McGibbon 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

Supervisor DuHamel motioned to approve a resolution opposing the RFID mandate in the proposed APHIS rule. Supervisor McGibbon 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

Supervisor DuHamel motioned to approve the following resolution regarding springs:

“Springs on Private & State Land

Whereas, many Arizona natural springs are located on private property and State of Arizona grazing lease land;

Whereas, ranchers develop, maintain and utilize natural springs and put water to beneficial use;

Whereas, livestock, terrestrial and aquatic wildlife and birds utilize water at natural springs;

Whereas, most springs need to be maintained over time to promote and protect water flow;

Whereas, evidence demonstrates that fencing natural springs from livestock use, results, in most cases, in consumption by phreatophytes (high water-use plants) of all surface water previously available to wildlife, birds and livestock;

Whereas, the United States and Arizona constitutions protect private property, water rights and privacy rights;

Be it Resolved, the Pima Natural Resource Conservation District, on behalf of District Cooperators, demands property rights and privacy rights be respected and strongly objects to any Arizona Department of Water Resources and/or Department of Water Quality any regulatory action to take control of or preserve natural springs on private property or on Arizona State Land Department leased grazing land.”

Supervisor McGibbon 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

Supervisor DuHamel motioned to approve the purchase of the proposed website plug-in that would automatically post a Facebook feed to the Ed Center’s website. Supervisor McGibbon 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

Next in-person meeting May 9 still approved.

Meeting adjourned 1:14 pm