

**Verde Natural Resource Conservation District
National Park Service
395 Street, Camp Verde
Conference Room
April 8, 2016
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by Chairman Allen
2. **Introductions:** In attendance: Supervisors Allen, Norton, And Jensen. From TNC: Riley Scottlebury, Raelynn Byars, and Kim Schonek. NRCS: Shai Schendel. Ed Center Director Erin Cody, District Clerk Laura Cox and guest: Dexter Allen.
3. **Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Norton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jensen. Approved unanimously.
4. **Presentations/Information/Reports**
 - a. NRCS Report: Shai Schendel reported that she is just back from a rangeland meeting, not too much new to report, has meet with a Cornville gourmet mushroom operator with potential for hoop house. More CSPs in state, conservation planning training and workshops next month, a week long class with three days in the field during 2nd week of May. Several Board members and TNC interns expressed interest in participating. Written report distributed to attendees.
 - b. TNC: Kim Schonek: various plans moving forward, 15 acres in barley, looking at other crops.
 - c. Supervisor Reports: Allen: reminded Board of upcoming Birding Festival, Jensen: working with Ed Center on field trips, Norton: working on pollinator habitat improvement, native grass restoration, wetland creation study and V-Werks to be held in September 2016 in Camp Verde.
 - d. Education Center: reviewed written report and working on grants.
 - e. District Clerk Report: Several upcoming expenses \$1200 to State Association and stated the need to have VERDE NRCD laptop "cleaned," Supervisor Norton provided a local name to do the work.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Review Local Work Group Meeting: Supervisor Norton provided Board with initial results from Local Work Group meeting highlighting Priority Resource Concerns written summary. Final version will be made at May Board meeting. NRCS Schendel suggested a one day workshop sponsored by the VERDE NRCD. The idea was met with enthusiasm by Board and other attendees. TNC has money available for event. Supervisor Norton suggested that the LWG Committee be charged with the responsibility for putting an event together.
 - b. Strategic Plan Review: Supervisor Norton suggested Strategic Plan should be updated with results from LWG meeting.
 - c. Conservation Planning Activities: Meeting at Tres Brisas and with owner of 8 acres who is very interested in a Conservation Plan
 - d. Alter-Native Event: Supervisor Norton will be setting up at 7AM, District Clerk will get Verde NRCD brochure updated and reprinted.
6. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM by Chairman Allen.