

Verde Natural Resource Conservation District

MINUTES

August 12, 2016

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Allen at 9 A.M.
2. **Attendance:** Supervisors Allen, Norton and Toraason. District Clerk: Cox. Advisors: NRCS Shai Schendel, UA Extension Lisa Page, Ed Center Director: Erin Cody, guest: Rich Sherlock
3. **Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Norton moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Supervisor Toraason, approved unanimously.
4. **Call to the Public:** Guest Sherlock asked if local tribes were working with Verde NRCD or NRCS. Shai Schendel responded that her office works directly with tribe. Also asked if Board was familiar with tannins as byproducts of winemaking. Supervisor Norton indicated that in California vineyard water is recycled and that the Board should explore situation in the Verde Valley.
5. **Presentations/Information/Reports**
 - a. Agency reports – NRCS: District Conservationist Shai Schendel reported on funding periods, 2 developing plans, Hauser approval, new northern Arizona project, does not have 2017 deadlines yet, attended annual AACD meeting, almost completed Dyck Plan with hopes of securing EQIP funding.
 - b. UA Agricultural Extension Office: rescue ramp report: donated power coating.
 - c. Supervisor reports – Allen: will receive \$1600 from Forest Service for purchase of rescue ramps, will visit local school for volunteers, also needs about 20 volunteers to make Verde River Day successful. Toraason: will report her volunteer hours, Norton: last fall Hauser planted 15 acres of hops at Shield Ranch, a successful crop, will plant 75 acres this year and Norton is in the process of setting up a malt house in Camp Verde. Both of these efforts are designed to accommodate varying flows of the river.
 - d. Education Center: Erin Cody presented written monthly report.
 - e. District Clerk Report: presented monthly financial report and year to date budget. Clerk suggested a letter to the Arizona State Land Department for NRCD help and resources.
6. **New agenda items**
 - a. Supervisor Norton moved to approve the creation of an Environmental Ed Center Committee to develop bylaws and articles of incorporation for an Environmental Ed Center Board of Directors. Seconded by Supervisor Toraason, approved unanimously. Committee to include Supervisors Norton and Toraason and Ed Center Director Cody.
 - b. District Clerk requested funding for website training. Supervisor Toraason moved to allow Clerk to spend up to \$300 on training. Supervisor Norton seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.
 - c. Verde River Day event and participation: Chairman Allen reported: Annual event to be held on September 24th. Will need about 20 volunteers to handle crowds. Set up at 7 AM. Ed Center Director Cody will check with Mingus High School to see if there are any students available. It was determined that an Ed Center booth is not a good use of resources as last year only 15 people stopped at booth. She thinks it would be better use of time to work with the boaters.
7. **The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.**