

**Verde Natural Resource Conservation District
National Park Service
527 Main Street
Conference Room
December 9, 2016
MINUTES**

- 1. The meeting of the VERDE NRCD Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairman Norton.**
- 2. In Attendance:** Supervisors Norton, Jensen and B. Hauser. Guests: John Ford, TNC; Rich Sherlock, Co-Operator; Kendal Hicks, NRCS and Laura Cox, District Clerk
- 3. Purpose of the Meeting: planning for Local Work Group and Small Irrigators Program.**
 - a.** Priority: set dates. After discussion Board determined that the Small Irrigators Program would be held on 2/24/17 between the hours of 10 and 2 (or 3 PM). The “Save the Date” notice should be ready for mailing no later than 1/13 with a follow up reminder one week before the meeting. District Clerk will prepare the notice for Board approval before year end.
 - b.** The LWG meeting was scheduled for March 24, 2017.
 - c.** Invitees to Small Irrigators Program: All local irrigation associations and Verde NRCD co-operators. Ditch “bosses” will be contacted to determine best method of reaching out to shareholders. Responses should be received by 12/16/16. Ditches will be contacted by the following:
 1. Pioneer, Eureka, Verde: Supervisor Norton
 2. Diamond S: Supervisor Jensen
 3. Wingfield 1 and 4: Supervisor Jensen via Kim Schonek (TNC)
 - d.** Small Irrigators Program
 1. Presentations from: NRCS, Co-op Extension, Bureau of Reclamation.
 2. Supervisor Norton will contact: Water Smart and Co-Op extension (Schlau)
 3. Board will work with Shai Schendel (NRCS District Conservationist) for assistance in reaching out to Bureau of Reclamation, NRCS Outreach Co-coordinator, Allison Hatch and Rainfall Simulator.

4. Suggested afternoon field trip to parcels with 3 different types of soil (not yet identified).
5. Possible box lunch for participants (will need semi-accurate count prior to meeting).
6. B. Hauser asked if there were funds available in budget. District Clerk indicated there was sufficient cash available to pay for printing, postage and lunches. Supervisor Norton suggested future events may require funding outreach.
7. Kendall Hicks provided information about the "Urban and Agricultural Irrigation Lab."
8. Board members stressed the need for follow up to the program, asking the question "Are we making a difference?"

e. Local Work Group

1. Save the Date: out by middle of February.
2. Presentation to Board: January 2017 meeting.

4. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM