

**Verde Natural Resource Conservation District
National Park Service
527 Main Street
Conference Room
May 12, 2017
MINUTES**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norton at 9:05 AM**
- 2. In Attendance:** Supervisors B. Hauser, Toraason, Jensen and Norton; Erin Cody, Ed Center Director; John Ford, TNC; Joey Dahms, NRCS and Laura Cox, District Clerk.
- 3. Supervisor Jensen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Toraason, approved unanimously.**
- 4. Presentations/Information/Reports**
 - a. Agency reports – NRCS: Joey Dahms reported that all funds for current cycle have been allocated.
 - b. Advisor reports – TNC: John Ford said that 20 acres of drip irrigation will be completed in June. TNC is also working on better systems and strategies to improve small acreage irrigation as current costs are very expensive (\$10,000 for 2 acres). Soil moisture testing maybe a better way to reduce water use.
 - c. Volunteer hours: Clerk reminded Board to keep track of their volunteer hours.
 - d. Supervisor reports: Jensen: busy month included Alternative Event and Birding Festival. Norton: State of the Watershed Meeting, all towns engaged, more than half of the attendees (about 200) were from outside the Verde Valley, Representative O'Halloran sent Chip Davis to attend in his stead.
 - e. Education Center: Ed Center Director reviewed her written report and provided the Board with copies of the 2016-2017 Water Stewardship Program Survey Report.
- 5. New agenda items**
 - a. Review, discuss preliminary Verde NRCD 2018-2019 ASLD Plan of Work: Board members reviewed the report and requested the following changes: create a separate bullet for all Ed Center references, add several partners and check on sources of funding.
 - b. Review, discuss preliminary Verde NRCD ASLD 2018-2019 Request for Funds: Board members reviewed the report and suggested no changes.
 - c. Supervisor Jensen moved to approve the Environmental Ed Center 2018-2019 ASLD Annual Plan of Work and Request for Funds. The motion was seconded by Supervisor B. Hauser and approved unanimously.
 - d. The Board agreed to move the June meeting from Friday, June 9th to Thursday, June 8th at 2 PM at the request of the District Clerk.
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. The follow up to the Local Work Group meeting was postponed to the June Board meeting.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.**