

**Verde Natural Resource Conservation District
Camp Verde Community Library
130 Black Bridge Loop Road
November 3, 2023**

Minutes

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by Supervisor B. Hauser**
- 2. Attendance:** Supervisors B. Hauser, C. Hauser, Jensen, District Clerk Cox, ASLD Jackie Thomas, TNC representative Ford, NRCS Sierra Frylundund
- 3. Consent Agenda:** Supervisor C. Hauser moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jensen and approved unanimously.
- 4. Presentations/Information/Reports**
 - a. Agency reports –NRCS: waiting for EQUIP deadlines-could be February, should be getting a large sum of money, Kyle is hoping for 20 high tunnels, cost sharing doesn't take into account inflation.
 - b. Advisor reports – TNC: Lots of activity, working on WIFA grant, waiting for final agreement, hopes to start on projects this year, preparing to start on pivots at Park Central.
 - c. Supervisor reports: C. Hauser is waiting for engineering reports, first pecan harvest in January 2024, giving tour at farm today, Jensen: researching Cottonwood Ditch history.
 - d. District Clerk Report

All items listed below are for Board discussion, possible action, and assignments:

- 5. Old Business**
 - a. WIFA Grant updates-Chairman Norton is working on agreements along with Verde Ditch, WIFA board and TNC. Waiting for final documents.
 - b. Environmental Education Center Discussion and Updates. Jackie Thomas will address other options for Education Centers: keep an Ed Center entity if we want to continue to receive state funding, lots of other options to Discovery Center including adult education and funding other related activities with outside organizations. Any agreement is solely related to the Discovery Center, no one else can use the name Environmental Education Center, agreement should acknowledge that the assets have value.
 - c. Review of Adjudication Workshop held on October 6, 2023: well attended and very pertinent to local community concerns.
 - d. NAU proposal: Chris moved to explore details and complete due diligence on proposal. Seconded by Supervisor C. Hauser, approved unanimously.
- 6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor B. Hauser at 10 AM.**