

**Verde Natural Resource Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Friday, June 20, 2025

MINUTES

- 1) **The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairman Norton.**
- 2) **Attendance:** Supervisors Norton, B. Hauser, C. Hauser and Ross. Guests: Jackie Thomas ASLD, Chris Hart NRCS, Andy Clark and John Ford TNC, Caleb Miller Co-op Extension and Mandy Roesch USFS. District Clerk Cox
- 3) **Consent Agenda:** Supervisor B. Hauser moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for moving items c and d (approval of 2025 Plan of Work for the District and Ed Center) to new business. The motion was seconded by Supervisor C. Hauser and approved unanimously.
- 4) **Presentations/Information/Reports**
 - a) Advisor reports
 - John Ford introduced Andy Clark as a new TNC employee who will be coordinating agriculture and water projects with soil moisture meters and YAN on piping.
 - b) Agency reports
 - Jackie Thomas, ASLD: Jackie is a range resource specialist with statewide responsibilities. Currently working on updating reporting and systems for the department. She works closely with other federal and state agencies.
 - Caleb Miller is new with the University of Arizona Co-op Extension Service out of Prescott. He has responsibility for range management and will be working with Katie Hazelwood.
 - c) **Special Presentation:** Mandy Roesch USFS: Mandy is working with Marty Sutter and both are interested in partnering with the Verde NRCD in holding ranching workshops and joint meetings with other local, state, and federal organizations with the aim of getting more ranchers involved to develop solutions to their concerns. NRCD Supervisors agreed with the idea and asked Mandy to provide written details and names/addresses of potential participants.
 - d) Supervisor reports
 - Becki Ross is going to the AACD Conference, has moved all the cows to Flagstaff and is busy cleaning stock tanks. She reported that the Sheriff's Department has received funding for an OHV officer.
 - Chip Norton: finished about a mile and a half of piping, hearing reports that water flow is much better as a result of the piping.
 - e) District Clerk Report: NRCD sponsored A Day in the Garden Two will be held on October 4th at Verde River Growers in Cottonwood.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Supervisor B. Hauser moved to approve the 2025 Plan of Work for the District and the Environmental Education Center. Seconded by Supervisor C. Hauser, approved unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Norton explained the request for the Board to send a letter supporting full funding for the University of Arizona Co-operative Extension program. The Board agreed and after a motion to approve the letters by Supervisor B. Hauser and a second by Supervisor Ross, the vote was unanimous.
7. **The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 by Chairman Norton.**