

**Verde Natural Resource Conservation District
Board of Supervisors
September 12, 2025**

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by Chaiman Norton
- 2. Attendance:** Supervisors Norton, B. Hauser, C. Hauser and Ross. District Clerk Cox.
- 3. Consent Agenda:** Supervisor B. Hauser moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Ross, approved unanimously.
- 4. Public Comments:** Town of Camp Verde: Jeff Low has resigned, Rural Water Management working group will meet on Monday.
- 5. 9:20 Presentations/Information/Reports**
 - a. Agency reports: NRCS, ASLD
 - NRCS-Jonathan Chee presented and reviewed written report.
 - ASLD- Jackie Thomas testing virtual fencing in Coconino County, staff opening, trapping burros in the Big Sandy and Coconino districts.
 - b. Advisor reports
 - TNC: Andy Clark momentum with moisture meters, 18 in the ground. John Ford continues work on piping projects.
 - Co-Op Extension: Katie Spayners problem solving for ranchers through a 3-part series of workshops.
 - AACD: Deb Smith: new board has had 2 meetings, videos available; new official website for NRCDs and official government emails, funds for 2025/2026 should be available in next 60 days, funding for technical support will be sone by AACD and will follow up on funds for small water projects. Introduced Wendy Chavey as AACD program assistant for Norther Arizona.
 - c. Supervisor reports
 - Ross: fantastic AACD meeting, will attend Public Lands Council meeting in Flagstaff and will be hosting a ranch tour next week.
 - d. District Clerk Report: reviewed financial statements, encouraged attendance at the Day in the Garden event on October 4.
- 6. New Business**
 - a. WIFA updates: moisture meters and monitoring ongoing effort, piping along Verde ditches continues.
 - b. Review and possible approval of letter regarding concerns of ranching community: Supervisor Ross reviewed the ranching concerns letter and asked for Board support. The Board agreed to support her efforts and the letter to be sent to various elected and non-elected officials.
- 7. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 by Chairman Norton.