



## COCONINO NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE COCONINO NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUGUST 26TH, 2021

A public meeting of the Coconino Natural Resource Conservation District was convened by Chairman Benny Aja held at Willow Bend EEC, 703 E. Sawmill Road in Flagstaff, Arizona on August 26th, 2021.

CNRCD Board Supervisors Jim Parks, Kit Metzger and newly appointed Board Supervisor Tabi Bolton (participating by remote zoom) completed a “Quorum of the Board”. Board Supervisor Sam Whitted was excused.

Also attending were Jesse Woodruff; Kaibab National Forest, Nathan Lynum; National Weather Service, Kevin Triplett; NRCS, Jonathan Chee; NRCS Mike Macauley; CNRCD Advisor, Scott Harger; NRCS Advisor, Moran Henn; WBEEC Director (participating by remote zoom) and John Davison; Clerk of the Board.

NRCS provided a “zoom link” to view the CNRCD Board Meeting:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82823127511?pwd=N0JuMitGVzZzL2JMcfN6TldOTk1jUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 2312 7511

Passcode: NzPhx0

CDC Guidance for COVID 19 Precautions and Awareness were adhered to during the meeting. Forehead temperature checks were administered to everyone present. Following the meeting all utilized chairs & tables were disinfected.

#### **The Agenda for the CNRCD Board Meeting is as follows:**

1. Call to Order: 5:44 Pm
2. Welcome/Introductions: Kevin Triplett, NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist
3. Consent items for CNRCD Board Meeting August 2021 (Discussion/Action)
  - a. Approve August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 CNRCD Board Meeting Agenda
  - b. Approve July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 CNRCD Board Meeting Minutes
    - **Jim P. motioned to approve; Tabi B. seconded; passed unanimously**
4. Call to the Public: None



## CNRCD Treasurer's Report

5. CNRCD Financial Report – John Davison (Report/Discussion/Action)
  - a. CNRCD Financial Monthly Report
    - The CNRCD Board was provided a Financial Report Handout
  - b. Accounting Update
  - c. CPA Services & CNRCD Clerk Services – Action
    - Compass Point Accounting PLLC - \$ 125.00
    - CNRCD Clerk Services - \$ 600.00
    - CNRCD has received notice of a pending deposit from ASLD - \$ 12,980.00
    - **Jim P. motioned to approve; Kit M. seconded; passed unanimously**
  - d. AACD Annual Dues – Action
    - Following discussion; the Board approved a “Conservation Leader” donation of \$ 1,500.00
    - **Kit M. motioned to approve; Jim P. seconded; passed unanimously**
  - e. AACD Summer Conference Expenses – Action
    - John D. critiqued travel expenses / reimbursement of \$ 296.72
    - **Jim P. motioned to approve; Kit M. seconded; passed unanimously**
  - f. Coconino NRCD Website – No Action
    - **Benny A. explained concerns expressed at the AACD Summer Conference regarding a letter received from the “Office of the Arizona Attorney General” citing three NRCD districts in the State who have violated the “Open Meeting Law” requirements in the posting of meeting notices and agenda’s – and admonishing NRCD’s to establish on-line websites... State Representative Gail Griffin agreed to intervene and discuss the situation with the Attorney General’s Office <https://www.azag.gov/>**
    - Benny Aja and John Davison will research option for a district website
    - John D. stated that he had discussed AACD assistance options with Deb Smith during the summer conference
  - g. Envirothon Support Donation – No Action
    - Mike M. explained the attributes and history of the “Arizona Envirothon”

## CNRCD Clerk's Report

6. CNRCD Clerks Report - John Davison (Report/Discussion/Action)
  - a. CNRCD Clerk Update
  - b. AACD OHV Acceptance & Coconino County OHV Resolution Letter – Action
    - Benny A. expressed the approval process for the CNRCD OHV Resolution which was approved during the AACD Summer Conference...
    - Benny A. will chair an established committee to advance OHV concerns Statewide
    - John D. notified CCSO and Sheriff Jim Driscoll
    - Following discussion; the Board directed John D. to prepare a draft OHV Resolution (to be reviewed at the September 2021 CNRCD Board Meeting) and subsequently presented to the “Coconino County Board Of Supervisors”
    - **Jim P. motioned to approve; Kit M. seconded; passed unanimously**

- c. AACD Summer Conference Update
  - John D. provided an overview of the annual AACD Summer Conference (August 9<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Litchfield Park, AZ - Wigwam Resort)... the conference was exceptionally well done and professional
  - John D. will schedule a workshop with Deb Hill who will provide NACD material and CNRCD will receive \$ 4,000 for the training
  - Scott H. provided an overview of the Education Committee recommendations during the AACD Summer Conference including the establishment of “Eco Schools”...
- d. ConserveAZ Portal Update & NRCD Supervisor Certified Training Program
  - John D. provided a review and explained attributes of the “ConserveAZ Portal”...

**The ConserveAZ Portal is a Revolutionary Tool for Conservation Planning**

**<https://aacd1944.com/conserveaz-portal/>**

The ConserveAZ portal was devised by the Arizona Association of Conservation Districts in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to support Arizona’s Conservation Districts with the development of Conservation Action Plans. With technical support from the Timmons Group, this resource portal became a reality. District Supervisors and NRCS staff can now access a wide range of diverse data through this unique mapping portal to conduct resource needs assessments, identify resource priorities, track progress of conservation practices, and develop conservation plans.

- CNRCD Supervisors were encouraged to review the on-line ConserveAZ website
- e. CPWAC/CPWP Letter Of Support (Water Protection Fund Grant) – No Action
  - Following discussion; the Board determined - they needed additional information and more time to review the proposed grant application

**CONSERVATION Partner Reports**

- 7. NWS FLG - Nathan Lynum (Report/Discussion)
  - a. National Weather Service Flagstaff Monthly Updates
    - Nathan L. provided a “NWS Monthly Situation Report – August 2021; providing insight and answered questions regarding the climate and summer monsoon
    - Mike M. inquired about the potential rain gauge upgrades on the Perrin Ranch
- 8. NRCS AZ - Kevin Triplett (Report/Discussion)
  - a. Flagstaff Field Office - DC Monthly Report
    - Kevin T. was welcomed by the CNRCD Board and he provided a detailed update and report of NRCS operations and activities
  - b. SRM Update – No Report
- 9. AZGFD - Steve Cassady (Report/Discussion)
  - a. AZGFD Region II Monthly Report – Not Present / No Report

10. KNF - (Report/Discussion) – Jesse Woodruff, Botanist - KNF
  - a. Kaibab National Forest Range Management Report
    - Jesse W. provided an update and report of KNF operations and activities
    - Joey Dahms is assisting Shai Schendel at Kaibab National Forest
  
11. AZ DFFM - Brece Hendrix (Report/Discussion)
  - a. Arizona Department Of Forestry & Fire Management Report – Not Present / No Report
  - b. Benny A. provided information regarding the “AZ DFFM - Post Wildfire Infrastructure Assistance Program” (will be forwarded to the board)
    - <https://dffm.az.gov/grants/post-wildfire-infrastructure-assistance-program>

## **WBEEC Reports**

12. WBEEC Report - Moran Henn (Report/Discussion/Action) – Not Present For Report
  - a. Willow Bend EEC Directors Report
    - The director’s report was included in the Supervisor folder
  - b. WBEEC Financial Monthly Report
    - The financial report was included in the Supervisor folder
  - c. WBEEC Butterfly Mural – No Action
  - d. Discussion - County Park Naming Ceremony – No Report

## **CNRCD Chairman’s Report**

13. CNRCD Chair - Benny Aja (Report/Discussion/Updates/Action)
  - a. Coconino NRCD Chairman’s Report
    - The Coconino NRCD has received notification of Tabi Bolton’s “Oath Of Office” (filling an unexpired elected position) and welcomes him to the Board
    - Benny A. was contacted by Frank Krentz, AACD President who requested he chair an OHV Committee with Steven Williams (Santa Cruz NRCD)
    - Benny A. and Mike M. met with Coconino County Manager Steve Peru to discuss recent flooding within the Museum Fire burn scar
  - b. CNRCD Board Directives – No Action
  - c. AACD Summer Conference Update
  - d. Arizona Farm Bureau Meeting Update (Williams, AZ) – No Report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

14. New Business
  - a. Mike Macauley provided a synopsis of area flooding (Schultz Fire, Museum Fire)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

15. Old Business
  - a. None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

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a. John D. expressed that CNF and KNF are supportive of having a “Fire Management Forum and Panel Discussion” hosted by Coconino NRCD

b. John D. announced that the “Little Colorado River SWCD” has expressed a desire to have a combined “Local Work Group” meeting (perhaps at Twin Arrows Navajo Resort)

17. Next Meeting: CNRCD Board Meeting Thursday - September 23rd, 2021

➤ Coconino NRCD Selection Of Officers FY 2021/22

18. Adjournment: 7:10 Pm

- **Kit M. motioned to approve; Sam W. seconded; passed unanimously**



08/31/2021

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this August 31st, 2021 By John Davison Coconino NRCD (Clerk of the Board).