

Pima Natural Resource Conservation District
NRCS Plant Materials Center
3241 N. Romero Road
Tucson, AZ 85705

June 26, 2018

Minutes for June 26, 2018

Call to Order: Chairman Coping called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

In attendance were Supervisors Cindy Coping, Patricia King, Jim Chilton, Andrew McGibbon, and Jonathan DuHamel. Also in attendance were Program Administrator Becky Hightower and member of the public Felix Sandoval.

Minutes: Ms. King moved to approve the May minutes. Mr. DuHamel seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Financial report: Ms. Coping reported the current financial status.

Invoices: Mr. McGibbon moved to approve Ms. Hightower's invoice for \$475. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. King moved to approve reimbursement for Ms. Hightower's dinner of \$30.21. Mr. McGibbon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

AACD Summer Conference reimbursement: Ms. King motioned to approve travel and registration reimbursement for the supervisors attending the AACD summer conference. Mr. McGibbon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Appointment of FY 2019 Supervisors: Supervisor McGibbon moved to appoint Cindy Coping and Jonathan DuHamel as FY 2019 Supervisors. Supervisor King seconded the motion. The three elected FY 2019 supervisors (Mr. McGibbon, Ms. King and Mr. Chilton) unanimously approved the appointments by voice vote.

Annual Reports: The board approved and signed the annual PCCE Report. The board approved the annual Pima NRCD report pending email approval of the final June 30 financial statement, which would account for payments approved at this meeting. The Board signed both annual reports.

A blank signature page from an extra copy of the PCCE report had to be substituted for the original signature page for the PNRCD annual report, because the PNRCD annual report printouts provided at the meeting were all missing the last page, which was the signature page. In addition, the motions, the seconds, and the votes to approve the PCCE and PNRCD annual

reports were not recorded in the draft minutes for this meeting. The approvals will therefore need ratification at a future meeting.

Wolf Litigation: Ms. Coping reported on the latest developments.

AACD Auction: No action was taken.

Ed Center Workshop: Ideas were discussed for attracting cooperators to a possible educational workshop on best management Practices for ranching in Sonoran Desert Tortoise habitat. No action was taken.

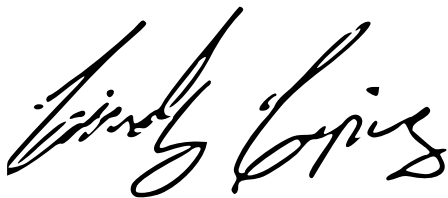
Program Administrator: Ms. Hightower requested that articles for the next newsletter be sent to her by the 15th of July.

Altar Valley Conservation Alliance: Ms. King updated the board on current plans and activities of the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance.

Adjourn: Mr. DuHamel moved to adjourn. Mr. McGibbon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

The next meeting will be a teleconference August 28th at 1:00 PM.

Approved by unanimous voice vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors on the 28th day of August, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Coping". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cindy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Coping".

Cindy Coping, chair, Pima NRCD/Pima Center for Conservation Education



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Pima NRCD

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NRCS Tucson FO Monthly Report

1. CONSERVATION PLANNING (Farm and Ranch)

Ongoing	Date Plan Requested	Status
1. La Osa Ranch	6/4/2018	Initial Visit Planned
2. Navarro Ranch	6/15/2018	New owner, initial visit planned

Completed & for district review	Date Plan Completed	Status
None		

2. FARM BILL PROGRAMS

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

9 active contracts in the District. We have spent allocation for FY2018. Funded over \$500,000 on range (part in Pima NRCD) and almost \$200,000 on crop and irrigated pasture (all in Pima NRCD).

We had a Local Work Group Meeting on April 11th and updated a couple of items from the Conservation Implementation Strategy for Range. This has been updated and submitted to request \$400,000 again in 2019. We received over \$500,000 from 2018 request.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

No active contracts, next funding cycle will be probably February 2019

RCPP

AZ Game and Fish had a new one funded for Brush Management. Not sure if funding was allowed this FY. We had no applications for Brush Management.

3. FIELD OFFICE OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT

Alvaro Campos is being converted to full time Soil Conservationist, hopefully in the next month. He is an intern right now. Kristen will be on sick leave for ankle surgery for approximately 6 weeks beginning August 1st.

2. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

AACD July 10-12 at Wigwam Resort in Avondale. Cattle Growers is July 24-28 in Prescott.

Submitted by: Kristen Egen, DC Tucson FO