



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



Draft Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of the Pima Natural Resource Conservation District (PNRCD)

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 1 pm.

Meeting Location: Cody's Beef and Beans, 2709 E. Fort Lowell Rd, Tucson, AZ 85716

Attendees:

Supervisors: Jim Chilton , Cindy Coping , Jonathan DuHamel, Patricia King, and Andrew McGibbon (Absent). Chris Postel (Clerk), Cary Lilly, and Brett Myers (NRCS), Robert Schmalzel (Biological Consultant).

PNRCD Meeting

Call to Order - 1:08 pm

Approve July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** Supervisor King moved to **approve the meeting minutes** of July 16, 2019. Motion seconded by Coping. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.

Agency Report (Cary Lilly, NRCS-See Attached Report: They have on-going plans with Sopori Wash and Rancho De La Osa Guest Ranch. The plans for the Navarro Ranch and the Agua Blanca ranch are completed and need to have the PNRCD review and sign at their next executive session. Alvaro Campos is at the Army Leadership Course until Nov 25. The offices are getting new blinds and carpet; so, everything has been moved to the basement.

Financial Report (See Attached): Per Clerk Postel, the checking account balances are: \$5,226.2 (State) and \$47,309.44 (District). The financial reports are filed.

Invoice (Clerk)

Supervisor Coping moved to **approve the invoices** of Chris Postel (\$1,098.14). Motion seconded by Supervisor DuHamel. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.

Administration (Chris Postel)

- It was discussed to change to a quarterly meeting schedule (2nd Tuesday, February, May, August, November). **Motion:** Supervisor King moved to **change to a quarterly meeting schedule**. Motion seconded by Supervisor DuHamel. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay. The next quarterly meetings will be on Nov 12 and Feb 11. A conference call will be held to address items that can't wait until the scheduled quarterly meeting.
- Electronic Records: As discussed at the AACD summer meeting, the Districts should set up a separate email account for recording emails sent by the Supervisors. So, when a Supervisor sends an email; then the account, "erec.pnrcd@gmail.com," should be "CC'd" (Courtesy Copy).

Old Business

- Biological Assessment (BA) Update: Per Supervisor Chilton, the comment period is still open. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28 at noon. Robert Schmalzel said that he would like to attend the meeting, not as a PRNCD representative. Also, he is getting a limited response from BLM on the research papers were used as best available science.
- Elimination of the Designation of our International Border Areas as a "Coronado Forest Border Roadless Area: Per Supervisor Chilton, he talked to James Stanley (Border Patrol) this morning and the Border Patrol has received US Coronado Forest's permission to build the required roads. An International Border Resolution (See Attached) should be considered and sent to Governor Ducey. **Motion:** Supervisor Copping moved to **have Supervisor Chilton sign and submit the International Border Resolution.** Motion seconded by DuHamel. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.
- Review NRCS Documents (Cary Lilly): Memorandum of Agreement and Cooperative (Shared Resources) Agreement. After Cary met with Supervisor Chilton, the agreements have been updated with the Pima NRCD information and are ready to be signed. These agreements will replace documents that have expired and will define how the District will work with NRCS. These agreements can be modified at any time with mutual consent. **Motion:** Supervisor King moved to **have Supervisor Chilton and the PNRCD board members sign the NRCD documents.** Motion seconded by DuHamel. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.

New Business

- Policy - District External Issues and Concerns: Per Supervisor Copping, the PNRCD should focus their efforts on species within the District but allow for exceptions. **Motion:** Supervisor Copping moved to **have a policy that would focus the PNRCD's efforts on species with the District but allow for exceptions.** Motion seconded by DuHamel. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.
- Altar Valley Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Issue: Per Supervisor King, Altar Valley has an WOTUS issue due to being under the EPA and Army Core of Engineers jurisdiction. Per Supervisor Chilton, the Trump Administration is rewriting these rules and regulations that should be published in December, 2019. After these changes have been published, these revised rules and regulations should be reviewed to determine if the jurisdiction issue has been addressed.
- Pima Pineapple Cactus Research): Per Supervisor Chilton, we need to tie the Pima Pineapple Cactus (PPC) to being the best available science and have it available as an educational tool. We also need to define what is the latest and best available science. We should consider contacting the Secretary of Interior and the Solicitor of the Interior. A regulation should be defined on how to determine best available science and the protocols to be followed. Per Bob Schmalzel, he needs to write a paper on seed dispersal. He would also like to conduct a workshop to view the PPC habitat or landscape that could be attended by other NRCDs. He also mentioned that increasing grassland cover does not help the PPC. Also, how does ripping effect the PPC.

Supervisors: (None)

Call to the public (None)

Adjourn: 2:26 pm. Supervisor DuHamel moved to adjourn. Supervisor King 2nd. Motion carried 4 Aye- 0 Nay.

Draft Minutes were submitted by Chris Postel, Pima/PCCE NRCD Clerk on August 23, 2019

Date Minutes were Approved by the Pima NRCD Board of Supervisors:

Signed _____
Jim Chilton, Chair, Pima NRCD/PCCE Date