

Verde Natural Resource Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Meeting

September 11, 2020

9 AM

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 Am by Chairman Norton.
2. Attendance: Supervisors Norton, B. Hauser, Jensen. District Clerk Cox, Ed Center Executive Director Erin Cody, and Joey Dahms, Acting NRCS District Conservationist
3. Supervisor B. Hauser moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Jensen, approved unanimously.
 - a. Approval of current agenda
 - b. Approval of July and August 2020 Minutes
4. Presentations/Information/Reports
 - a. Agency reports – Dahms presented a written report, highlighted grant process, and noted that MOA with state NRCS should be completed by 12/31/20. In addition, he presented new information about 2020 Local Work Groups. Board asked that both items be placed on the October 2020 agenda.
 - b. Supervisor reports
 - (a) Norton: YAN barely better than expected, very mixed results from vineyards in the Verde Valley
 - (b) Jensen: volunteering at Dead Horse, Tuzigoot and Montezuma Well.
 - c. Education Center-written report-some highlights:
 - (a) All lessons virtual, almost done filming
 - (b) Working on website to include virtual lessons, more work than anticipated, done by mid-October.
 - (c) Amanda Gagnon taking lead on garden, \$200 from Verde River Growers, looking for matching donations. Planting party Saturday, October 3.
5. Old Business
 - a. Walton Grant-project extended to December 2021, website being brought up to date, coordinate with partners, inviting U of A Agricultural Co-op to next meeting, hold workshops in person next spring, not so good on Zoom, getting printing bids, mailing in fall.
6. New Business
 - a. Supervisor Jensen moved to approve the 2020/2021 Budget, seconded by Supervisor B. Hauser, approved unanimously. District Clerk was asked to determine if we could become a member of the AWF.
 - b. Discussion about recruitment of new Supervisors-invite potential supervisors to next meeting. Focus on wine industry as they are a large part of Verde Valley agriculture.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM