

Verde Natural Resource Conservation District

Friday

June 12, 2026

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by District Clerk Cox
2. **Attendance:** Supervisors Ross, B. Hauser, Norton and O'Callaghan. District Clerk Cox. Guests: Chris Hart, Mandy Roesch, Randy Stevenson, David Hickon, Pierre Mulcaire, Caleb Miller, Miranda Fisher, Patricia Seybold, Amanda Sacek, John Ford.
3. **Election of Officers for Board of Supervisors:** District Clerk Cox requested nominations for Chairman.
 1. Supervisor B. Hauser nominated Norton, Norton declined. Supervisor Norton nominated Ross, the motion was seconded by Supervisor B. Hauser, approved unanimously.
 2. Chairman Ross called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Supervisor Norton nominated Supervisor O'Callaghan, seconded by Supervisor B. Hauser, approved unanimously.
 3. Chairman Ross called for nominations for Treasurer. Supervisor B. Hauser nominated Supervisor C. Hauser, seconded by Supervisor Norton, approved unanimously.
4. **Consent Agenda:** Chairman Ross requested a vote on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor B. Hauser moved to approve the consent agenda, the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman O'Callaghan, approved unanimously.
 - a. Approval of current agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes from May 15, 2026, Board of Supervisors Meetings.
5. **Presentations/Information/Reports**
 - a. Agency reports: NRCS, ASLD, Town of Camp Verde, UA Cooperative Extension, USFS
 - Chris Hart, NRCS: reviewed written report, and announced that applications for various projects were being accepted year-round.
 - Miranda Fisher, Town of Camp Verde: Election forums next week, General Plan will be on primary ballot, bids for testing arsenic in two major wells have gone out for bid, library received grant for expanding seed exchange program and referred an animal welfare organization to Chairman Ross for assistance.
 - Caleb Miller, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension: U of A is prepping for Screwworm.
 - Mandy Roesch, USFS: continues working on feedback from rancher's workshop, completing Red Rock Ranger District assessment. A lengthy discussion about proposed range management policies ensued.
 - b. Advisor reports:
 - John Ford, TNC: providing support to piping projects, TNC has a goal of keeping water in West Clear Creek year round. Beginning low tech restoration projects. Update to the attorney contract, a revised agreement between Verde NRCD and TNC will be required.
 - c. Supervisor reports
 - B. Hauser reported on Town of Cap Verde's budgeting for repairs to town pool.
 - O'Callaghan: First time in 60 years with no cattle on property. Looking for new lessee.
 - Ross: composing grasslands letter and looking for information on ranchers and water adjudication.
 - Norton: thanks and expressed appreciation to new board members for agreeing to hold offices.
 - d. District Clerk Report: deferred to New Business portion of agenda.

All items listed below are for Board discussion, possible action, and assignments:

6. New Business

- a. Annual Reports: the Board reviewed, discussed and resolved questions about the various annual reports required to be submitted no later than June 20, 2026.

1. B. Hauser moved to approve the Plan of Work for Verde NRCD, seconded by Supervisor O'Callaghan, approved unanimously.
2. B. Hauser moved to approve the Plan of Work for Verde Environmental Ed Center, seconded by Supervisor O'Callaghan, approved unanimously.
3. Norton moved to approve the Plan of Work for the Grant Funds (WIFA), seconded by Supervisor O'Callaghan, approved unanimously.
4. B. Hauser moved to approve the 2027/2028 Budget Request Verde NRCD, seconded by Supervisor O'Callaghan, approved unanimously.
5. B. Hauser moved to approve the 2027/2028 Budget Request Verde Environmental Education Center, seconded by Supervisor O'Callaghan, approved unanimously.

7. Old Business

- a) WIFA: Supervisor Norton explained the need to expand the scope of the Pioneer Ditch Project and the need to ratify letters ratifying supporting a request for extension of time to complete projects. Supervisor B. Hauser moved to expand the scope of the project, ratifying the letters supporting extension of time to complete the project, seconded by Supervisor O'Callaghan, approved unanimously.
- b) Financial Report: the District Clerk reviewed the monthly financial report with the Board. Supervisor B. Hauser moved to accept the report, second by Supervisor Norton, approved unanimously.

8. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM by unanimous consent.