**GILA BEND NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**

**Space Age Restaurant, Gila Bend, AZ**

**Thursday, September 28, 2023, 12:30 p.m.**

**Board members present: Staff present:**

Tyson Stuhr - Chairman Rayanne Leister - clerk

Ella Pierpoint – Supervisor Treasurer

Roy Pierpoint – Supervisor

Guests present: Kris Johnson, Well Energy Testing and Chris Fredman Water Conservation Management Program (WCMP)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Tyson Stuhr called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

**2**. **ROLL CALL** – see list above

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Board members reviewed the minutes of the May & July meetings, the minutes were approved and filed.

4. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Submitted by Rayanne Leister, Clerk

**State Account:**

Opening balance state funds $12,928.13

Income $15,480.00

Expenses $2,845.17

Bank Balance April bank statement $25,563.13

**Local Account:**

Opening balance $9,189.50

Income $1,058.55

Expenses $144.66

Closing balance $10,103.39

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETING REPORT**

N/A

6. **REPORTS**

1. Alexus Parker, Area Soil Conservationist, Avondale Field Office, was not in attendance
2. U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona ruling for the Sonoran Desert Monument deauthorized grazing on tens of thousands of acres within the Monument, Arizona.

7. **OLD BUSINESS –**

1. There was discussion regarding the monthly compensation for the district clerk. Ella made a motion to approve a 14% increase to the monthly compensation, second by Roy, motion approved unanimous
2. Ty Green, Farm Bureau agent has not sent the information needed to submit the application for the Surety bond. Rayanne will contact Ty for an update.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Kris Johnson, Well Energy Testing and Chris Fredman, Water Conservation Management Program (WCMP) discussed with the board the services that are available to cooperators for assistance in irrigation and water management. The board members unanimously agreed to table this discussion until the next board meeting and explore options for cooperators to get assistance.
2. Siting of a 4,300-acre utility scale solar project in northern end of the district named Desert Gem Energy Project—Discussion and action.
3. Discussion and action to approve the date for the next board meeting. The regular meeting date is November 23, 2023, Thanksgiving Day. Ella moved to change the meeting date to Novemeber 16 at 12:30 at the Space Age Outer Limits room, second by Roy, motion carried.

9. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

1. Ella reminded the board to schedule a Pesticide Handlers workshop in January.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ella moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Roy, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 P.M..

Submitted by: Rayanne Leister, district clerk

**TREAURER’S REPORT -** May 25, 2023

**State Account:**

Opening balance state funds $22,177.94

Income $00

\*Expenses **$5,190.00**

Bank Balance April bank statement $16,987.94

**Local Account:**

Opening balance $9,189.50

Income $0

Expenses $0

Closing balance $9,189.50

\*Approved Expenses cleared bank

BVCEC pass through $2,500.00

Clerical $690.00

AACD $1,500.00

Ag Literacy $500.00

**$5,190.00**

**Checks written not cleared**

Space Age March meeting $106.38

Clerical two months $690.00

Per diem and mileage FY 21-22 & FY 22-23 $3,263.43

**TOTAL $4,059.81**

April Bank Statement balance $16,987.94

Checks written not cleared $4,059.81

**State account balance $12,928.13**