**West Pinal Natural Resource Conservation District**

**520 N. Camino Mercado – Ste. 12 ~ Casa Grande, AZ 85122 ~ Office (520) 836-1906 ext 3**

# Monthly Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Caywood Farms

841 E. Hwy 287

Casa Grande, AZ 85122

## MINUTES

## March 6, 2024

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| **CALL TO ORDER:** Philip “McD” Hartman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. |

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| **SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** | Philip “McD” Hartman, Chairman  Loren Pratt, Treasurer  Nancy Caywood, Supervisor  Wayne Tomkinson, Supervisor | |
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| **SUPERVISORS ABSENT:** | Dick Powell, Vice-Chairman |
| **OTHERS PRESENT:** | Travis Hartman, Advisor  Jacqueline Thomas, SLD  Eddie Enriquez, IMS  Patty Caywood, District Clerk |
| **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the West Pinal NRCD meeting held on February 7, 2024, were reviewed. Loren Pratt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Caywood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. | | | |

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Financial Reports were reviewed. Loren Pratt made a motion to file the Financial Reports as presented. Nancy Caywood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

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| **District Account**  **Sub-Total** | **0.00** |  |
| **State Acct (1st Interstate):**  IMS (Clerical Expense 3rd Qtr)  Nancy Caywood (meeting expense)  Nancy Caywood (lunch expense)  NREC (env lic plate pass through – June)  NREC (env lic plate pass through – Feb)  NREC (Feb salary exp) | 1,178.25  100.00  125.00  2,500.00  5,000.00  300.00 |  |
| **State Funds Total** | **9,203.25** |  |
| **Total Expenses** | **9,203.25** |  |
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The Bills Payable were reviewed. Loren Pratt made a motion to approve and pay the bills as presented. Nancy Caywood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

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| **NREC**: Eddie Enriquez gave Jennifer’s report. She is having a program today and unable to attend. Eddie reported the fields are clean and ready to plant and he made ditch crossings to replace those in disrepair.  **IMS:** Eddie Enriquez attended a meeting with ADWR representative, Colton Dalton shared how IMS is instrumental in implementing the BMP program. He went over the BMP process for updating leases or change of hands. Eddie encouraged Mr. Dalton to meet with farmers on their farm. The IMS team held BMP workshops at CAIDD on President’s Day, SCIDD on February 26th, MSIDD on the 26th and at the NRCS on March 5th. The turnout was not good so the IMS Team will work to schedule them to come into the office. Eddie would like to have an IMS board meeting on March 26th. “McD” Hartman asked for a report on the IMS truck. Eddie reported it has about 80000 miles and has met all scheduled maintenance. The cam position sensor went out just after warranty. Eddie changed it himself. |
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| **NRCS:** No representation. Eddie Enriquez will ask Phil Jacquez for breakdown of applicants for the district and the cost sheet for practices being used and cost share prices. |
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| **MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:**  The mentorship program scheduled a trip to Coolidge dam for participants. The trip was cancelled because James Felix had unexpected training and Nancy Caywood had kidney stones. It is unknown if the trip will be rescheduled. There will be a Farm Bureau board meeting in April. The Pinal County Fair is next week.  **SLD:** Jacqueline Thomas reported all state distributions for the environmental license plates have been made to districts this year. |
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**BUSINESS:**

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| 1. Potential Candidates for Vacating Supervisor Position: Jacqueline Thomas reported the Oath of Office originally signed by Dick Powell was also signed by the Acting Commissioner. It was reissued for Mr. Powell’s signature when the Commissioner position was filled. At that time, Mr. Powell was not able to sign the new Oath of Office. Therefore, his seat at this point is vacant. Nancy Caywood was asked to fill his position and she accepted. The District Clerk will work with both Nancy Caywood and “McD” Hartman to fill out and submit the information for write in candidates. Loren Pratt has been unable to connect with Craig Zenke for discussion regarding filling the vacant position. 2. Update on District Election – Philip “McD” Hartman: Covered under item 1 |

**CONSERVATION ISSUES:** Eddie Enriquez discussed water reports. ADWR is coming out with a program that condenses reporting on all farms into one report. Eddie asked the board if they think this will benefit farmers. The board agrees it will be of benefit. When the packet becomes available, Eddie will give it to board members to go over.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board went over budget finances. Nancy Caywood asked for a donation request to be included on next month’s agenda for a donation for the Ag in the Classroom dinner. Eddie Enriquez asked for funds for a customer appreciation day to be included on the agenda to be held this summer.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No response

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| **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Loren Pratt moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. Wayne Tomkinson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Lunch followed. |
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Signature of Approval