

ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND COMMISSION

Business Meeting – February 8, 2022

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Final Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Commission Voting Members Present

Pat Jacobs – Chairman
Rodney Held – Vice-Chairman
Brian Biesemeyer
Shelley Blackmore
William Schock
Tina Thompson
Stephen Turcotte

Arizona Water Protection Fund Staff

Kelly Brown
Sharon Scantlebury
Reuben Teran

Commission Voting Members Absent

None

Commission Non-voting, Ex-Officio Members Present

None

Prior to making a call to order, Chairman Pat Jacobs announced the recent passing of former Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF) Commissioner Lucinda Earven, and a moment of silence was taken.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting of the AWPF Commission to order at 10:01 a.m.

Chairman Jacobs requested to move item IV.1. – Commission Membership Update forward in the agenda to have the Executive Director provide the update which would also facilitate the agenda item II. Commissioner Member Roll Call.

ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND PROGRAM UPDATES

Commission Membership Update

Mr. Reuben Teran provided an update on the current membership status of Arizona Water Protection Fund Commissioners.

COMMISSION MEMBER ROLL CALL

Mr. Teran called the roll of the AWPF Commission. Commissioners present at the time of roll call included Chairman Pat Jacobs, Vice-Chairman Rodney Held, Commissioner Brian Biesemeyer, Commissioner Shelley Blackmore, Commissioner William Schock, Commissioner Tina Thompson, and Commissioner Stephen Turcotte. A quorum of voting Commission members was present.

Mr. Teran also called the role for non-voting, ex-officio members of the Commission. None were present, but Ms. Liza Logan stated she was in attendance on behalf of the State Land Department.

AWPF COMMISSION FINAL MEETING MINUTES FORMAT

No formal action taken. Chairman Pat Jacobs directed staff to work with legal council to clarify if the meeting recording could still be maintained for future reference if summarized meeting minutes were adopted by the Commission. He also requested that an example of abbreviated meeting minutes be prepared for the Commission’s review for the next meeting, along with the legal determination on the video and/or audio recording storage timeframe.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Vice-Chairman made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Commissioner Biesemeyer. Chairman Jacobs asked for any discussion on the motion. Vice-Chairman Held stated he had minor edits for consideration. Chairman Jacobs stated that there is a motion before the Commission with the understanding that suggested typographical and grammatical corrections will be administratively accepted as part of the approved meeting minutes. Chairman Jacobs the requested for a roll call vote on the motion:

Pat Jacobs – Chairman	Aye
Rodney Held – Vice-Chairman	Aye
Brian Biesemeyer	Aye
Shelley Blackmore	Aye
William Schock	Aye
Tina Thompson	Aye
Stephen Turcotte	Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT CLOSEOUT PRESENTATION. AWPF GRANT 19-194WPF: DAVIS CATTLE CO. GRASSLAND RESTORATION

Mr. Teran introduced Deborah Smith, Arizona Association of Conservation Districts, who provided the Commission a project closeout presentation.

AWPF GRANT 20-202WPF: GILA VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION PHASE I

Mr. Teran introduced Mr. Justin Layton, representing the Gila Valley Irrigation District, who provided a background on the project and circumstances related to the request for changes to the grant award contract.

Vice-Chairman Held made a motion that the Commission approve the request to modify the project scope of work, add additional funding to the grant award contract, and extend the grant award contract expiration date, with a second from Commissioner Stephen Turcotte.

For clarification, Mr. Teran stated the motion includes the following: approving a 1-year contract extension; modifying the project scope of work from 156 gates on 3 canals to 58 gates on 2 canals, and additional funding of \$365,927 to the grant award contract. Vice-Chairman Held concurred with the clarification provided.

Chairman Jacobs called for a roll call vote on the motion:

Pat Jacobs – Chairman	Aye
Rodney Held – Vice-Chairman	Nay
Brian Biesemeyer	Aye
Shelley Blackmore	Aye
William Schock	Nay
Tina Thompson	Aye
Stephen Turcotte	Aye

The motion passed with 5 aye votes and 2 nay votes.

AWPF GRANT 20-204WPF: WINKELMAN NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT RIPARIAN RESTORATION

Mr. Teran introduced Mr. Kyle Thompson, representing the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District, who provided a background on the project and circumstances related to the request to amend the grant award contract expiration date to December 31, 2023. Commissioner Turcotte stated that he is the Vice-Chair of the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District and recused himself from the discussion on this agenda item.

Vice-Chairman Held made a motion to extend the grant award contract expiration date for AWPf Grant 20-204WPF: Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District Riparian Restoration, with a second from Commissioner Blackmore.

Mr. Teran clarified that the Grantee’s request is for a one-year contract extension, and Chairman Jacobs called for a roll call vote on the motion:

Pat Jacobs – Chairman	Aye
Rodney Held – Vice-Chairman	Aye
Brian Biesemeyer	Aye
Shelley Blackmore	Aye
William Schock	Aye
Tina Thompson	Aye
Stephen Turcotte	Recused

The motion passed with 6 aye votes and 1 recusal.

AWPF GRANT 20-205WPF: UPPER, MIDDLE, AND LOWER FOSSIL CREEK INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

Mr. Teran introduced Ms. Sasha Stortz, representing the National Forest Foundation, who provided a background on the project and circumstances related to the request to amend the grant award contract expiration date to May 7, 2025.

Commissioner Biesemeyer made a motion to extend the grant award contract expiration date for AWPf Grant 20-205WPF: Upper, Middle, and Lower Fossil Creek Invasive Plant Removal to May 7, 2025, with a second from Commissioner Turcotte.

Chairman Jacobs called for a roll call vote on the motion:

Pat Jacobs – Chairman	Aye
Rodney Held – Vice-Chairman	Aye
Brian Biesemeyer	Aye
Shelley Blackmore	Aye
William Schock	Aye
Tina Thompson	Aye
Stephen Turcotte	Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND PROGRAM UPDATES (continued)

Financial Update

Mr. Teran provided an Arizona Water Protection Fund balance update.

Legislative Update

Mr. Teran provided a legislative update.

Status Updates for Active Grant Award Contracts

Mr. Teran provided a grant status update.

GRANT CYCLE PLANNING

Vice-Chairman Held made motion to authorize the Executive Director to plan for a Fiscal Year 2023 grant cycle and plan for a minimum of 2 days for the application presentation process to facilitate additional time with the grant applicants for questions prior to the grant awards, with a second from Commissioner Blackmore.

Chairman Jacobs called for a roll call vote on the motion:

Pat Jacobs – Chairman	Aye
Rodney Held – Vice-Chairman	Aye
Brian Biesemeyer	Aye
Shelley Blackmore	Aye
William Schock	Not Present
Tina Thompson	Aye
Stephen Turcotte	Aye

The motion passed with 6 Aye votes and 1 Not Present.

GRANT APPLICATION MANUAL DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chairman Held made a motion that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to move forward with the development of the grant application manual in accordance with the other direction given for the grant cycle planning, with second from Commissioners Biesemeyer.

Chairman Jacobs called for a roll call vote on the motion:

Pat Jacobs – Chairman	Aye
Rodney Held – Vice-Chairman	Aye
Brian Biesemeyer	Aye
Shelley Blackmore	Aye
William Schock	Not Present
Tina Thompson	Aye
Stephen Turcotte	Aye

The motion passed with 6 Aye votes and 1 Not Present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Pat Jacobs made a call to the public.

Supervisor Harry Oberg, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors addressed the Commission.

Lynn Whitman, Yavapai County Flood Control District addressed the Commission.

Chairman Jacobs requested the to place the Kirkland Restoration of Proper Stream Channel Characteristics Project on the agenda for an informational discussion at the next Commission meeting.

CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Jacobs made a call for future agenda items. Proposed future agenda items included:

- AWPf Meeting Minutes format discussion
- Kirkland Restoration of Proper Stream Channel Characteristics Project on the agenda for informational discussion

FUTURE MEETING DATE(S)

Chairman Jacobs selected June 14, 2022 as the next AWPf Commission meeting date.

ADJOURN

Vice-Chairman Held made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Turcotte. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.