

**COCONINO PLATEAU WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL
COCONINO PLATEAU WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
JOINT
BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 26, 2020**

LOCATION: Zoom Conference Call due to COVID-19

1. Call to Order

John Martinez called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT

Austin Aslan, City of Flagstaff (for Mayor Evans)
Don Bills, USGS
John Martinez, City of Sedona
Brent Bitz, Friends of the Verde River
Alicyn Gitlin, Sierra Club
Liz Archuleta, Coconino County

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Doba, CPWAC/CPWP
Others were present but are not listed

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 5/29/2020 CPWAC/CPWP Board/Executive Committee Meeting

Brent Bitz made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/29/2020. The motion was seconded by Don Bills and carried.

3. Public Outreach Committee Chair Vacancy

Ron reported Tamara Lawless, the Flagstaff Water Conservation Manager has volunteered to serve in an interim capacity as Chair of the Public Outreach Committee. Ron indicated he can work with Tamara and Amanda to facilitate the transition. Don asked about whether the 4th Grade Water Ethics Contest was still a part of Parched and Ron responded no it was not. Don also asked about Willow Bend taking over the contest and Ron indicated that would need more discussion but he hoped it would remain a program of the Partnership.

4. Government Affairs Committee Vacancy

Ron indicated we are still trying to find a chair for the GAC. Austin Aslan was trying to come up with someone from Flagstaff. Ron asked Liz Archuleta if the County might have someone and she indicated she would check with the County Manager. The TAC has been reviewing some potential legislation dealing with Rural Management Areas and it will be helpful to have the GAC in operation before the next session.

5. Financial Reports

Ron gave the financial reports for the CPWAC and CPWP. There were no questions.

6. July 31, 2020 CPWAC/CPWP Meeting Agenda

Ron indicated he has a presentation lined up on WOTUS from ADEQ next month. He also asked the Board about how they would like to see HB 2896 that the TAC has been working on or whether they would prefer to have a presentation on AMAs and INAs prior to reviewing the bill. The Board indicated they would like to see more information on AMAs and INAs as well as other vehicles that may be available to manage groundwater in rural areas. Brent asked Ron to contact the Navajo Nation to see if they would like to participate in the WOTUS presentation. Alicyn asked that we have an anti-fracking presentation to see the other side of pro-fracking.

7. CPWAC/CPWP Board/Executive Committee Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 A.M.