

**COCONINO PLATEAU WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**  
**BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, June 27, 2014**

LOCATION: USGS Building #3, 2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Mark Woodson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:07 A.M. Self-introductions were made by those present.

**PRESENT**

Art Babbott, Coconino County  
John Martinez, City of Sedona  
John Davison, CNRCD  
Mark Woodson, City of Flagstaff  
John Taylor, Terra BIRDS  
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation  
Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation  
Ron Doba, CPWP  
Thomas Siyuja Sr., Havasupai Tribe  
Ray Benally, Navajo Nation  
Andrea Hartley, Terra BIRDS

**2. Approval of the Minutes from the 5/30/2014 CPWP Board/Executive Committee Meeting**

John Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Davison and carried.

**3. Youth Council Discussion with John Taylor**

John Davison gave a background on the efforts to form a Youth Advisory Council. John Davison had made an arrangement with John Taylor (Terra BIRDS) to work with the school system approximately one year ago and a payment was made by the CPWAC of \$800 to Terra BIRDS. John Taylor will be providing his thoughts about what he has been doing and his direction.

John reviewed the efforts of Terra BIRDS and indicated the Youth Advisory Council efforts as presented are very similar to what Terra BIRDS already does. Many of the efforts involve Flagstaff area schools and taking care of school grounds with projects. Real jobs are also taken on similar to a small landscape company by the youth. The youth are paid for their work efforts. John indicated he has used approximated 12 hours (1/4 to 1/3) of the \$800 so far and would like to move forward on three projects using the remaining funds. The first project involves the Grand Canyon Trust. They are trying to convene several organizations of youth in July to determine future conservationists. John suggested representatives from the CPWP try to attend the meeting so this group's vision can be shared and it be determined if a partnership can be made with the Trust. The second project could include repairs to the section of the wash by Walmart.

There is a potential for some funding assistance from Walmart. Walmart has already installed some interpretative signs, an arbor and other improvements that are currently in a state of disrepair. Lastly, John said he would like to take a contingency of young people to Yuma and hold a two night campout in the Yuma wetlands along with groups of young people from other areas of the State. This would be similar to the existing Youth Cultural Festival that has been going on for about 10 years. The idea is to create awareness and give young people the experience with the Colorado River. John Davison recommended Terra BIRDS keep the remaining amount from the \$800 and they pursue development of the Switzer Canyon project. Art Babbott indicated we need to make sure the lines between public monies and private benefit are clear and they are not used to make improvements on private property.

#### **4. CPWP Financial Report**

Ron Doba gave the financial report for the CPWP for the period ending 5/31/2014. Ron indicated the TAC will be using a different phone number so we can expect our fees for this item to be reduced. At the end of May the CPWAC had \$126,870.49. Ron also gave the financial report for the CPWAC as an informational item. The payment has been made to Reclamation for the Feasibility Study. As of the end of May, the CPWAC had \$6,842.37. Incoming fees from partners will be going into the CPWAC and a transfer will be approved by the Board to the CPWP.

#### **5. Next Partnership Meeting Agenda**

Ron indicated there would be a presentation on the Sedona recharge project in July and he was attempting to have a presentation by ADWR on Colorado River water entitlements. Art suggested a presentation be made on the Payson pipeline project in the future as well.

#### **6. CPWP Board/Executive Committee Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 A.M.

John Davison then gave a brief presentation on the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program funding opportunity. The CPWP may be eligible. A 50% matching fund commitment is required and the proposals are due July 14<sup>th</sup>. This may be something to consider for next year's funding cycle. Art indicated it would be good to get clarity on the Ag nexus requirement for the eligibility requirements.