

Gila Watershed Partnership
Minutes of the January 13, 2009 Meeting

The Gila Watershed Partnership held its January 13, 2009 meeting in the Graham County General Services Building. Secretary/Treasurer Robert Porter called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

The following people attended the meeting: Jan Holder, GWP; Bill Cook, Town of Duncan; Deborah Mendelsohn, Town of Duncan; Mel Taylor, ADEQ; Christopher Morris, BLM; Lance Brady, BLM; Lance Brown, USFS Clifton Ranger District; Carol Telles, USFS Clifton Ranger District; Crystal Noland, Robert Porter, Souder Miller Engineering; Philip Ronnerud, Greenlee County; C. Ruth Broderick; and George Lemen, Town of Pima; Paul Charmin, ADWR; Evelyn Erlandsen, ADWR; Vivian Gonzales, US Bureau of Reclamation, Kristine Uhlman, University of Arizona NEMO Program; Tom Engel, ADOT; Harry Quinsler, resident; Bill Brandau, Graham County Cooperative Extension.

Call to the Public:

There were no requests to speak.

Approval of the minutes:

Ms. Uhlman moved to approve the minutes from the December 2009 meeting. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report:

Mr. Cook moved to accept the financial report and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presentation:

Ms. Kristine Uhlman gave a presentation on Nitrate in Arizona Wells.

Grant Status Report:

The GWP briefly reviewed the status of our ongoing grants.

Reports from advisors:

BOR: Ms. Gonzales reported that BOR's Water 2025 grants are due February 26. She reported that the Arizona Water Settlement Act meeting will be held in Silver City on February 18. A location will be forthcoming.

BLM: Mr. Morris has been trying to find funding for a study on the San Simon. BLM biology Larry Thrasher is looking at some very interesting fossil beds in the Safford area. Lance Brady reported that Heidi Blasius is being recognized as the Arizona Game and Fish Natural Resource Professional of the year.

USFS: Mr. Brown introduced the new District Ranger, Carol Telles. He remarked that the FS is completing some prescribed burns and mechanical thinning projects.

AWPF: Ms. Erlandsen reported that the AWPF may have a small grant cycle in March, but it is not assured. The ADWR had 49 people laid off recently, and there may be more to come.

Town of Pima: Mr. Lemen reported that their new library is almost complete, and that they received a grant to install a bridge next to cottonwood wash.

Town of Duncan: Mr. Cook reported that Duncan is getting an auto parts store, and that the AGFD released an antelope herd outside of town.

Graham County Cooperative Extension: Mr. Brandau reported that the "Leaky House" is almost finished and he will be wearing a festive water drop costume at the next parade, complete with sparkly blue tights.

Adjournment:

Mr. Ronnerud moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Lemen seconded the motion. Mr. Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.