

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES WITH SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSCRIPT
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OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA

Prescott, Arizona

December 8, 2006

The Board of Supervisors met in special session on December 8, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in Prescott, Arizona.

Present: Thomas Thurman, Chairman; Chip Davis, Vice Chairman (late); Carol Springer, Member.

Absent: Bev Staddon, Clerk.

Also present: Abe Springer, NAU; Alice Brawley-Chesworth, City of Phoenix; Bob Luzius, Prescott City Councilman; Bob Rotherock, VP, Verde River Citizens Alliance & City of Cottonwood alternate; Brenda Smith, U.S. Forest Service; Candace McNulty, citizen; Carol Johnson, VWA Secretary/Treasurer; Chris Hoy, CWAG alternate; Dan Campbell, The Nature Conservancy; David Mauer, Prescott Chamber of Commerce; Dee Hines, Prescott National Forest, Diane Joens, City of Cottonwood; Dick Clark, Williamson Valley Corridor Plan; Dorothy O'Brien, Big Park Regional Coordinating Council; Doug Von Gausig, Clarkdale Mayor; Ed Wolfe, Verde Watershed Association; Greg Kornrumpf, SRP; Jack Herring, Hyde Mountain Vista Group; Jack Wilson, Citizens for Reasonable Growth; Jane Moore, Town of Jerome; Jim Payne, U.S. Forest Service Regional Office; Joan Clark, Williamson Valley Corridor resident; John Nystedt, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; John Rasmussen, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee; John Sellers, public; John Zambrano, CWAG; Kaki Rowland, Verde NRCO; Kathy Davis, National Park Services; Keran O'Brien, NAU; Kresta Faaborg, USDA – NRCO; Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation; Linda and Henry Dahlberg, public; Lou Bellesi, Public Lands Foundation; Lynn Godfrey, Town of Payson; Michael Byrd, Prescott Creeks; Muriel Haverland, CWAG; Paul Daly, Prescott Association of Realtors (PAAR); Ryna Rock, Arizona Wildlife Federation; S. Max Castillo, Arizona State Park, Verde River Greenway; Tom Slaback, Representative, Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Chapter; Tony Gioia, Camp Verde Mayor; William Meyer, Verde Watershed Association; Joanna Dodder, Prescott Daily Courier; Art Merrill, Read It Here; Erica Ryberg, Read It Here; Mark Duncan, Yavapai County Yellow Sheet; Steve Ayers, KJZA FM; Carolyn Dicus, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors.

Clerk's note: A copy of these minutes with a supplemental transcript is available in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and is also available on the County website.

The Board met with the members and public for a meeting on the Verde River Basin Partnership. The Board of Supervisors took no action at this meeting.

1. Introduction – Doug Von Gausig.
2. Any Caucus Restructuring – Doug Von Gausig.
3. Approve Minutes from October 12, 2006 Partnership Meeting.
4. Update on Partnership Activities – Committee Reports.
5. TAG – Ed Wolfe, Chair.
6. Communications – Dorothy O'Brien, Chair.
7. Structure Committee – Doug Von Gausig, Chair.
8. Coordinating Committee – Doug Von Gausig, Chair.
9. Voting procedure – Doug Von Gausig.
10. Approval of letter of support for fiscal year 2008 USGS work to Congressional delegation.

Mayor Von Gausig reviewed a letter of support to be sent to Senator McCain and requested feedback from those present. There were several comments for changes to the letter which were approved by the committees. Supervisor Springer said she was confused on how they could send a letter from an organization that had not been officially formed. Mayor Von Gausig said that they had formed and were sending it under their formed name. Mayor Von Gausig then reviewed a draft letter to the tri-cities mayors. Supervisor Springer said the message being sent was not the message being received and the perception was that the structure of the partnership had not been formed but agendas, rules, committees had already been put in place. Mayor Von Gausig said the bylaws had not been made and that the tri-city entities had been invited and had declined. Supervisor Springer said mistakes had been made on both sides and that should not be dwelt on but actions were being taken and voted on when the partnership was not yet formed and did not exist. Mayor von Gausig said that only the three main entities had not joined. Supervisor Springer said the County was on an interim basis only so far and that they needed to start from the beginning. She said both sides were getting better but that the entities did not feel like they could input on the formation. Supervisor Davis spoke of the responsibility to the constituents and the duty to represent them and the inclusion of the other entities. He said that they needed to keep moving forward and said out

of this good work, others would see and join in. Supervisor Springer said the group still was not getting the message that the other entities see this as a "done deal" and that they would not join in without feeling like they had a part of the planning process. She said they should start with a clean slate and meet with the stakeholders and committee members to form rules and it would be up to the VRBP to make the case to represent all the work to have accepted, rejected or modified and that it should be the partnership that makes the rules, not non-voting members and public. Mayor Von Gausig said the last meeting in Camp Verde was that meeting. Supervisor Springer pointed out the definition of stakeholders was under Title 2.

- 11. Approval of Dick Ellis and Bob Luzius as members at large on the Coordinating Committee.
- 12. Critical next steps.
- 13. Bylaws (Structure Committee).
- 14. Determine Fiduciary (Coordinating Committee).
- 15. Closing comments.

Supervisor Davis said it was important for the County that this be a fair organization and that there were entities in the room that could not get into politics and cannot control who does not want to come into the organization. He said they would have to let science be the controlling factor.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

_____Clerk _____Chairman