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COCOPAI MINUTES  
JANUARY 28, 2008

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The meeting was held in Chino Valley and was called to order by President Fran Schumacher at 10:15am. Present in addition to the Chairperson were Bob Luzius, Prescott; Bob Arambula, Coordinator, Flagstaff; Gerald Strickland, Chino Valley, Town Manager; Bill Towler, Flagstaff/Treasurer; Dorothy Schmidt, Chino Valley, Vice President and Pat Williams, Clarkdale. A number of other people were present who spoke to the need for a larger building for the Chino Valley Food Bank as well as Julia Watson Frandsen who is a grant writer.

Gerald Strickland presented an update on Chino Valley. Their current population is about 14,000 and they have 30,000 cars passing through each day on Rt. 89. There will be a Day's Inn coming in in a few months as well as the Northern Arizona Tumor Institute. One major project is to provide sewer hookups to a development, ("The Meadows"), currently on septic systems (1,100). So far they have connected 200 units. They plan to annex about 4,000 acres north of the town near Rolling Hills Road, which would include variable density and commercial areas which are on both sides of Rt. 89. They are hoping that with additional commercial enterprises along Rt. 89 they can begin to increase their sales tax. They are also feeling the crunch of the poor economy and have implemented a hiring freeze and eliminating all non essential travel.

Bob Arambula presented the Coordinator's Report and stated he is working on a with a group for a grant application to the Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality for a watershed project in Flagstaff. He also stated, in addition to his current duties, he has been temporarily assigned to cover the Lower Colorado River RC&D for about a year. Our Annual Plan has been completed and will be presented at our next meeting for approval.

The President, Ms. Schumacher reported on the Western Regional RC&D Conference which was held in LaPaz, New Mexico. She reported it was well attended with approximately 300 participants.

A motion was made by Bob Luzius to appoint the following officers: Fran Schumacher, President, Dorothy Schmidt as Vice President, Pat Williams as Secretary and Bill Towler as Treasurer. This was seconded by Bill Towler and passed unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion with the board members and various members of the current Chino Valley Food Bank. They will need a new location for the food bank and plan on applying for a grant to help them with building and furnishing it.

Ms. Frandsen is a grant writer who will help with this but they would like COCOPAI to also help with writing and submission of this grant along with Ms. Watson.

As the meeting was running overtime the following items were tabled until our next meeting: Project Application Process, approval of the Annual Plan, and Farmers' Market Projects.

Our next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup> and will be held in Clarkdale.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia F. Williams

**VERDE VALLEY LAND PRESERVATION INSTITUTE**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2008**

The meeting was held in the Cottonwood Safety building and called to order by the President, Bob Rothrock at 12:00 noon. Present in addition to the President were Bill Eich, Sedona, Marybeth Carlile, Village of Oak Creek, Tim Elinski, Cottonwood Council, Walter Miller, Camp Verde, Enalo Lockard, Yavapai County and Pat Williams, Clarkdale Council.

We reviewed the agenda and a motion was made by Bill Eich and seconded by Marybeth Carlile to approve the minutes as written which was passed unanimously. Bill Eich presented the Treasurer's Report; as of January 14, 2008 we had \$22,818.62 cash-on-hand.

Bob Rothrock reported that all the information requested by the attorney concerning the Fox Ranch easement were copied and sent to him. Bill Eich requested that each of the board members write a letter of support to our representatives in Washington, D.C. to support funding from the Land and Water Conservation fund to protect the 139-acre Packard Ranch property in the Coconino National Forest to protect vital natural and water resources. This ranch is located at the confluence of the Verde River and Sycamore Creek, upstream from Clarkdale.

As Wendy Schall was not in attendance, discussion of the web site was tabled until the next meeting.

Bob Rothrock has volunteered to be the Statutory Agent for the group. He will get the form from Bill Eich and file it with the proper authority.

Marybeth Carlile reported that she has all the information needed and will proceed with filing the report to the Internal Revenue Service.

Discussion followed on the hiring of a researcher. A committee interviewed a number of applicants and it was decided to offer the position to Jane Whitmire of Camp Verde. A motion was made by Bill Eich and seconded by Tim Elinski to offer the position to Jane Whitmire as head of the project with Margie Lambert and Robin Weesner to work with her. Roberta Serface would be hired to produce a DVD of the project. Ms. Lambert would help on this for a fee and Ms. Weesner would also volunteer to help on this without charge. The motion passed unanimously and Bob Rothrock will contact Ms. Whitmire to see if she will accept this position as outlined above.

Regarding the Membership/Dues letters Pat Williams will compile a list from the information received from Bill Eich and contact Wendy Schall to

see if she will do the input on a "spread sheet" Renewal letter and standard fund-raising letters will be copied and sent out by Pat Williams.

Tim Elinski said he would do further research on the properties owned by Tom O'Halloran and Senator McCain with a view to sending them information on easements.

A motion was made by Pat Williams and seconded by Tim Elinski to approve Mr. Walter Miller as a new member of the organization. This was passed unanimously. Enalo Lockard submitted a Letter of Resignation. He will be retiring from the county as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, so Chip Davis will have to appoint a replacement for this position.

Bob Rothrock reported that there will be a workshop with the Nature Conservancy on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm to review policies, forms and reporting requirements for easements. Two members of the Central Arizona Land Trust organization will also attend. Bob will let us know the location of this meeting. The Land Trust people are thinking of holding an outdoor picnic with our organization sometime in the spring. It was decided that the board members would meet for lunch at 11:30 at the Haunted Hamburger prior to the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding mileage reimbursement. Bob Rothrock made a motion that if a board member has to use their own vehicle, they can be reimbursed for mileage at the county rate of \$.50 per mile. This was seconded by Tim Elinski and passed unanimously.

All board members are to review the By-Laws in preparation for the next meeting, which will be our Annual Meeting. At this meeting in addition to review of the By-Laws, there will be a year-end report and election of officers. This meeting will be held February 11, 2008 at the KSB building in Sedona.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia F. Williams

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Approved  
Robert Rothrock, President

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1. John Bradshaw from Sedona was recognized as the new chairman.
2. Public comment:  
No public Comment.
3. Cottonwood:  
Tim Costello reported
  - A) Willard St. extension from 89A to Monte Tesoro.  
There is a \$650,000 NACOG grant for this project. The last of the right of way has been obtained. Construction to start this summer.
  - B) West Mingus Avenue from 89A to Willard. New development, mixed use. New land owner. Traffic has increased from 1600 cars per day to over 7000 cars per day since the new bridge over the Verde River opened.
4. Sedona:  
Charles Mosley reported
  - A) Traffic signal at 89A and Airport road to be installed. No definite date. Development is planned at that intersection with turn lanes. 08/09 fiscal year.
  - B) Street lights on 89A a very contentious issue.
  - C) SR 179 construction form "Y" South. A new bridge over Oak Creek South of the current bridge. Joint use till the end of the project, when old bridge removed and new bridge widened.
4. VOC, Big Park:  
John Gillam reported
  - A) 2 ½ roundabouts so far. Positive reception from public.
  - B) 16' median with landscaping. Trying to form an improvement district for maintenance. Public opposition, They need 60% approval and so far have 40%.
5. Beaver Creek:  
Janet Aniol reported
  - A) Residents pleased with the Beaver Creek Road improvements.

B) A lot of illegal roads in the Beaver Creek area. No right of way or legal easements. Some property owners are ditching and fencing illegal roads that cross their property.

6. Cornville:

George Dana reported

A) Currently undertaking a trails study.

B) NAU to do a study on 80 acres adjacent to Windmill Park to determine best use.

7. ADOT:

Flagstaff District representative reported

A) SR 179 roundabouts in Phase 2.

B) SR 260 Stakeholders meeting on January 30.

8. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting March 26,2008