

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow Agriculture Commission held on June 15, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Berry Larson
Commissioner Beall
Commissioner Chambers
Commissioner Mansfield
Commissioner Wood (telephonically)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Westwood

STAFF

Suzy Wetzel, City Clerk
Ashley Salyers, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larson at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. Roll was called and Commissioner Westwood was absent. Motion: Moved by Commissioner Mansfield, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to excuse Commissioner Westwood. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Larson and Commissioners Beall, Chambers, Mansfield and Wood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

After stating that meeting minutes are a synopsis of what is discussed during the meeting and the recording is available on-line, Chairperson Larson explained that this is the time to make changes to the minutes.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Beall, to approve the meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Larson and Commissioners Beall, Chambers, Mansfield and Wood voting yes.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding the 2022 Rural Policy Forum Participation

Members of the Commission discussed using their 22/23 budget for the Rural Policy Forum that is being hosted by the city on August 3rd - 5th. The City Clerk stated that the agenda for the event has not been released but it usually is an all-day event that involves breakout sessions. After further discussion, the decision was made that all members in attendance would like to attend the event with Commissioners Beall and Wood also attending the Wednesday evening kick-off party.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Mansfield, seconded by Chairperson Larson, to use the 22/23 budget for the registration for the Rural Policy Forum for the Agriculture Commission. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Larson and Commissioners Beall, Chambers, Mansfield and Wood voting yes.

B. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Winslow Garden Tour

There was discussion regarding partnering with the Community Garden to help facilitate the Winslow Garden tour that usually takes place in August or September wherein Chairperson Larson explained that the Commission would encourage gardening and provide education to citizens. Commission member assignments for the tour included the following:

- Commissioner Mansfield – discussion regarding food preservation
- Commissioner Beall – discussion regarding growing of cannabis

- Commissioner Chambers – will host the Community Garden
- Commissioner Wood – will host his garden
- Chairperson Larson – will host Growing on 66

Chairperson Larson advised that Tess Kenna is willing to host her garden and has other recommendations for the tour.

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Larson, seconded by Commissioner Mansfield, that the Agriculture Commission partner with the Winslow Sweetland Community Garden for the 2022 Winslow Garden Tour. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Larson and Commissioners Beall, Chambers, Mansfield and Wood voting yes.

C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Education Programs/Workshops

Chairperson Larson noted that Commissioner Westwood was not in attendance to further discuss this item, however Commissioner Chambers stated that she had been contacted by the White Mountain Community Garden advising that they were contacted by NPC in Winslow regarding a gardening class. Commissioner Chambers stated that she reached out the NPC regarding the Agriculture Commission teaching the class and provided detailed information regarding class alternatives ranging from one class to a four- or six-week course to a while semester.

There was further discussion regarding various options for the course including Commission members teaching the class and reaching out to guest speaker such as Coffee Pot Farms to teach a class. Chairperson Larson stated that she has curriculum because her husband was a Horticulture teacher.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Mansfield, that the Agriculture Commission partner with the Winslow Community Garden to consider and plan on doing gardening classes at NPC. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Larson and Commissioners Beall, Chambers, Mansfield, and Wood voting yes. Prior to voting on the motion, Chairperson Larson commented on the topics that can be taught at the classes that included food preservation, cannabis, home landscaping and garden related businesses.

D. Discussion and/or Action Regarding 2023 Farmers Market Guidelines

Commissioner Mansfield reported that 41 vendors have filled out paperwork since the start of the season. There was a brief discussion regarding the need to have a variety of items at the Farmers Market and ways to increase vendor participation

In preparation for discussion at the next meeting, Chairperson Larson suggested that everyone review the packet of material relating to farmers' markets that was previously provided to each member.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Larson requested that the following items be included on the next agenda:

- Tree City requirements
- Further discussion regarding the Winslow Garden Tour

- Education programs/workshops

Chairperson Larson also discussed details of a USDA Agriculture Grant application that is due on the date of the next meeting (July 20th) and requested that an update regarding action taken by the city be included on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Beall, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Larson and Commissioners Beall, Chambers, Mansfield and Wood voting yes.

Vice Chairperson Linda Mansfield

ATTEST:

Ashley Salyers, Recording Secretary