

**COCOPAI**  
**Minutes of Meeting--Clarkdale**  
**March 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem Patty Lasker, Prescott Valley Council Member; at 10:00am. Present in addition to the President were: Fran Schumacher, Council Member, Prescott Valley; Bob Arambula, Coordinator, Flagstaff; Richard Jentsch, City of Page; Bill Towler, Treasurer, Coconino County; Charlie Ester, Salt River Project; Pat Williams, Council Member, Clarkdale and Secretary; Doug VonGausig, Clarkdale Mayor; Gayle Mayberry, Clarkdale Town Manager, and Margie Hardy, administration staff member, Because of time constraints, the agenda was reordered to have the Clarkdale Presentation before our regular meeting began.

- a) Clarkdale Sustainability Energy Park: After introductions, Mayor VonGausig and Manager Gayle Mayberry conducted a power point presentation on Clarkdale's plan for a Sustainability Energy Park after first giving the group an overview of Clarkdale. The mayor gave a thorough explanation of all the steps involved in this project as well as where the facility could be located, what it would contain in the way of buildings and the "green" aspects of the park. This is an innovative, revolutionary concept and there is great support from all the various groups that have seen the program. A question and answer period followed. Everyone in attendance was very impressed with the entire concept. Patty Lasker asked the mayor if Clarkdale could make a presentation to their council at a future date. Mr. Arambula wondered if there could be a partnership with COCOPAI.

III. The minutes of the January 25th meeting were reviewed; Fran Schumacher made a motion to accept the minutes; this was seconded by Bill Towler and passed unanimously.

b) Pat Williams gave a short report on the RC&D conference held in Missoula, MT, that she attended. She stated there was a very large group of participants from the western region and there were many "success" stories of their various accomplishments. It was a very worth while conference.

c) Dues Letter: Bob Arambula stated he had modified the previous dues letter. Before sending this out there was discussion on our standing in the Circle of Diamonds. We were accepted into this program a few years ago and it was decided to check with them to see what our status is. Do we have to re-apply? A motion was made by Bill Towler and seconded by Charlie Ester and passed unanimously to have Bob Arambula check with them to find out our current status and then revise the dues letter to include this fact. It was suggested that we add all our meeting dates and locations to our web site.

d) Projects Update:

Fain Park: Bob Arambula said he had met with their Parks Director and set up a meeting for April 12 for an assessment review. Stu Tuttle and Krista Fauberg will review the assessment and we will try to bring in the Prescott tribe to help with native plants for the park as part of the restoration.

Yavapai Apache Nation: Bob said we should try to have a discussion with their Director of Land and Water Resources and present to him the concept of a workshop on horse care. This could be held on consecutive Mondays and would be a good project to try. Bob will follow up with them.

Navajo Nation: We should discuss with them the concept of a Land Assessment Plan and the possibility of implementing a well testing project that could include working with NACOG.

National Resource Education Center: This is a new project and Linda Zanolli of Clarkdale is exploring grants to perhaps obtain some financing to further discuss this idea, i.e., their ideas; planning; what the center will become and to develop a plan.

Bob said that some of the key findings after the office appraisal held in September were: We need to develop an outreach plan to under represented/underserved communities in the area; we need to make sure the communities in our area are aware of our services. All reports, including the Annual Report should be submitted as soon as possible. Bob stated he has submitted all the necessary reports and is currently working on a plan to get the various tribes in our area involved with our organization. He asked everyone who has any ideas on how to increase our exposure to e-mail him with their ideas. He said we should probably send out a press release but he's not sure how to do that. Fran Schumacher said she would do it. Bob further stated that part of all our presentations we should state that "your participation at our meetings will benefit your organization".

#### **New Business**

Items a) and b) were discussed under Open Issues, IV, above.

c) Adopt Sustainability Energy Plan Discussion: there was nothing to do at this time.

Regarding the web site, it was decided we should send Diane Joens the following for inclusion on the site: Meeting dates and locations, our Area Plan and our Outreach Plan.

We then discussed future agenda items as follows: Accept Bob Luzius' resignation; election of President and Vice President; any updates, i.e. dues letter mailed, and outreach programs.

Fran Schumacher moved that the meeting be adjourned; Charlie Ester seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm. Our next meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup> in Prescott Valley.

Respectfully submitted:  
Patricia F. Williams  
Secretary