



December 2013 Admin Report

Well time is flying and we have had a super busy month:

No interest loan bills have gone out, and payments are coming in.

Reserved water reports are coming in and the yearly report is ready.

Its that time of year again for the Department of Administration report for the state, planning to have that completed by the middle of the month.

Quarterly reports for the forestry grant is done, and some of the projects will be completed and ready for payment this quarter.

The final receipts and bills from the Governors Range tour have been paid and the final report and billing are almost complete.

Working with the Title company the release for Betty & Byron Newman is complete, Lackmans loan papers filed with the correct names and the paper work and payment for Giesicks loan has been completed.

I attended a CBMPA Meeting in Sidney with two producers and supervisors who do have development on their land, a couple of district staff and some of the CBM committee. We were able to go on a short tour of the area. Unfortunately there was not a representative of any of the oil companies and when I visited with Julie Goss she said the oil companies are not very forthcoming to work with conservation districts.

MACD convention was held in Great Falls this year. I really felt that this convention was ran very well. The concurrent session were scheduled so that all of them could be attended. I missed the one on the Montana Watercourse, just because I needed a break but Don was able to attend. We had two resolution go to committee and then they did go to the business meeting, both passed. Our Mitigation banks was a close count and we barely made it, our Forest mitigation was unanimous. Don did a great job representing the District and explaining the resolutions at the business meeting. I do think, that the next time we have more than one resolution in more than one committee, we need to have at least one supervisor per committee. As an Administrator, I could not vote, I could not even open the resolution for discussion at committee, I had to wait for another supervisor from another district who had not reviewed anything to make all the motions. I was allowed to participate in the discussion, however District supervisors have a lot more influence than an administrator.

I think that Don and I were both impressed with the number of education and outreach events some of these other districts are doing.

A time that is usually used for catching up, filing and cleaning up my desk has actually been one of the busiest times this year.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas & a Happy Happy New Year☺

Bobbi