

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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September 3, 2020

7 PM

Rosebud Treasure County Fair Grounds Exhibition Hall  
USDA Service Center, 270 S. Prospect, Forsyth, MT 59327

Meeting called to order by Doug McRae @7pm.

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**Board Members Present:**

Doug McRae, Dave Davenport, Rocky Schwagler, Cavin Steiger

**Board Members Absent:**

Alan Mereness, Jason Brewer, Don Youngbauer

**Others Present:**

Bobbi Vannattan, Dennis Kenney, ken Heinle, Steve Lackman, Danny Pratt, Rian Banks

**Guests:**

David Pratt & guest

**NRCS Tom Watson:**

**Treasure Report:**

Available at the meeting. Sharon is working on creating the reports that Monica presented to the board.

Tabled, Sharon working on recreating the reports to the boards requests.

**Meeting Minutes:**

August Minutes in your packets

- Cavin made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Expense Vouchers:** keep me updated on any travel you do for the district

**Administrator Report:** I have not had the time to put one together, will be available at the meeting.

**Outreach & Education:**

**Meeting Schedule:**

October 8th at 7pm-

**Meetings and travel:**

Keep Bobbi updated.

**Program reports:**

**Range Committee: Dave Davenport**

**No-Interest Loans:**

Don Youngbauer-\$75k- Restore Erosion control structure on Cottonwood creek-

- Dave made a motion to apporce the no interest lona for \$75k,
- Rocky second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Steve Lackman \$56,050-pivot irrigation system

- Dave made a motion to approve the no interest loan in the amount fo \$56,050,
- Cavin second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Lafe Warren-\$75K-Pivot irrigation system- not enough equity.

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Ken Heinle-\$75k-Pivot Irrigation system

- Dave made a motion to approve the loan application for \$75k,
- Rocky second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Brion Bennet-\$25k-pivot irrigation system- cannot apply for same pivot that lackman is applying for. Need to update to a different project.

Cole Cook- amend the amount to \$75K.

- Cavin made motion to amend cooks nil loan amount to \$75k,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

### **310- Permit Applications:**

Brown Cattle Company- pump site on the Tongue river

- Cavin made a motion to approve the 310 application,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Coal Seam Fire Suppression Planning Grant:** will repeat flyers and posts, with the increase in Covid it is not possible to schedule meetings in person, I will be working with DNRC on having a possible Zoom Meeting, with those that are interested given the option to meet in person or join remotely.  
It is best for the board to try for December for first meetings.

### **Soil Health Initiative:**

#### **Dave Pratt & guest:**

HID YRCDC

Rian Banks will go back to the ditch and see what they are willing to put into the project for the HID engineering grant. The award is for 15K and the ditch has been asked to contribute to the engineering firms cost since it is 18K. YRCDC is putting \$2k towards the project.

#### **No-Till Drill:**

Drill delivery is February 2021, Treasure CD ordered a NTD as well and because we ordered one they were pushed back on the delivery of their drill.

Do we want to look at getting a hydraulic lifter?

**Newsletter:** I have quite a few articles ready to go and visited with Alphagraphics about the process and design, its been quiet crazy lately and this will be a priority for the first half of September.

#### **New Business-**

##### **HID Engineering Grant- Hiring contractor.**

- Dave made a motion to hire the contractor with the funds awarded and request buy in from HID,
- Cavin second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

##### **MACD rep to vote at area and convention**

- Rocky made a motion that Don would vtd on behalf of the conservation district for area and state meetings,

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- Jason second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**NRCS- Danny Pratt-**

**RCD Business:**

**Filling urban supervisor position:**

Cavin is officially a board member, I will try and get him into the office before the meeting to sign an oath of office, and request that Christy bring her notary stuff. We might want to consider me applying for a notary.

**Pollinator programs:** handouts in packet and presentation at meeting-we can review the presentations and I will visit to see how much is available and the deadlines for the program.

**Wildlife Ramps:**

**Upcoming Events:** Area IV meeting hosted by Treasure County CD will be held online, October 7<sup>th</sup>, virtually from 9am to 12. Each district will host for our own supervisors.

**Open Mike Board Members:**

8 pm:

**Public Comments:**

**Next Meeting:**

**ADJOURN:** Cavin made motion to adjourn. **9:50pm**