

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

May 1, 2017

7:00 PM

USDA Service Center, 270 S. Prospect, Forsyth, MT 59327

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Doug McRae @ 7:08 pm.

Board Members Present:

Reg Hoff, Dave Davenport, Jason Brewer, Bonnie Prince Doug McRae

Board Members Absent:

Alan Mereness, Don Youngbauer

Others Present:

Rocky Schwagler-NRCS, Dennis Kenney, Heather-SGI, Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer

Guests:

Treasure Report:

Transfer of funds at end of FY from Regular County to Regular FSB.

Table report until next meeting and review budget with accurate amounts.

- Reg made a motion to move the funds from the regular account at the county to the operating account at first state bank,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting Minutes: March & April 2017

- Bonnie made a motion to approve the minutes for March & April 2017,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Expense Vouchers:

Supervisor travel vouchers will be paid at the June Meeting. Please let Bobbi Know if you have any extra travel that I need to get your travel paid.

Administrator Report: Report in packet

Admin assistant report: Report in packet

Outreach & Education: Conservation days, arbor days, garden workshop

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8th, 2017.

Loans:

Larry Rau-conservation easement request for subordination- More information was requested. Larry talked to Dave Davenport and I visited with a majority of you regarding the new information. It was agreed via telephone by a majority of the board to grant the subordination.

Real-estate values. A list that Reg Hoff provided at the October meeting. You already have these.

Rates were reviewed and the form has been updated- included in minutes.

- Bonnie made the motion to approve the updates,
- Jason second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

310- Permit Applications:

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Next month Coffee Ranch.

Reserved Water:

New Business:

Budget for FY 18

Table until June meeting

Trackfiller:

We have spent a lot of money on the current track filler, constantly repairing. It might be time to look for a new one.

Table- get estimates and ideas of what would work best.

SB 0338:

This is a bill introduced by Duane Ankeny, **The Coal-Fired Generating Unit Mitigated Retirement Act**

The Rosebud Conservation District did not take a stand regarding this bill.

This bill died.

RCD Coats/Jackets:

I am working with Ace's in Billings to redesign the logo, similar to the ones on the van, and planning to have an account set up by the end of April. Once everything is set up, supervisors will need to stop by the store in Billings and find the style and size of coat that they prefer.

I was also hoping to order 15-20 hats as well.

Bobbi will visit with Alan about helping set this up.

RTC Fair:

We have reserved our space with the fair, our plan is to display the oral histories of Women in AG for Rosebud & Treasure counties. Let's visit about the fair.

Caps pens promotional items

Dues:

We have received our dues invoice for the amount of \$5,107.45.

We have a few letters and comments from other cds across the state and their position on their dues. There are issues that should be addressed.

Table until we have more details.

Soil Health Tour: thoughts, we are keeping until we have it worked out.

Looking for more local producers to send to Bismarck.

Forestry Grants:

FIF- completed, waiting for approval from foresters on final reporting and payment. FIF 17 is in the contracting signature stage, WSF-14-008 has been approved for \$100k and is just entering the contract phase.

Soil Health Initiative:

Still available to those that want to apply.

Craig Weight

Justin Yablonski

No-Till Drill: Reg fixed the hitch. The drill has been rather difficult the last couple of weeks. It has lost bearings, hydraulic hoses, and literally been temporarily misplaced. We will have more discussion on that at the meeting.

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Newsletter: Monica is doing an excellent job putting this together and she has also done a great job getting some of our articles to the local paper.

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

Secretary of Ag, lifted the freeze but put it right back on the 17th.

Pathways student Sierra Berry will start May 28th. Maybe some of the producers could take her for a day and show her their operations.

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA:

Next meeting Agenda:

Employee Reviews

FY 18 Budget.

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: 9:21 pm

9 pm: