

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Jack Knobloch, Keith Lockie, and Tom Wimer.
Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, District Conservationist, and Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Assistant.

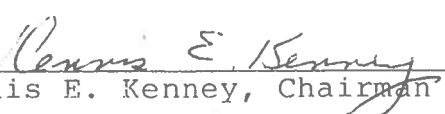
The meeting was brought to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Building. The meeting was scheduled to finalize the district's annual plan. The plan will be presented to the full board at the January 22 meeting for their approval and signatures.

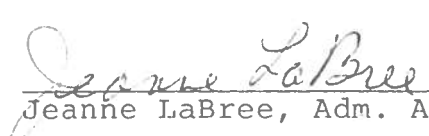
After setting goals and action items, for the priorities set at the regular meeting, there was a discussion on a joint SCS/Rosebud Conservation District Annual Plan. The supervisors unanimously felt that the district should have its' own plan and any requests for assistance from SCS could be incorporate into the SCS Annual Plan of Operations. The board did not wish to diminish the relationship between SCS and the district, and will continue their cooperation with SCS, but they feel a joint plan would not be in the best interest of the conservation district.

Dennis mentioned that SCS has scheduled Matt to review compliance plans with producers and asked the board's opinion on this. It was a unanimous decision that Matt would not review compliance plans. The board explained,

Rocky, that Matt was hired to provide technical assistance to producers because the Food Security Act was taking all of SCS personnel's time. They also were apprehensive that Matt would not be able to correctly answer all the questions a producer may have. It was decided, however, that Matt could attend training sessions on Food Security Act provisions such as compliance planning if it did not conflict with his regular duties.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Assistant

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chm, Robert Heinle, V.Chm, Keith Lockie, Jack Knobloch, Jay Nansel, Tom Wimer, and Caprice Gregory, Associate Member.

Not Present: Layton Salsbery

Others Present: Duane Claypool, DNRC, Miles City; Alice Kuehn, RC&D Coordinator, Sidney, Scott Kaiser, DNRC, Miles City; Rocky Schwagler, DC; Jeanne LaBree, Adm.Sec.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Dennis Kenney at 2:00 p.m. in the USDA Conference Room. Minutes of the December 19th meeting were approved as written. The next "special" meeting is scheduled for February 9th, 5:00 p.m., at the Forsyth Country Club. The next regular meeting will be held in March.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

	COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT.	P.C.
Balances brought forward:	\$36139.66	1,599.70	860.33	282157.78	58.3
2870 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P. 25(642.52)	745.60				
2871 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P. 25(622.22)	825.60				
2872 State Fund Workmen's Comp (4th qtr)	81.52				
2873 Unemployment Ins. 4th Quarter	71.49				
2874 State Treasurer Withholding \$396.62+ Payroll Tax	30.80				
2875 IRS Withholding \$254.20+Matching Ben.	120.20				
2876 U.S. West Phone Service/long distance	57.72				
2877 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P. 26 (647.52)	745.60				
2878 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P. 26 (623.22)	825.60				
2879 U.S. Post Office Mailing Newsletter = Bulk Permit	186.60				
Jennis Kenney FSA Plan Reviews/Revisions			15.00		
780 Jay Nansel FSA Plan reviews			15.00		
781 Layton Salsbery FSA Plan Reviews			15.00		
P.C. Yellowstone Pharmacy Batteries					2.00
P.C. Jack's IGA Special Mtg. Expense					5.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	3690.73	-0-	45.00	-0-	7.00

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY BUDGET	Sept. Newsletter Reimbursement/Treasure CD	94.41			
COUNTY BUDGET	Error/Transposed Figures	1.50			
DISTRICT ACCT.	Interest/October		8.24		
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments: McDaniels, Weight			1,870.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments: Kanta, Ferguson, Nile			4,410.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Interest/October			3,830.60	
TOTAL INCOME:		95.91	8.24	-0-	10,110.60
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:		\$32,544.84	\$1,607.94	\$815.33	\$292,268.38

Tom made a motion to accept the financial statement. Keith seconded and motion carried.

Dennis Kenney introduced Alice Kuehn, Duane Claypool, and Scott Kaiser to those supervisors who had not met them, and gave Alice the floor.

RC&D UPDATE: Alice informed the board on RC&D activities and accomplishments and invited the board to attend the next meeting which will be held on the third Wednesday in Broadus. Alice informed the board that Randy Hanson, small business administrator, shared an office with her in Sidney and that he is available to help people start up new businesses in Eastern Montana. She stated that the bead work being done in Lane Deer is an example of a business that would benefit from RC&D and/or small business assistance.

RESERVED WATER REQUEST: Kim Nile (RS-014-VL) requests 432 acre feet of water to irrigate 166 acres. Duane reviewed the detailed development plan with the board. There was some discussion that the crissifuli pump may not pump 4000 gpm but that can be checked. It was also noted that Kim applied for a 310 permit, stating that no

RESERVED WATER REQUEST, cont'd:

work would be needed below the high water mark. The board declared this a non-project but informed Kim that should it be necessary to change these plans, he would have to re-apply for the permit. After thorough review of detailed plan and application criteria, Robert made a motion to approve Kim's reserved water authorization. Jack seconded and motion carried by voice vote.

RESERVED WATER ANNUAL UPDATE: Duane reviewed the reserved water use balances of Rosebud CD and also those of the Upper and Lower Yellowstone Basin CD's. The Lower Basin has utilized approximately 7% of their reserved water in comparison to 3% in the upper basin. Also reviewed, were amendments made by the 1991 legislature. It was noted that districts' undeveloped water that has been revoked would go back to the source but water the district has developed will remain in the districts' reserve. Duane asked the board if they would be interested in joining other Conservation Districts, in both basins, to form a Reserved Water Council. A council would review any changes planned in the water reservations and be able to go to the BNRC and/or legislature with a general consensus of what the districts of both basins want. This would eliminate the problem that Peggy (Exec. Vice President of MACD) met when she spoke on behalf of "some" of the districts during the last legislature. Dennis made a motion that the Rosebud CD join such a council. Robert seconded and motion carried. Robert was appointed to the council.

Duane also mentioned that the computer workshop on high lift irrigation feasibility will be held on January 23 in Terry from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It was noted that Matt will be attending and Robert plans to do so.

310 APPLICATION: Brand S Corporation submitted a 310 application to make some crossings in Wyatt Coulee and its tributaries for yarding and trucking sawlog timber. The activity will be restricted to winter, under frozen ground conditions. Keith made a motion that the activity was NOT a project as it would not involve a designated stream. Robert seconded and motion carried. The determination will be sent to the Corps and Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

*MEETING COORDINATION: Rocky visited with Mark Kellog about attending a district meeting to provide information on water quality monitoring activities and possible funding sources. The meeting should be coordinated with Treasure CD as they would like the same information. The board agreed to skip the February regular meeting as the annual banquet will be in February and hold their next regular meeting on the second Tuesday (Treasure CD's meeting date). Rocky will check with Mark on a firm date.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL: A letter was sent to the Department of Agriculture on behalf of the noxious weed trust fund. Rocky asked the board if they were interest in having Mark Parman, from Terry, give a presentation on using his goats to control Leafy Spurge. The board will ask Mr. Parman to attend a meeting but no date was set at this time.

1992 ANNUAL PLAN: Keith made a motion to approve the 1992 Annual Plan. Robert seconded and motion carried.

LOAN PROGRAM: The district received a letter from John Forsythe, County Attorney, informing them that Jerry Gatewood's attorney suggests that Gatewood would pay 80% of the amount he owes. After discussing the probability of not getting the full amount due even though the court ruled in the district's favor, Tom made a motion to accept \$9,445.66 (80%) with the stipulation that the payment be made by February 21st. Keith seconded and motion carried.

It was noted that Tim Cox and Connie Bell have past due accounts. Letters were sent to each asking that they contact us prior to January 22nd. Neither did. Since this is the first payment Tim has missed, Dennis said he would visit with him before any action was taken. Connie will be given more time, also, as he is only two months past his "reinstated" loan date.

LOAN PROGRAM, cont'd:

Kim Nile - Kim requests a modification in his loan application. He would like to add a pipeline as he has some money left in his loan account. Jack made a motion to approve this change, to the extent of his loan account. Tom seconded and motion carried.

PLANT MATERIALS CENTER: Tammy DeCock and Matt Kurkowski have been working with Jack Payer to try tall wheatgrass and wild ryes in a saline area. Rocky explained that PMC will furnish the seed but the district must sign a formal request for the trial planting. Tom made a motion to request the seed. Robert seconded and motion carried.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: The Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology sent an invoice for expenses incurred in the first quarter, 11/1/91 - 12/31/91, in the amount of \$4,042.32. Tom made a motion to approve the invoice and submit it to the Coal Board for payment. Robert seconded and motion carried. Jeanne will write to Wayne Van Voast asking for a quarterly report and also that we would like the Bureau of Mines & Geology to set up another presentation showing the results of their monitoring, in July.

CARTERSVILLE DIVERSION DAM: Phil Stewart sent a copy of the River Restoration Act application from Rosebud-Treasure Wildlife Association. The application asks for funding a structure to improve fish passage over the Cartersville Diversion Dam. Phil asks that comments be sent to Al Wipperman. The board had no problem with the project but feel a 310 application must be made by Rosebud-Treasure Wildlife Association.

SCS UPDATE: Rocky informed the board that there may be a problem with Mysse's planned water-spreading project as the soils crew sampled the soils and found a probability of souring if irrigated, especially from a "salty" water source. Tests have not come back as yet to verify their statements but Rocky wanted the board to know because it is approved for a no-interest loan, if feasible to do. Some work has already been done on the project so there might be some complaint from Mysse. Rocky also mentioned that he was working on the Annual Plan of Operations and personnel appraisals.

MACD: Peggy sent a form for the supervisors to sign if they would agree to manage the Organiz Crop and Rangeland Registry. Districts would not be under any obligations to mediate disputes, investigate problems, or provide any more information than what is given in the register. Because it would be a service to the producers and require minimum work, Tom made a motion to manage the registry. Keith seconded and motion carried.

ANNUAL BANQUET: It was decided to give Allen Ballensky a CD jacket as well as an aerial photo of the farm. Ten invitations were sent out to randomly selected cooperators. They were asked to RSVP by January 24th so others could be selected if they were unable to attend. To date, we have had six affirmative responses.

WATER AWARENESS ACTIVITIES: On January 23rd, Roxie Dinstel is using the districts H2O model for a demonstration in the Colstrip grade schools. PROJECT WET is scheduled for March 5th and Jeanne will be helping Gary Schaff set up the library basement, provide refreshments, and advertise the workshop to teachers in Rosebud County. Tom made a motion to become involved in the state poster contest, "Water, the Life Blood of the Nation". Jack seconded and motion carried. Posters must be into MACD by May 15th.

JAY NANSEL RESIGNS: Jay submitted a letter of resignation, stating personal and business reasons. Dennis made a motion to reluctantly accept Jay's resignation. Tom seconded. Jay said he had talked to Bruce Nile and Bob Nansel but did not get a firm commitment from either. Dennis Kenney asked Jeanne to advertise the position which will come up for election in April.

PRAIRIE DOG CONTROL: Because the district is scheduled to assist the county set up a prairie prairie dog control program, Tammy DeCock requested guidelines that the Fish, and Wildlife Service has set in relation to the black-footed ferret. These guidelines state that 80 acres of black tailed prairie dogs or 200 acres of white tailed prairie dogs would be considered a complex and need the ferret survey. Over 200 acres would necessitate an environmental impact statement. Most prairie dogs in Rosebud County are white tailed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Dennis Kenney opened the floor for nominations. Robert moved to keep the same officers. Keith seconded and motion carried with one nay vote from Dennis Kenney. The officers are: Dennis Kenney, Chairman; Robert Heinle, Vice Chairman; Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer.

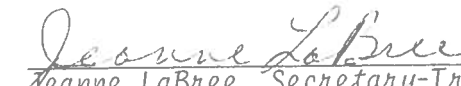
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: District Operations and FSA Review Committee: Dennis Kenney. Public Relations, Southern Saline Seep Organization, Keith Lockie; Water Resource, Jack Knobloch; Youth Education, Lower Yellowstone CD Dev. Committee and Reserved Water Council, Robert Heinle. National Environment & Wildlife and FSA Review Committee, Layton Salsbery. Legislative Contact, Weed Mgt. Coordinator, Tom Wimer. Resource Conservation & Development & Agriculture in Montana Schools, Caprice Gregory. No committee appointment was designated as yet for Range, Forestry & Public Lands, and third FSA review person.

Jack Knobloch, Layton Salsbery, and someone from Supervisor Area 5 must submit nominating petitions and oath of candidacy to Clerk & Recorder by March 19th. Jeanne will fill out pertinent data and send to both Jack and Layton.

Notes from Ray were made available to each supervisor.

There being no further business, Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer

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January 31, 1992

FAX 612-426-0275
Attention Lynn:

Anderson's
4875 White Bear Parkway
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Please send the following order, as discussed in our phone call
January 30th.

2	GIHG25	Heart Garlands	Red	6.95@	13.90
1	GDCH8	Mylar Hearts	Red	2.50	2.50
1	GDCH11	Mylar Hearts	Red	3.90	3.90
1	G913DH	Red Hearts Kit		9.50	9.50

Total: 29.80

Shipping charges of \$6.00 or \$12.00 will be added at your discretion
to ensure this arrives by February 7th.

Thanks!

Jeanne LaBree
Jeanne LaBree
Administrator

PHONE: 406-356-7479

ORDER AUTHORIZATION

I have the authority to place
this order and payment of charges
is guaranteed.

Jeanne LaBree
District Administrator

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To <i>Andersons</i>	From
Co.	Co.
Dept.	Phone #
Fax # <i>612-426-0275</i>	Fax # <i>406-356-7906</i>

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 25, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chm; Robert Heinle, V.Chm; Jack Knobloch, Keith Lockie, Layton Salsbery, and Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor.

Not Present: Tom Wimer, excused.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, DC; Warren Kellog, Water Quality Bureau; Gene Thornburg, Soil Conservation Service, Bozeman, Matt Kurkowski, Dist. Technician, Jeanne LaBree Adm. Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Kenney at 7:00 p.m. in the SCS Conference room in Forsyth. Robert made a motion to approve the January 22 minutes, as written. Jack seconded and motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

	COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCOUNT P.
balances brought forward:	\$32544.84	\$1607.94	815.33	292268.38 51
880 N A C D Dues	550.00			
881 Caprice Gregory RC&D mileage/Sidney	94.90			
882 SupraColor Lab Slide Developments	30.50			
883 Independent Ent. newsletters/ads	226.83			
884 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P.01 (647.52)	745.60			
885 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P.01 (623.22)	825.60			
886 I R S WH & M.Benefits (754.79)	240.39			
887 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P.02 (647.52)	745.60			
888 Riggs Gift Shop Engraving, Matting Award	35.25			
889 U.S. Post Office Stamps/Proj.WET mailing	44.38			
890 Linda Killen Photo I.D. winner	5.00			
891 N A C D/P M C Dues	4025.00			
892 U.S. West Phone Service	57.39			
893 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P.02 (623.22)	825.60			
894 Jeanne LaBree Mileage/Clerk's Mtg/Lunch	17.75			
895 Rosebud County Fair Booth Rental	20.00			
896 N A C D Water Sample Kits	43.40			
897 Blackburn Manufact. Marking Flags (2300)	97.42			
898 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P.04 (647.52)	745.60			
899 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P.04 (623.22)	825.60			
900 College of Mines Water Monitoring Project	3822.32			
901 I R S WH & M.Benefits (724.79)	240.39			
902 Forsyth Country Club Annual Banquet	546.00			
903 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P.04 (647.52)	745.60			
904 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P.04 (623.22)	825.60			
905 U.S. Post Office PR.Dog Workshop Mailings	44.80			
906 M A C D 10 Year Silversmith Pin	10.00			
907 U.S. West Phone Service	55.18			
908 Rosebud Co. Insurance Security Bond	100.00			
909 Rosebud Co. Press Ad/Banquet	9.00			
910 State Treasurer Trees/Conservation Day	63.00			
911 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P.05	745.60			
912 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P.05	825.60			
913 U.S. Post Office Mailing Newsletters	112.77			
914 I R S WH & M.Benefits	240.39			
78 Independent Ent. Subscription/Door Prize		19.00		
78 Mails Inn Room/Vince Yannone		25.27		
784 Shy Ann's 2 Beef Certificates		20.00		
.C. Jack's IGA Regular Meeting Exp.				8.
.C. Jeanne LaBree Proj.WET & Prairie Dog(cookies 12 doz.)				18.
TOTAL EXPENSES	18583.06	64.27	-0-	-0- 26.

FINANCES, CONT'D:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT.	
MONEY TAKEN IN DURING MONTH:						
COUNTY BUDGET	Coal Board/Monitoring Proj.	3822.32				
"	Treasure CD Reimbursements	123.91				
"	Flag Sales/Steiger, Leonhardt	40.00				
"	Banquet Reimb./LaBree	31.50				
DIST	LT ACCOUNT L.O. Maps: Hensleigh, Arneson		12.00			
"	" L.O. Maps: Notti, Grinke		13.00			
"	" Banquet Reimb. Urbaniak		21.00			
"	" CRP Payment/Signup 10			519.48		
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments: Payer, Bradley, Wimer, Walter, Mereness				4020.00	
"	" Payment: Gatewood				9445.66	
"	" Interest/Nov, Dec, Jan				3003.49	
PETTY CASH	2 Blue Prints/K. Jotten					2
TOTAL INCOME :		4017.73	46.00	519.48	16469.15	2
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:		17974.51	1589.67	1334.81	308737.53	26

Robert made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jack seconded and motion carried.

WATER QUALITY: Warren Kellogg, Water Quality Bureau, Helena, and Gene Thornburg, SCS, Bozeman attended the meeting to discuss water quality issues. Warren informed the board that the Clean Water Act of 1972 is scheduled for reauthorization in '92 and may change nonpoint source pollution into a regulatory program rather than voluntary as it is now. Conservation Districts may be asked to be the management agency as they were under the Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. Also discussed was the Water Quality Workshop planning meeting held in Billings on March 23rd. Jeanne LaBree represented the district at this meeting as she was also attending the Area IV District Clerks' meeting held that morning. Jack made a motion that Rosebud CD join other area IV districts to sponsor a water quality conference. Robert seconded and motion carried. The next planning meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on April 15th and Caprice Gregory will attend to represent the district.

Water quality projects, utilizing the district's nitrate and phosphate kits were discussed. Dennis Kenney visited with Bruce Bochy, US Geological Survey, as he was taking samples from the Yellowstone River. Mr. Bochy sent results from sampling on Armells and Rosebud Creeks in 1988/89. Information from these results and that gathered during the 208 phase should give historical information of various creeks the district plans to check. The board also mentioned the Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring Project they sponsor through Coal Board Funds. Over 200 wells are monitored in the coal mining areas of Rosebud County and Big Horn. The district is working with a Cartersville producer who has requested help through the Southeastern Montana Salinity Organization.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: At the last meeting the board approved an invoice for \$4032.32 for expenses incurred by the Montana Bureau of Mines. The Coal Board paid \$3822.32 because "rent" and "other" items were taken out of the approved grant. Also, the quarterly report has not been submitted by MBMG and they will be reminded of this. Jeanne was asked to check possible dates that Wayne Van Voast or Joe Lolley could give a presentation on the results of the monitoring.

COOPERATORS AGREEMENTS: Keith made a motion to approve the following cooperators agreements. Terry Patterson, 9600 acres; Greg/Steve Lackman, 851 acres; Jack Ferguson, Jr., 6362 acres and John Killen, 35,000 acres. Robert seconded and motion carried. Cancelled agreements will be William "Red" Killen, 34,682 ac.

P APPLICATION: Hugh Broadus has requested a Great Plains Contract for livestock water developments and cross fencing. SCS sets a #1 priority on the application. Robert made a motion to concur with SCS priority. Keith seconded and motion carried.

10 APPLICATIONS:

RS-02-YL: Pam Patterson applied for a 310 permit to install a pump site. The pump will sit in a trailer on the bank with a telescoping intake and no streambed or bank activity will be necessary. Dennis Kenney made an on-site prior to the district meeting and Phil Stewart was contacted but could not attend. Robert made a motion that the application was not a project as no work would be done within the high water mark. Jack seconded and motion carried. A copy of the application and board's decision will be sent to FW&P.

310 APPLICATIONS, CONT'D:

- RS-03-YL: City of Forsyth - This application from the City, to repair the dike at the end of 5th Avenue, was not acted upon as units of government are exempt from the 310 law. Robert made a motion to forward the application and project plans to Phil Stewart, FW&P, with a request to send the necessary 124 permit application. Jack seconded the motion and motion carried.
- RS-04-AR: Montana Power Company - Submitted an application to clean out accumulated silt above their Parshall Flume in Armells Creek. The proposed activity involves taking "one" scoop with a front end loader. Property on each side and across is owned by Montana Power. Jack made a motion that this is not a project under SB310 Model Rules as Armells Creek has not been designated a 310 stream. Layton seconded the motion and the motion carried. Copies of the application will be forwarded to FW&P and the Corps.
- RS-05-TR: Dick Hosford - Dick submitted a letter requesting a 310 permit to replace a cable swinging bridge with a 110' steel span bridge. Pile driven abutments on each side of the old bridge will be placed by using a crane in the Tongue River. Robert made a motion that this is a project. Keith seconded and motion carried. The 310 application will be sent to Mr. Hosford to complete and return with "plans". A 404 permit application will also be enclosed. The board did not think an on-site should be necessary unless the FW&P makes that request.

LOAN PROGRAM: CASH: \$308737.53 APPROVED: \$70,000 COMMITTED: \$74,500 AVAILABLE: \$16423

- GATEWOOD: Jerry Gatewood made a \$9445.66 payment as agreed to by the district to settle his account. Jerry borrowed \$15,400 for various conservation practices installed in conjunction with the Great Plains Conservation Program. After several payments Mr. Gatewood refused to honor his commitment and would not contact the district. This necessitated action by the District and with the County Attorney's help a judgement against Mr. Gatewood was received. However, payments still were not forthcoming without "legal" help and when Gatewood's attorney said they would settle for 80% of the balance, the board agreed to this settlement in February. Gatewood's total payments on the \$15,400 loan is \$13,145.66 plus the 3% loan closing of \$462.
- C. BELL: Connie has not responded to letters requesting payment. His renegotiated loan payments are due (\$3500) in December. Last May Connie paid \$3762.50, including interest for late payment. The board asked Jeanne to request the County Attorney's assistance in collecting this payment.
- Tim Cox: Tim's payment is past due. He has contacted the district and asks more time. Tim's no interest loan was made in July of 1983 for \$10,800. He has made seven payments and owes \$3,240.00. The board did not wish to take any action now.
- Patterson: Pam Patterson requests \$32,000 to reorganize her irrigation system. She offers 54.6 acres of irrigated land (prime) valuing it at \$600/acre. Matt explained what he was designing for the project and said he is working with Glen Leonhard who will be leasing the cropland. It was noted that pump and gated pipe was planned for this spring and buried mainline for next year. The extra gated pipe would be used to irrigate other fields when the buried line goes in. The loan, if approved, is based on meeting specifications. The district would have a first mortgage. Some board members felt \$500/acre was more in line and unless more acreage was offered, the \$32,000 request could not be approved. Keith made a motion to approve \$26,500, on land offered. Robert seconded and motion carried.
- L. I. & I.: 4L requests that the district's mortgage be released and transferred to another area. Two and a half sections are offered with second mortgage. However, Dick did not state how much was owed on first mortgage. The board decided they could not approve the transfer of the mortgage without this information and Dick will be notified of this. According to no-interest loan guidelines, mortgage should be paid off prior to sale. Balance on the loan is \$14,110.00.

SCS REPORT: Rocky Schwagler, DC, reported on activities at the Forsyth Field Office. Wetland on-site investigations are scheduled for Greg Lackman's, at Hathaway, Don Holland, and Kim Nile. Rocky asked the board when they would like to have Mark Pahrman give them a presentation on his "spurge" eating goats. It was decided that Rocky should find out what regular meeting Mark could attend and he would be put on the agenda. The Plant Matter Center Tour was discussed also. The board decided that the week of June 22-26 would probably be a good time and discussed the possibility of holding a regular meeting on the "bus" trip to the Center. Rocky will make arrangements with the PMC.

NO-TILL DRILL: Jeanne LaBree talked to Laurie Zeller, DNRC, about their decision on the no-till drill. Laurie suggested sending in the final report and then making arrangements for its sale. She agreed with the board's decision to replace the drill with another piece of equipment, grass drill or range renovator.

WEED MANAGEMENT PROJECT: \$138 is available to one of the participants of the Colstrip Cooperative Weed Management Area Project. Whoever uses the money will also get that amount in county weed program funds.

FAC MEETING: Jeanne LaBree represented the district at the local FAC meeting. BIA, Extension Service, SCS, ASCS, FmHA, and Treasure CD were also represented. Jeanne reported on district activities, namely the no-interest loan program. The next meeting is set for May 19th.

ACTION FOR EASTERN MONTANA: The district has been contacted with a request to participate in this program. They will furnish part time or full time help during the summer. The board left the decision up to Jeanne. She is somewhat hesitant to get someone to work as there will be two Co-op students working for SCS this summer. Desk space and time to train individuals may be difficult to find.

ROSEBUD WET WORKSHOP: The district co-sponsored this workshop on March 5th with the Extension Service and Treasure CD. Ten teachers from Rosebud County attended and 5 from Hysham. Diane and Jeanne also attended and provided cookies. The total cost of the workshop is \$156.50. Jeanne reported that it was well received by the teachers and she also enjoyed it. An H2O Model, like the district's, was demonstrated as well as the video. The Project WET workbook was given to the district and is placed in the H2O Model. Several teachers expressed an interest in using this model later in the spring.

PRAIRIE DOG WORKSHOPS: 473 flyers were sent to rural routes where interest was shown and to all those producers that answered the district's prairie dog questionnaire. Cookies were provided by Rosebud CD, and beverages by Extension Service. Workshops were held at Ray Batey's on the Rosebud and Jack Knobloch's at Birney. Both were fairly well attended considering the weather and busy season. A Rodent torch demonstration was included in the program.

RC&D & SMALL BUSINESS MEETINGS were held in Forsyth. Randy Hansen conducted the small business meeting on March 13 in the USDA conference room. Earlier that day he attended a meeting in Lamer Deer. Alice Kuehn, RC&D Coordinator, met with Forsyth residents in the City Hall on March 15th. Caprice Gregory attended both meetings and reported that there is more people becoming interested in the programs.

AG WEEK: An ad was placed in the Independent Enterprise during Ag Week, advertising the no-interest loan and other programs the district has available to ag producers.

SCIENCE & SPEECH CONTEST MATERIAL was sent to all schools within Rosebud County. As yet, no one has contacted the district.

AREA IV DISTRICTS CLERK MTG: Jeanne attended this meeting, riding with Diane Stephenson from Hysham. As we agreed to pay for mileage every other meeting, Diane will receive mileage also. Annual Plans were exchanged with other districts, entertainment ideas for annual meetings and consideration of an Employee's Award program (one from each of the six areas)

WATER QUALITY KIT SAMPLES were received but not checked out as yet. The board decided at the December meeting to order a sample set of the kits available prior to purchasing and making kits available to public.

BOB NANSEL notified Jeanne that he was interested in becoming a supervisor. Nominating Petition was sent to Bob and he said he would submit the petition to the clerk & recorder by the March 19th deadline. He planned to attend the district meeting and said he would accept the appointment to the Area 5 supervisor position that is now vacant.

AG IN MONTANA SCHOOLS (AMS): Minutes of the January 9th meeting were received. LaVern Ivie, Yellowstone Conservation District clerk, was elected Vice-President. She has asked that the district receive treasure chest material and see that they are put in the individual chests in the county.

TERRASORB: It was noted that Jeanne LaBree agreed to purchase 1# of Terra-Sorb, in conjunction with Yellowstone CD and other Area IV CD's. This amount will be enough to provide added moisture for approximately 1000 small trees. The cost of this is \$7.00. Jeanne will purchase the small garden packet for \$2.75.

RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT/CARTERSVILLE DIVERSION DAM: Al Wipperman, FW&P, asks for comments again on the proposed project. The district replied in January, stating that they had no objection to the project but because the applicant is organizations they will need a 310 permit prior to any activity. Jeanne visited with Phil Stewart about this and he said they were a long way from getting permits but were informed they were necessary. Another letter stating no objections to the project will be sent to Al.

DECLAMATION & DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDELINES & FORMS were received. The purpose of this program is to repair, reclaim, and mitigate environmental damage to public resources from non-renewable resource extraction. There is no minimum grant but they cannot exceed \$300,000.

NOTES FROM RAY were made available to supervisors attending.

There being no further business, Dennis Kenney moved the meeting be adjourned. Robert seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Dennis E. Kenney
Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman

Jeanne LaBree
Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 22, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chm., Robert Heinle, V.Ch., Layton Salsbery, Tom Wimer, Bob Nansel. Caprice Gregory,

Not Present: Keith Lockie, Jack Knobloch.

Others Present: Mark Parman, Terry, Gary Schaff, Ext.Agent, Tammy DeCock, SCS Soil Con, and Rocky Schwagler, SCS District Conservationist.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Dennis Kenney at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the 3/25/ meeting were approved as written. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on May 27th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT.	P.C
Balances brought forward:			17974.51	1589.67	1334.81	308737.53	26.
2915	Valley Auto	UPS/SCS computer	15.67				
2916	Jared Gamble	Photo ID/Newsletter	5.00				
2917	Project WET	Teacher Workshop	146.50				
2918	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.6 (647.52)	745.60				
2919	Matt Kurkowski	Travel Advance/Workshop	247.00				
2920	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.6 (623.22)	825.60				
2921	U.S.Post Office	1 roll stamps @.29	29.00				
2922	Independent Ent.	Ag week ads	45.50				
2923	Peterson Type.	Office Supplies	87.05				
2924	NACD	Fairbooth Give-a-ways	27.46				
2925	Pharmacy	Film/slides/development	19.98				
	U.S. West	Phone Service	50.49				
	Diane Stephenson	Mileage/Clerk's Mtg	41.25				
2928	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.07	745.60				
2929	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.07	825.60				
2930	IRS	W.H. 496.40 + Benefits	240.39				
2931	State Treasurer	W.H. 315.56 Payroll Tax	26.40				
2932	State Compensation	1st Qtr.Workmens Comp	79.06				
2933	Unemployment	1st Qtr/tax	61.28				
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expense					7.
TOTAL EXPENSES:			4264.42	-0-	-0-	-0-	7.

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY BUDGET:		Project Wet/Reimb.Treasure CD	52.17				
		Annual Banquet/Reimb/Heinle	21.00				
		UPS charges/Reimb/SCS	15.67				
LOAN ACCOUNT		Payment/Payer				330.00	
		Interest (February)				3703.09	
PETTY CASH:		Flags:Kenney,K.Nile,B.Nile					15.0
DISTRICT ACCT:		Range Plant Book/V.Fink		6.00			
TOTAL INCOME:			88.84	6.00	-0-	4033.09	15.0
CARRIED FORWARD:			\$13,798.92	\$1595.67	\$1334.81	\$312,770.62	\$34.2

Robert made a motion to accept the financial statement. Layton seconded and motion carried.

APPOINTMENT/SUPERVISOR: Layton made a motion to appoint Bob Nansel for supervisor of Area 5, vacated by Jay Nansel, until next regular election. Tom seconded and motion carried. Bob has submitted his petition to the Clerk & Recorder and will be on the ballot.

Mark Parman, Terry, gave a slide presentation on his angora goats. The goats are grazed on areas of leafy spurge and are especially useful along creeks where chemicals should not be applied. Mark provides a herder, along with the goats, and charges the landowner by the acre. Mark also sells the angora wool for a premium price. The board appreciated Mark's presentation.

PRAIRIE DOG CONTROL: Duane Martens, Rosebud Co. Commissioner, discussed the county's budget problem in relation to hiring additional manpower to help with the control of the growing prairie dog problem in Rosebud County. They plan to ask for an mil levy increase but if this doesn't pass would like to work with the district on budgeting some monies for this project. The board can collect \$85,316 for their budget as it was froze at that amount in 1986. This will be discussed in June, but those attending agreed that it should be considered.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS: Randy Violett requests the conservation district's assistance in hosting Montana Range Days in 1993 and 1994. He would like it held in Colstrip and has visited with Western Energy people who would also like to see it there. Their reclamation sites would be toured, Colstrip High School could be utilized for sleeping and eating. A range committee would have to be formed, and Randy said his FFA alumni would be glad to be part of a range committee. Dennis made a motion to submit an application for Montana Range Days if Randy can come through with the accommodations needed. Layton seconded and motion carried. Jeanne will contact Randy before filling out application. Applications are due prior to this year Montana Range Days.

BNRC MEETING: *Kim Nile - RS-YL-014 - authorization was approved by the Board of Natural Reserved Water Resources.

* Seliski's objection to Gregory's authorization was on agenda but he did not app The board did not discuss his objection but did move that, in the future, a form letter will be sent to all objectors stating who to contact on the Board of Natural Resources and their address.

*DNRC submitted a proposed water rights fee hike to the Board. Jeanne was called by another clerk who informed her that this was taking place but no information was sent to the district. A letter was faxed to Janice Rehberg, BNRC chairpers asking that the comment period on any fee hikes be at least two months so that districts have chance to respond. Also mentioned that the district was opposed to large fee hikes that affect their reserved water administration as well as their producers.

*Bill Schwarzkoph submitted an application for reserved water to irrigate 160 acres on an island. The application was forwarded to Duane but it was noted th Bill plans to use a small pump to irrigate 10 acre test plot to evaluate for future irrigation. Duane is going to discuss this with Bill as he may want to apply for a provisional permit during the test period.

310: Dick Hosford, Jr., Birney: RS-05-TR (Bridge replacement). Phil Stewart contacted Jack Knobloch to discuss an on-site but after visiting with Jack decided an on-site was not necessary. He would like the board to stipulate that any bank or channel modification (getting crane in river) should be repaired to as close as possible to original condition. Layton made a motion to approve the project with Phil's modification. Tom seconded and motion carried.

AREA IV WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP: Caprice attended this meeting in Billings on April 15th. She informed the board that the workshop would be held in January 93 and would involve district supervisors but not producers. A special workshop may be held on water quality test kits.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROJECT: Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology submitted an invoice for expenses incurred 1/1/92-3/31/92 for \$5,670.31. All items listed on the invoice are payable under contract with Coal Board. Tom made a motion to approve the expenses and submit the invoice to the Coal Board for payment. Robert seconded and motion carried. Jeanne will also remind Wayne VanVoast that a quarterly report is due.

STATE WATER PLAN: Supervisors, as well as the district, received copies of the State Water Plan draft. Jeanne made copies of the Plan Implementation Summary for those wishing a copy.

ANNUAL PLAN/BUDGET REVIEW:

RC&D ACTIVITIES: The RC&D mileage budget balance is \$5.51. It is necessary for Caprice to attend both Full Council and RC&D Board meetings, but she informed the board that she would be satisfied with mileage for attendance at full council meetings only as it was not mandatory that she accept an officer position. Because Caprice was appointed to represent the district at the RC&D full council meetings, Robert made a motion that funds be transferred from either the workshop or supervisor's mileage accounts. Layton seconded and motion carried.

CASH FLOW: It was again noted that cash flow would be in the minus figure in April. It was noted that the reason for this was insufficient reserve figures on 1991/92 budget. Layton made a motion to transfer \$4000 from the loan account to the regular account in April and transfer it back to the loan account in June. Tom seconded and motion carried. It was noted that the cash flow problem would occur again in October because of the reserve. Duane Martens suggested meeting with the Clerk & Recorder and will make an appointment for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

APRIL/MAY ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

Conservation Day is scheduled for 9:00 am on May 5th. Caprice will serve as a group leader, and Dennis will try to attend.

Reserved Water informational letters need to be sent out. Jeanne LaBree is scheduled to take care of this.

Map of Weed Infestations/Weed I.D. Cards: Harold Stepper will be contacted to help with locating infestations on map. An article in the newsletter will inform public of availability of cards.

Irrigation Water Management news article is planned to be written by Dennis.

Memo of Understanding/CD & Forest Service: This memo is scheduled to be reviewed and copies were made available to supervisors. However, MACD sent a copy of MOU that they worked up with the Forest Service and BLM for the administration of 310 activities on FS/BLM lands. She suggests that we invite representatives of these agencies to a district meeting and review the MOU. The board decided that both memorandums would be reviewed at the same meeting.

BUDGET BALANCES: Salaries - \$7865.80; Matching Benefits - \$667.80; Conservation Education - \$707.69; Dues - \$50; Office Supplies/Phone - \$182.85 Field Supplies - \$537.85; Security Bond - 0; Maintenance Agreements - \$500.00; Newsletters - \$508.71; Annual Reports - \$100; Supervisor Expenses - \$2439.83; Water Reservations - \$52.84; Workshops - \$121.00; RC&D Activities - \$5.51 = \$13798.92

TONQUE RIVER DAM REPAIR/PICK SLOAN POWER: Dennis received a letter from Pat Williams stating that he was in favor of and was working for both projects. Letters were sent to Williams, Marlenee, Burns, and Baucus in November by each supervisor and the district as a board.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: As public employers, the district received an update of changes, etc. in administrative rules, A guide to Safety in Confined Spaces, a Fact Sheet on OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens standards, and a form to log occupational injuries and illnesses. These will be kept on hand as instructed.

NACD FINANCIAL STATEMENT, BYLAWS & DIRECTORY was received. It will be on hand at the office to review or have copies made.

DISTRICT CLERK MEETING is scheduled for May 14th. It was noted that at one of the meetings, a District Employee Award was discussed. The award would be made at the MACD Convention and would be a plaque/\$100 which the 9 Area IV districts would provide if the supervisors from each area approved. Tom made a motion to join in such an award. Robert seconded and motion carried.

ASCS/SCS/CD MEETINGS: On May 12 and 13th, Matt and Jeanne have been requested to serve on a panel to discuss the no-interest loan program, and how referrals for cost share programs are handled.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS: Marieanne Hanser called Jeanne and suggested the Rosebud Conservation District apply for the conservation education award. Since the district does not have a special education committee, or a youth board, it will be unlikely to win the award but the supervisors agreed that the district should apply.

RESERVED WATER COUNCIL: Duane Claypool sent the list of Reserved Water Council members which the district agreed to join. All districts within the Yellowstone River Basin have joined the council. The council was formed to review all reserved water changes that may be proposed so that the districts come to an agreement on what action, pro or con, is needed. Robert Heinle is the board's representative and Dennis Kenney is the alternative.

MONTANA SALINITY ASSOCIATION: Keith left minutes and program update at the March meeting. The Association would like the supervisors to promote more applications across the state. However, we have not heard from the Salinity Association or Jack Payer on his request for assistance. Jack was approved for Plant Material Seed.

PLANT MATERIALS CENTER ANNUAL FIELD DAY is scheduled for June 30th at 1:00 p.m. All board members would like to attend, if possible. Renting a van was discussed and will be decided upon when it is known how many will actually attend.

SCS UPDATE: Rocky reported that two co-op students would be entering duty at the Forsyth Field Office in May/June. He mentioned the Plant Materials Center Field Day and asked the supervisors if they would attend that day rather than scheduling a special day. The board agreed that this would probably as good a time as any. Rocky said Matt had mentioned that he was working during his off-hours on forest contracts. He is to get a percent of each contract he gets signed. It was brought to Rocky's attention that Matt is doing some of this business on district time. The board decided that Dennis and Rocky would meet with Matt and explain that they felt he may be jeopardizing his job with the district by having the extra job since it could be a conflict of interest.

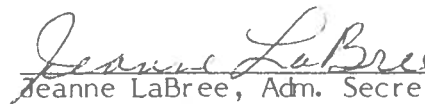
MACD: Peggy Parmelee, MACD Executive Vice-President, reminded the board to write to their congressmen for their support of SCS programs and additional help. She also sent information on the Good Earth Family Awards and the following meeting notices: Spring Board Meeting - June 8 & 9th - Helena. and Northern Plains Regional Meeting - June 14 - 16th at Medora, North Dakota.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1992 & REPORT TO GOVERNOR DESCRIBING POTENTIAL FOR DROUGHT was received.

FSA/CONSERVATION PLANS: Rocky asked the conservation plan review committee if they would go over several plans that were revised. Dennis and Layton agreed to stay after the meeting and review these plans.

There being no further business, Dennis moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.


Dennis Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 27, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chairman; Robert Heinle, V.Ch; Jack Knobloch, Tom Wimer, Layton Salsbery; Bob Nansel. Associate Supervisors, Caprice Gregory and Duane Marter

Not Present: Keith Lockie.

Others Present: Kenny Nemitz, Range Leader; Neil Melrose, Arvid Knudson, Dawson County Range Committee. Roxie Dinstel, County Extension Agent; Bill Schwarzkoph, Western Energy Reclamation Director; Randy Violet, Colstrip Vo-Ag teacher; Tammy DeCock, Soil Conservationist, and Rocky Schwaqler, District Conservationist.

The meeting was brought to order by Robert Heinle, V. Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. Layton made a motion to approve the April 22nd regular meeting minutes as written. Tom seconded and motion carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 24th at 7:00p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACC'T	P.C.
Balances Brought Forward:		\$13798.92	\$1595.67	\$1334.81	\$312770.62	\$34.
2934	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.08 (674.89)	745.60			
2935	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.08 (623.22)	825.60			
2936	Jack's IGA	Cons.Day (pop, supplies)	40.32			
2937	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.09 (674.89)	745.60			
2938	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.09 (623.22)	825.60			
2939	Caprice Gregory	Mileage (RC&D/WQ workshop)	139.16			
2940	ELC Lumber	20 Bds of lath	225.00			
2941	IRS 9w.h.=446.40)	Matching Benefits (PP8&9)	240.39			
29	U.S. West	Phone Service/calls	70.84			
2	MT College of Mines	Water Monitor.Project	5670.31			
2944	Yellowstone Phar.	Slides Development	17.80			
2945	Dennis Kenney	Mileage/Meals (AC Conf)	89.00			
2946	NACD	Booklets/Lines on Land	90.58			
2947	Independent Ent.	1300 newsletters (March)	202.83			
2948	Env.Ed.Workshop	2 Registrations	180.00			
2949	Fergus Co.CD	Youth Range Camp/Stroh	50.00			
2950	Jeanne LaBree	Mileage/Mtgs/Billings (2)	27.50			
785	Selby's ESSCO	Blue Print Paper		88.20		
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Ice/cups/more baggies				5.
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expense				6.
P.C.	Yellowstone CD	Terrasorb/tree moisture				7.
Transfer from Loan Account to County Cash					4000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		9328.60	88.20	-0	4000.00	19.

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY BUDGET:	Project Wet Reimburse./Extens.	45.50				
	Monitoring Proj/Coal Board	5670.31				
DIST. ACCOUNT:	Range Plant Book/DeLattre		6.00			
LOAN ACCOUNT:	Payments:Mereness Kenney				\$2590.00	
	Interest/February				993.25	
PETTY CASH:	L.O.Maps/Yates,Hill,West					19.
TOTAL INCOME:		5715.81	6.00	-0-	3583.25	19.

BALANCES CARRIED FOREWARD: 9328.60 1513.47 1334.81 312353.87 33.

Tom made a motion to accept the financial statement. Jack seconded and motion carried.

MA RANGE DAYS: Kenny Nemitz, Neil Melrose, and Arvid Knudson attended the district's meet to answer any questions the board has concerning hosting Montana Range Days. Dawson Co. Range Committee is in their 2nd year as hosts and explained they operate with a \$13,000 budget...much of this is from donations that are made on an annual basis, registration fees (\$17/person), and local donations which the range committee solicits. Dawson also received a \$1500 grant. Utilizing committee wives keeps their meal costs down. Randy Violet addressed the

requisites of the application..stating that the Colstrip High School could be used as headquarters and sleeping areas. The head cook, at the school, would be willing to do the meals. There is 60 acres surrounding the school that can be used for plant sites, etc., and Western Energy reclamation sites would be available for tours. Sleeping accommodations would also be available at one motel and several camping areas in Colstrip and some people may travel to Forsyth. Bob Nansel agreed to be involved with the project and area ag bankers, ag representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, and local ranchers will be asked to become part of the range committee. The application will be sent in by Randy Violet so that it gets in by the June 1st deadline.

COLSTRIP COOPERATIVE WEED MGT PROJECT: Jeanne received a call from Toppy Lee requesting assistance in purchasing Tordon to continue his Knapweed control. The project is completed but there is \$138 that was set aside for the purchase of Tordon. Tom informed the board that knapweed was showing up in the test plot area which is on Toppy's land. Tom has purchased tordon to try and keep it in control as it adjoins his property. After some discussion, Tom made a motion that Toppy be given the money for the Tordon to be applied on the test plot area and immediate joining lands. Dennis seconded and motion carried.

RC&D activities: Alice Kuehn stopped in the office and requested the district write a letter to Montana Power on behalf of the RC&D application for a grant to purchase a lap top computer, a TV/VCR, and a used computer. The amount of the grant request was \$5,477.95 and MPC denied it. Alice would like the board to write a letter stating that Rosebud County would benefit from the grant purchases as RC&D and the Small Business Development Center will be scheduling one day/month in Colstrip, Forsyth, and Jamez. Jack made a motion to send a letter stating that Rosebud County is one of the sixteen counties involved in the RC&D and the Small Business Development Center and the scheduled days in Rosebud County will be an added benefit to the area. Layton seconded and motion carried.

PRAIRIE DOG PROBLEM: Duane Martens explained to the board that the county has ordered the pellets which will cost about 11¢ per hole. This cost will be picked up by the producer and, therefore, the county will not be asking the district to budget any money for this project. Duane also noted that the producer would have to obtain a license to use the pellets. In the fall, poisoned oats will again be utilized.

WATER RIGHTS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE HIKE: The board received word that comments will be taken until June 10th. A Board of Natural Resource meeting will be held in Billings where oral comments will be accepted. After discussing the fee hikes, again, it was the supervisor's general opinion that they really did not know what the actual costs to DNRC are for administering the water rights changes, etc., and therefore, although they feel the fee raise will be an added burden to landowner's, they will not write a letter against them.

OBJECTIONS/RESERVED WATER AUTHORIZATIONS: The district received a copy of a form letter which will be sent out to all objectors of reserved water authorizations. Dennis Kenney also mentioned that Art Gregory was offered water through the city if Art would allow them to put in a pipeline through his property. Art spoke to Duane Claypool, DNRC, and was informed that he could still retain his water authorization through the district. Those times he tapped into the city line, to irrigate his truck garden, would be subtracted from the total acre feet use from the district reserved water. Since he has to measure water used through the authorization and report annually, there should be no problem.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/FOREST SERVICE: A representative from the Forest Service will be invited to attend the next district regular meeting to review the existing memorandum of understanding as well as the supplement which addresses the 310 streambed and land preservation act. The board asked Jeanne to check into Hanging Woman Creek and Otter Creek as they would be the only streams that may be involved.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: Jeanne called Joe Lalley from the Bureau of Mines & Geology, to see about setting up a public presentation on the monitoring results. He said he would discuss a possible date with Wayne Van VOast and John Wheaton and have them call when they have determined what days would be open.

Project #0313 was audited, and a letter was sent stating all records, etc. was made available. Everything was in order.

The district received the Project #0348 quarterly report for the period ending March 31st.

6TH GRADE CONSERVATION DAY: Thank you notes were received from the Forsyth School. Steffani Grogan, one of the sixth grade teachers, has set up a very good program to teach her students about the natural resources. Her class was shown the mechanics of groundwater with the aid of the district's H2O groundwater flow model, and Tammy demonstrated water infiltration in different soils and water erosion protection of vegetation. This was done prior to Conservation Day so the students had a headstart on some of the "stops". Also "One Green Tree" was given to each 6th grader. Pictures of these events are displayed on the FmHA hall board.

POSTER CONTEST: The board received five entries....one fifth grader and four 6th graders submitted posters. The supervisors, SCS and district personnel, judged the posters during the meeting. The 6th grade winner was Malena Magpie from the Lane Deer School. Brian Hirst, 5th grader, was his class winner and also won the "overall" division. No third or fourth graders entered. Brian's poster will be sent to MACD for state competition.

310 BUSINESS: Gene Davey - Annual Plan of Operations. Mr. Davey requests an Annual Plan of Operation for Maintenance and Repair of his existing irrigation facility. In 1990, the board received a notice of emergency work as they could not get water to their crops. Phil Stewart and Duane Martens made an on-site and Phil (FW&P) wrote advising they should apply for this 10 year permit. He also mentioned using the diversion structures, but cautioned not to use river grave. The work needing to be done is minimal and the board decided that another on-site would not be necessary. Robert made a motion to approve the 10 year Annual Plan of Operations, stipulating that river gravel will not be used. Layton seconded and motion carried. The permit form will be forwarded to F,W&P for their approval/signature.

Phil Stewart notified the district that a possible 310 violation was occurring on Otter Creek at the mouth of the Tongue River. Jack Knobloch was called and made an on-site. He found that the activity was not in the stream channel and not where the debris could get into the stream. However, oil filters and other debris may be a water quality hazard. Jack, Dennis Kenney, and Rocky Schwagle also visited the site and agreed that it was not a 310 violation. Mr. Huffman is informed that there has been a complaint and a letter will be sent to him mentioning this and the possible hazard from dumping oil filters.

Rocky, Dennis and Jack also noted, and informed Duane, that the county is p.r. shing dirt into the Tongue River as a convenience in cleaning the road. The county is not under the district's 310 jurisdiction, but the board feels they

should make every effort to follow regulations that individuals must adhere to. Duane will relay the districts' feelings to John Bilbro, County Road Crew Foreman.

SCS REPORT:

Rocky reported that SCS will offer the soil conservationist position in Lane Deer to one of the Forsyth Field Office personnel. As yet no one has made a firm commitment to accept the job. Rocky also mentioned that Matt is having a problem with the surge valve battery. The board felt Matt should call the P & R Surge Company in Texas and discuss the problem. A new battery was purchased last fall or early winter and has not been used in the field.

AC CONFERENCE:

Dennis Kenney and Caprice Gregory attended the Steak Fry in Glendive on May 2. They accepted the invitation, on behalf of the board, so they could visit with Lee Jones, Area Conservationist, and Dick Gooby, State Conservationist, about need for an SCS technician in the Forsyth Field Office. Dennis was informed that the field office would not be getting a technician. However, Dick asked if the district would consider hiring a Range Conservationist as part of the state's new range program. Dennis said that he could not speak for the board, but felt they would not wish to hire an additional person. He said he also mentioned that it would be more likely to hire a Range Conservationist IF SCS would hire Matt Kurkowski. The board agreed.

NO INTEREST
LOAN PROGRAM:

CASH = \$312,353 APPROVED: \$102,000 COMMITTED: \$74500 AVAILABLE = \$135,8

Connie Bell: John Forsythe sent a list of three options the district has in pursuing Connie Bell for payment. (1) a title search which would cost about \$100 to \$150, (2) a credit report, costing \$200 - \$400, (3) obtain a judgement and examine Bell under oath as to any equities he has. Bell was scheduled to meet with Forsythe but as yet the district has not heard if this took place. Dennis visited with Connie and explained that he must communicate with the district if he wishes to work something out without legal action taken against him. Connie sent a letter to the district stating he is "working hard to make a workable plan for his farm and to pay his debt to the district". He asks the district to bear with him one more time. Connie also sent a copy of this letter to County Attorney Forsythe. Connie told Dennis that he was working with FmHA on restructuring and FmHA confirmed this. However, it was noted that it probably wouldn't help the district's position. Layton felt that if Bell is able to work with FmHA his financial situation may improve enough to make his loan payments. Dennis noted that Bruce Nile is leasing the place for sugar beets now. Tom made a motion to defer Connie's loan payment until fall. Robert seconded and motion carried. A letter to this effect will be sent to Connie and John Forsythe.

Patterson: The project for this year has been completed but has not been checked out by Matt. Also, the Commitment for Title Insurance hasn't been received. The loan will wait until this has been taken care of, and bills are received.

Bill Asay and Kim Nile both have completed projects. The bills have been received but the projects need to be checked out and ASCS cost share figures received before loan is obtained.

Judy Candee: Judy has not notified the district, or brought in clear title insurance as yet. \$35,000 has been committed to Judy when title is clear.

FY93 BUDGET: The Board decided to hold a special budget meeting on June 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in SCS conference room. The supervisors will be notified so that those able to can attend.

Jerry Setera asked the district if they would be interested in purchasing an Amoozemeter to aid in irrigation water management. The amoozemeter accurately measures water intake of soils and costs approximately \$1000.00. The board declined to purchase one at this time but would be glad to "use" one to set up a demonstration.

ASCS/SCS/CD MTG: Jeanne and Matt attended this meeting in Miles City on May 12 and 13. Jeanne spoke on how ACP cost share referrals were handled in the Forsyth Field Office and the district no-interest loan program. Matt spoke on doing needs and feasibility and the referrals and checkouts. Each entity spoke on the various programs administer and the audience questioned and discussed the differences between field office. It was a learning experience for everyone and Jeanne said it would have been beneficial for everyone to attend such a meeting.

DISTRICT CLERK MEETING: Jeanne attended the CD Area IV Clerk's meeting in Billings on May 14th. The Yellowstone CD thought a 310 workshop for supervisors would be beneficial and wonder if other CD boards of this area would be interested. The board agreed that such a meeting would be helpful and will plan to attend. Items discussed at these meetings give each clerk knowledge of how programs and problems are handled in other districts and together they come up with ideas to better existing programs which are then brought to individual boards and to MACD. The next meeting will be held on July 22nd, at 11:00 a.m.

USDA

RE ORGANIZATION: A "Priority Memorandum" from NACD discusses USDA's efforts to streamline its operations and consolidation of some SCS offices will be directed to consolidate SCS is assessing its 3500 offices and has been directed to identify those whos presence is no longer needed. NACD's official position is to support efforts to improve management and operations but wants assurance that state and local level partners to participate in the process. Copies of the "memorandum" will be enclosed with minutes.

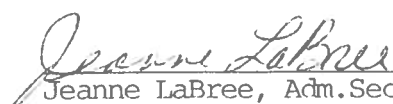
MACD NEWS: FW&P have \$2500 grants available to districts wishing to provide a demonstration of steel irrigation diversion plates. FW&P also provide funding for innovative ideas for water diversions and solve chronic problems. The Washington DC trip was attended by Robert Schroeder, Ellis Hagen, Jane Holzer, Steve Schmitz, and Peggy, and a short review of the meeting was included in the letter. Peggy also mentioned that she and/or directors would like invitations to attend district meetings. (The board asked Jeanne to let Peggy know they are always welcome at our meetings.)

WEATHER SUMMARY: April's summary was received and shows Rosebud County in severe drought status on northside and moderate drought in southern portion of county. The data is provided by the State Climate Center, MSU.

NOTICES: MONTANA RANGE DAYS - June 22-24; PLANT MATERIALS CENTER TOUR - JUNE 30th.
TREASURE RANGE CAMP - JULY 13-15th for students 12 - 18

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 24, 1992

Present: Dennis Kenney, Robert Heinle, Bob Nansel, Keith Lockie, Jack Knobloch; and Caprice Gregory, Duane Martens, Assoc. Supervisors.

Not Present: Tom Wimer and Layton Salsbery, excused.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, District Conservationist; Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer.

Minutes of the May 27, 1992 meeting were approved as written. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACC'T	P.
Balances brought forward:			9328.60	1513.47	1334.81	312353.87	33
2951	Fergus County CD	Youth Range Camp (Small)	50.00				
2952	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.10 (674.89)	745.60				
2953	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.10 (623.22)	825.60				
2954	Selby's ESSCO	Maintenance Agreement	286.00				
2955	U.S. Post Office	1 roll of stamps	29.00				
2956	Brian Hirst	Poster Contest (5th/overall)	20.00				
2958	Malena Magpie	Poster Contest (6th gr)	10.00				
2957	Peterson Typewriter	Maintenance Agreement	150.00				
2959	Robert Heinle	Mileage/H2O mtgs (2)	73.55				
2960	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.11	745.60				
2961	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.11	825.60				
2962	IRS	WH;446.40+M.Benefits	240.39				
2963	Blackburn Manu.	5000 surveying flags	209.95				
2964	U.S. West	Phone service/calls	45.43				
2965	NACD	Ribbons/Cons. Day	27.08				
2966	Independent Ent.	1300 Newsletters/June	202.83				
2967	Star Printing Co.	Supplies/annual report	153.74				
2968	Dennis Kenney	Mileage (10mi.x13mtgx.275)	35.75				
2969	Tom Wimer	Mileage (70mi.x8 mtg x.275)	154.00				
2970	Jack Knobloch	Mileage (1340mi.x10mtgx.275)**	353.20				
2971	Robert Heinle	Mileage (48 mi x 11 mtg x.275)	145.20				
2972	Duane Martens	Mileage (10 mi x 9 mtg x .275)	24.75				
2973	Keith Lockie	**Mileage (1344 mi x 8 mtg x.275)	354.12				
2974	Jay Nansel	Mileage (24 mi x 7 mtg x .275)	46.20				
2975	Bob Nansel	Mileage (28 mi x 2 mtg x .275)	15.40				
2976	Layton Salsbery	Mileage (10 mi.x 6 mtg x .275)	16.50				
2977	Caprice Gregory	Mileage (20 mi x 12 mtg x.275)	66.00				
786	J.R. Lee	Tordon/Weed Project		138.00			
787	Layton Salsbery	FSA Reviews (2)			30.00		
81	Asay Farms	No-interest Loan				2600.00	
82	Pam Patterson	No-interest loan				26500.00	
P.C.	Jack's IGA	May Meeting expense					10
P.C.	Jack's IGA	June 10 Budget Mtg.					2
P.C.	Valley Auto	UPS/sending battery					6
TOTAL EXPENSES			5851.49	138.00	30.00	29100.00	19
INCOME DURING MONTH:							
DISTRICT ACCOUNT		Interest 12/91-5/92		41.90			
DISTRICT ACCOUNT		Marking Flags/MacLeod		5.00			
LOAN ACCOUNT		Payments: Shelton, Asay, Bradley				2560.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT		Loan Closing: Asay & Patterson				873.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT		Reimbursement of fee/Forsythe (Bell)				376.25	
LOAN ACCOUNT		Transfer from County Cash				4000.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT		Interest/(April)				2159.18	
PETTY CASH		L.O. Map/Detrich					6
TOTAL INCOME:			-0-	46.90	-0-	9968.43	6

MINUTES:6/24/92

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*The first 1000 miles is based on .275/mile, the remainder at .23¢/mile.

Keith made a motion to accept the financial statement. Robert seconded and motion carried.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS: The board was informed that Rosebud County (Colstrip) will be the next site for Montana Range Days in 1993 and 1994. Bob Nansel, Chairman of the Range Committee, was unable to attend "range" days. Randy Violet, Colstrip Vo-Ag teacher, and Tammy DeCock attended. Jeanne LaBree will give Bob the list of range committee members, and an advertising campaign to get additional members will be undertaken.

PLANT MATERIAL CENTER TOUR: Although the supervisors planned to attend this tour, they may not be able to because of haying, etc. If anyone can attend, they will contact the office or Jeanne LaBree so that rides can be coordinated.

FOREST SERVICE/MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING: Forest Service personnel were invited to attend the district meeting to review the Memorandum of Understanding with the district and the Supplement including 310 agreement. Another invitation will be sent for next meeting and the MOU's will be reviewed with or without FS attendance. At the 5/27 regular meeting, Jeanne was asked to check on the 310 designation of Hanging Woman Creek and Otter Creek. It was found that Otter Creek, from its entry at the county line Sec.13 3S, 44E, to its confluence with the Tongue River is under the District's 310 jurisdiction but Hanging Woman Creek has not been designated.

RC&D: Minutes of the 5/19 meeting, and agenda for June 17th meeting, was received. Alice Kueh and Assistant Coordinator, Tamri Israel, stopped by the office. Alice asked that the letter the district agreed to write to MPC be sent to her so it can be included in the RC&D application for funds.

WATER QUALITY/QUANTITY MONITORING PROJECT #0348: An invoice from Montana College of Mineral Science was received. The invoice covers 4/1 through 5/31 and is in the amount of \$2,708.05 for salaries and benefits. Jack made a motion to approve the invoice and submit it to the Coal Board for payment. Robert seconded and motion carried. Also received a letter from John Wheaton on a possible subject for a public presentation on monitoring results. The main subject would be the probable effects of poorly plugged drill holes in strip mine areas. The board agreed to this topic. Dates have not been scheduled with Bureau of Mines as yet.

COOPERATOR'S AGREEMENT: Jim Dahle, Sr. - 18873 acres of leased land on the Cheyenne Indian Reservation. Jack made a motion to sign a cooperator's agreement with Mr. Dahle. Keith seconded and motion carried.

SCS REPORT: Rocky Schwagler informed the board that Terry Johnson, Soil Conservationist in Forsyth, will be taking the Soil Con position in Lane Deer. Rocky and Dennis met with Lee Jones, Area Conservationist, and was told Terry's replacement was a technician for five years prior to becoming a Soil Conservationist. A meeting with the Yellowstone Irrigation District Board is scheduled for July 9th. Dave Jewell will attend and headgate designs, headgate ownership and who is liable when headgate fails are topics to discuss. Rocky also mentioned that Matt had found the problem with the surge valve battery (need to manually switch when first turned on). The battery was returned to P&R Surge Valve Company, however, as they agreed to replace it.

1993 BUDGET: SALARIES - \$42,400.00; M. BENEFITS - 4,240.00; CONSERVATION EDUCATION - 1,300.00 DUES - 4,724.00; OFFICE SUPPLIES/PHONE - \$1,200.00 FIELD SUPPLIES - 750.00 SECURITY BOND - \$100.00; MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS - \$450.00; NEWSLETTERS - \$1,000.00 ANNUAL REPORTS - \$100.00; SUPERVISORS EXPENSES - \$4,700.00; WATER RESERVATIONS - \$100.00 WORKSHOPS (EMPLOYEES) = \$500.00; RC&D - \$400.00 TOTAL - \$61,964.00

The 1993 budget was formulated at a special meeting held June 10th. A salary increase of 65¢/hour was budgeted for Jeanne LaBree and 29¢/hour for Matt Kurkowski. If the county employees received a cost of living increase, this was to be added to the raise.

Keith made a motion to approve the FY93 Budget. Jack seconded and motion carried.

WATER QUALITY PROJECT: Warren Kellog gave Rocky some water quality sample results from Armells Creek, Sweeney Creek, Smith Creek, Starve to Death, Little Porcupine and Great Porcupine. These samples were taken in 1989 and could be used for historical data on these streams if one was selected by the district for a project. Warren also sent along a fee schedule for various analyses and a nonpoint source stream reach assessment sheet on Little Bitterroot for an example. The Yellowstone-Tongue Area Planning Organization (YTAPO) book also has water sample results taken during the "208" planning. Rocky will ask that Kellog, from DNRC, put the water quality sampling results into a more understandable format.

LOAN PROGRAM: To date, the district has loaned \$693,080 for conservation practices applied. They hold mortgages totaling \$801,200.00. There is \$293,222.00 in the loan fund with \$70,000 approved for Judy Candee and Sivert Mysse, and \$77,400 committed. A balance of \$145,800 is available for new loans.

Reg Hoff application: Reg requests a \$23,200 loan to help with the installation of a 2800' well. The well has been approved through his GP contract and will ensure stable water supplies. Reg would like to offer a tract of land, including house, buildings and improvements, in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, T6N, R39E. He owes First State Bank \$30,000 on this tract which includes 40 acres of rangeland. The district currently holds second mortgage on this property for \$11,800 in previous loans which are nearly paid off...\$2,620 balance. Reg would offer a second mortgage on land where pipeline is going in if district would rather have this. The first mortgage is held by First State Bank for \$79,000. There is 6533 acres. Robert made a motion to approve the loan request, if loan guideline criteria is met. Bob Nansel seconded and motion carried.

310: Bob Nansel asked about doing some dredging in Armells Creek as silt and gravels are building up and may cause a problem getting water to his irrigation pumps. Bob was informed that Armells Creek is not a 310 designated stream but he must contact the Corps of Engineers. Jeanne previously sent a 404 application to Bob and mentioned that he may want to submit a 310 application just so he has written verification Armells is not considered a 310 stream.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARD APPLICATION: Received thank you for applying but did not win an award.

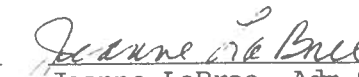
CRP BURNING: Duane Martens asked Rocky if CRP burning was approved. Rocky said he had not heard anything on this.

LEAFY SPURGE TOUR ON CABIN CREEK NORTH OF BAKER: Duane passed this invitation on to the board members as it was sent to the commissioners. Carpooling is at 1:30 at the courthouses in Baker, Wibaux and Terry on July 2nd. The tour is at the Tunby Ranch on Cabin Creek from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

NOTES FROM RAY WERE HANDED OUT. Ray mentions that a conference concerning CRP and options available to landowners after their contracts expire will be held in Great Falls on October 1-3. Also mentioned is the Streamside Management Zone Law of 1991, and received weather summary for May 1992 from DNRC.

There being no further business, Dennis moved the meeting adjourn. Jack seconded and meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 22, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chairman; Jack Knobloch, Bob Nansel, Layton Salsbery, Tom Wimer
 Not Present: Keith Lockie, Robert Heinle, excused.
 Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, District Conservationist; Katrina Rusley, Co-op Student; Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman, Dennis Kenney at 7:00 p.m. in the USDA Conference Room. The June 24th meeting minutes were approved as written, and next scheduled meeting is August 26th at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT.	P
Balances brought forward:		\$3477.11	1422.37	1304.81	293222.30	1
1978	Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P.12	745.60				
1979	Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P.12	825.60				
1980	IRS (.H.=223.19)+ Matching Benefits (FICA)	120.19				
1981	Treasure Range Camp 5 Students @\$20	100.00				
1982	State Compensation 2nd Quarter	92.24				
1983	Unemployment Insura. 2nd Quarter	71.49				
1984	State Treasurer (W.H.=353.97) Payroll Tax	30.80				
P.C.	Jack's IGA Meeting Expense					
TOTAL EXPENSES:		1985.92	-0-	-0-	-0-	
INCOME DURING MONTH ENDING JUNE 30th:						
LOAN ACCOUNT Payment/Giesick					1520.00	
OF ACCOUNT Reimb.from IRS		.08				
TOTAL INCOME:		.08	-0-	-0-	1520.00	-
BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 1992 END OF FY92		1491.27	1422.37	1304.81	294742.30	1

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Balances brought forward/budgeted:		61964.00	1422.37	1304.81	294742.30	1
1986	Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P.13 (688.85)	763.58				
1987	Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P.13 (658.59)	867.20				
1985	U.S.Post Office Mailing Newsletters	115.38				
1988	U.S West Phone Service	52.77				
1989	MT.College of Mines Water Monitoring Project	2708.05				
TOTAL EXPENSES		4,506.98	-0-	-0-	-0-	

INCOME DURING JULY:						
COUNTY BUDGET H2O Project/Coal Board		2708.05				
COUNTY BUDGET Reimb./Kurkowski		247.00				
LOAN ACCOUNT Payments:4L, Mereness					4900.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT Payments: Brewer,Nansel					5950.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT Payments:Schiffer,Gregory					2848.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT Payments: Spannagel					1100.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT Final Payment/Bradley					620.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT Interest/May					860.14	
TOTAL INCOME		2955.05	-0-	-0-	16278.14	
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:		60412.07	1422.37	1304.81	311020.44	1

Tom made a motion to approve the financial statement. Layton seconded and motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding/Forest Service: The board reviewed the Supplemental MOU between the district and the Forest Service. Representatives of the Forest Service were invited to attend the meeting but were unable to. The board discussed, again, the agreement drawn

by MACD, Forest Service, and BLM, for administration of 310 on their lands. The agreement encourages coordination and consultation during 310 activities. The supervisors would like a representative from the Forest Service and BLM to review each memorandum of understanding concerning 310 permits with them so both parties understand and are in agreement. Projects initiated, constructed, or administered by the Forest Service to further a federal program are not subject to 310 but a non-government activity such as mining, logging road crossings, etc., would be under the district's jurisdiction even though it is on federal lands, if the MOU is signed.

310 : It was verified that Hanging Woman Creek was not designated a 310 stream under the Rosebud CD Model Rules. Jack Knobloch felt that this probably should be designated as such and Jeanne will check on the procedure to add to the 310 list of streams prior to the next meeting. The model rules state that the district may from time to time add to or change the list.

JM Nansel Ranch submitted an application to dredge some gravel which had washed into the Armells Creek streambed on their place. Bob said he received a letter from the Corps stating no permit was necessary from them. Dennis moved that this is NOT a project because Armells Creek is not a 310 designated stream. Jack seconded and motion carried.

AREA IV MEETING: Big Horn Conservation District is hosting the Area IV meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, in Hardin. Resolutions and name of speech contestants must be in to their office by September 1st. The board had planned to write a resolution proposing CRP contracts be extended beyond the 10 years so the producer had an incentive to keep those highly erodible acres in grass. However, resolutions will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

CS UPDATE: Rocky Schwagler updated the board on SCS activities. He asked if the board or ditch boards utilized the snowtel publication and informed them that certain areas will be cut from the monitoring program. The district board has not utilized the information and did not know the ditch boards have either. Jack Knobloch said the Tongue River Water Users might use snow pack monitoring information as their water comes from storage at the Tongue River Dam. Mike Odegard will enter duty on September 6th at the Forsyth Field Office. Terry Johnson will be going to a SCS suboffice in Lamar as soon as it is ready. Five percent spot checks will be done by Roger Goff, DC at Miles City. It was noted that Dennis Kenney signed a modification (GP) for Reg Hoff. The modification added new land that Reg has leased and also the deep well that was discussed at the last meeting. A Soils Workshop will be held on August 12th in Wolf Point. A County Review Group will be meeting to discuss various programs available and Rocky asked the board if they had any ideas they would like to bring before the group.

EASTERN PLAINS RC&D: The district received a letter from Ellis Hagen, Eastern Plains RC&D Chm., urging the district to let their representative to the RC&D Council know how important it is to regularly attend council and board meetings. Representation has been declining lately. Caprice will be attending the July 23rd meeting in Sidney, but it is difficult for her to attend meetings that are scheduled during her working hours.

MACD BUSINESS: Peggy Parmelee, Executive Vice President, asks the supervisors to support and encourage the formation of a State Association of Conservation District Employees. Within the Northern Plains Region, Montana is the only state not to join this association. The idea of the organization is to improve employee professionalism and not to unionize. The consensus of the board is that it would be entirely up to the employees to join such an association.

Peggy suggests that the supervisors contact their legislators and explain the CD program to them. Senator Cecil Weeding and Representative Ed McCaffree both are well acquainted with conservation districts, but will be contacted as legislation affecting the district comes up.

NONPOINT SOURCE WATER QUALITY/319 PROGRAM: A letter from Warren Kellog, Resource Conservationist with the Department of Health & Environmental Sciences, informs the districts that financial and technical assistance is available to help implement water quality program. In FY 92, Montana received over \$642,000 of 319 monies to assist with the planning and implementation of water quality projects. Some of the projects were listed, and include Land Mgt. and Water Quality Displays, Straw Mulching demonstration, Salinity Control/ Groundwater Assessment, Livestock Waste Mgt. Demonstration, and Butcher Creek Education and Training Project.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT/AUDIT REQUIREMENTS: The 1991 Legislature made some changes to financial reporting and audit requirements for local governments. Annual Financial Report forms must be sent to the Department of Commerce. If the district receives over \$200,000 annually, and more than \$25,000 in federal financial assistance, a \$275 fee is assessed and an annual or biennial audit is necessary.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: The board discussed possible candidates for the 1992 award which will be presented in February 1993. Because slides need to be taken of the winning farm or ranch, it is necessary to make the selection well in advance. Names mentioned were Bill Asay, Elmer Boschee, and Robert Heinle. It was decided that a nomination form be put in the district's newsletter asking for public input/suggestions.

FAIR BOOTH: This year's fair is scheduled July 31-August 2. Jeanne will set up and decorate the booth on July 30th. A schedule was passed around so that supervisors could enter the time they could "man" the booth. Because the fair falls on a weekend, SCS personnel and Matt will not be sitting in the booth. Jeanne will also check with Treasure CD to see if/when they will be able to sit. Information sheets on collecting water samples and lab costs will be available in the booth as well as the Range Plant I.D. Contest and Weed board game. Residue Cover brochures will also be available and Reserved Water information will be on hand. Give-a-ways are the lid removers, pencils and erasers.

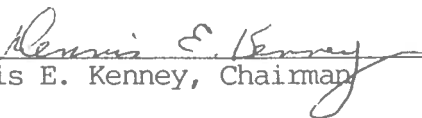
1992 "YEAR OF CLEAN WATER": NACD encourages districts to observe the 1992 and month of October with local programs and activities.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR JUNE was received and anyone interested in reviewing or having a copy will inform Jeanne.

G IN MONTANA SCHOOLS: Jeanne received some videos, cotton, etc. which needs to be delivered to the schools before fall. Also the treasure chests need to be inventoried.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING is scheduled for August 9-12 in Baltimore, Maryland.

There being no further business, Dennis adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 28, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chm; Robert Heinle, V.Chm.; Jack Knobloch, Keith Lockie, Bob Nansel, Layton Salsbery, Tom Wimer.

Not Present: Caprice Gregory, Duane Martens, Associate Supervisors.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, District Conservationist, Jeanne LaBree, Adm.Sec-Treasurer.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman, Dennis Kenney at 7:00 p.m., in the SCS Conference Room. Minutes of the July 22nd meeting were approved as written. The next meeting is scheduled for September 30th as Jeanne LaBree will be on annual leave the fourth week of September, and the Range Committee meeting is scheduled for the evening of Sept. 23rd.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACC'T	P.C.
Balances Brought Forward:	\$60412.07	\$1422.37	\$1304.81	\$311020.44	12.
2990 Matt Kurkowski P.P. 14 Wages (\$693.67)	768.80				
2991 Jeanne LaBree P.P. 14 Wages (668.19)	877.60				
2992 IRS (W.H.=\$458.70) and Matching Benefits =	250.71				
2993 Dan Hanson Range Plant I.D. Contest (Adult)	25.00				
2994 Bob Hanson Range Plant I.D. Contest (Senior)	15.00				
2995 Ben Hanson Range Plant I.D. Contest (Junior)	25.00				
2996 Dave McNaney Range Plant I.D. Contest & Till.Quiz	45.00				
2997 George Simmons Range Plant I.D. Contest (Adult)	15.00				
2998 Bill Falcon (unable to locate to send check)	10.00				
2999 Dana Knapp Range Plant I.D. Contest (Senior)	25.00				
Shawn Olson Range Plant I.D. Contest (Senior)	20.00				
Shanna Olson Range Plant I.D. Contest (Senior)	10.00				
3002 Jenny Redland Range Plant I.D. Contest (Junior)	20.00				
3003 Bruce Johnson Range Plant I.D. Contest (Junior)	15.00				
3004 JoAnn Storlie Range Plant I.D. Contest (Junior)	10.00				
3005 Matt Kurkowski P.P. 15 Wages (693.67)	768.80				
3006 Valley Auto UPS/Mailing SCS monitor	14.41				
3007 Jeanne LaBree P.P. 15 Wages (668.19)	877.60				
3009 U.S. Post Office 1 Roll Stamps (Range Mtg)	29.00				
3010 County Library Rental/Room for Range Comm.Mtg.	10.00				
3011 U.S. West Phone Service	46.82				
3012 Amsterdam Company 316 Pens for Give-A-Ways(Fair,etc.)	58.29				
3013 Selby's Blue Print Paper	98.58				
3014 Yellowstone Pharmacy Slides/Film/Development	10.93				
3015 Matt Kurkowski P.P.16 Wages (693.67)	768.80				
3016 Jeanne LaBree P.P. 16 Wages (668.19)	877.60				
3017 IRS (W.H.=\$458.70) and Matching Benefits =	250.71				
3018 Doug Hollowell Photo I.D./Newsletter	5.00				
P.C. Jack's IGA Regular Meeting Expense					4.
P.C. Forsyth Food Farm Range Committee Mtg. Expenses					7.
TOTAL EXPENSES	6049.03	-0-	-0-	-0-	12.
INCOME DURING MONTH:					
COUNTY BUDGET Reimb./Treasure	309.27				
DISTRICT ACCOUNT Sales of Blue Prints/SCS		170.00			
DISTRICT ACCOUNT Sales of Flags		5.00			
ACCOUNT Payments: Heinle, Giesick				520.00	
ACCOUNT Payments: Payer, Giesick, Mortenson				1660.00	
PETTY CASH Sale of L.O. Map/Stone					6.
TOTAL INCOME:	309.27	175.00	-0-	2180.00	6.
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:	54672.31	1597.37	1304.81	313200.44	6.

Robert made a motion to accept the financial statement. Tom seconded and motion carried.

RANGE COMMITTEE MEETING: The range committee met on August 19th in the library basement.

Eleven people attended the meeting: Darrel Myran, Roxie Dinstel, Darrel Grogan, Bob Nansel, Randy Violett, George Simmons, Ann and Bill McKinney, Bill Schwarzkoph, Dan Hanson, and Ken Annala. Jeanne received calls from Genie Garfield, Doug McRae and Dick Rhea, Ron Hecker, Scott Studiner from the Forest Service. All planned to join but could not attend meeting. Also calling were Alan Rolston, Rocky Storlie, and Charlie DeCock. Art and Ruby Schiffer expressed an interest in the range committee/range days but could not attend. Bob Nansel reported on the meeting, explaining that the committee hoped to have more tours for adults at Montana Range Days. Possible tour sites were Tom Adsit's place in Big Horn County (he grows various range plants for seed sales) and Phil Fox (Treasure County)...solar powered wells. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on September 23rd.

AREA IV MEETING: Area IV meeting is scheduled in Hardin on October 7th. MACD would like a supervisor from each district to give a presentation on a special project...it can be slides, oral, flip chart, or whatever and there will be a vote at the end of all the presentations to see which was the most effective. No decision was made on putting together a presentation. The resolution on CRP extensions was discussed. Dave Rapstad stepped in to the meeting and said he did not think the payments made under deficiency, disaster, etc. equalled the payments made under CRP in most years. The board still felt that CRP acreage should not be planted back into crops but decided against a resolution at this time. There will be a CRP symposium on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Great Falls. Speech contest material will be sent to high schools. No one expressed interest last spring when the material was sent to each school, advertised in newsletter.

MACD NEWSLETTER MACD enclosed an NACD legislative summary/letters and articles on success & INFO: of Forest Stewardship workshops. MACD has a "Draft" Plan of Work which will be discussed at the Area meetings.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Although nomination forms for conservation achievement awards were available at the Fair, no one submitted a name. At the previous meeting, Robert had mentioned the conservation practices applied by Elmer Boschee, mostly without cost share or assistance from SCS. The board asked Robert to visit with Elmer to see if he would accept the conservation achievement award if he were nominated. A selection must be made as soon as possible so that pictures can be taken.

AUDIT/FINANCIAL REPORT: The state sent out a form for the district to list ALL income. If there is more than \$200,000 income (including coal board funds, loan payments, etc.) but less than \$500,000, a \$275 fee is assessed and an audit is required. An audit is also required, regardless of districts "income" if they receive more than \$25,000 in federal assistance....such as pass through funds for FSA personnel.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: John Wheaton and computer specialist from Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology updated the monitoring program in the district's computer. They said they are also working on a program for water quality but it is not available as yet. They have been too busy to schedule the public presentation on monitoring results but may be available in September. The board decided that September 30th, either prior to or after the regular meeting, would be a good time to schedule.

A copy of the Quarterly Report was received. This was sent directly to the Coal Board by Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology (MBMG).

MBMG submitted an invoice for expenses incurred from 6/2/92 through 6/30/92. Jack made a motion to approve the invoice and forward to Coal Board for payment. Layton seconded and motion carried.

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RESERVED WATER: The updated filing fee schedule for water use in Montana was received.

Art Gregory - Informed Jeanne that he would not need district's authorization because he was making a deal with the city to utilize water from their pipeline which would cross his property. The City will also use Art's pump site. Jeanne called Duane Claypool and was told that Art should not terminate his authorization before he is sure that the water he receives from the city is permitted under the proper use.

Schwarzskoph - Bill's plan was ready to be public noticed and acted upon but he needed to get permission from Gary Johnson to install diversion point on his land. Bill says if he does not get this permission he will change the diversion point.

WATER RESERVATION COUNCIL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 9/22/92. Dennis Kenney will attend as Robert Heinle will probably be chopping corn.

SCS UPDATE: Rocky informed the board that a Conservation Review Group meeting is scheduled at 1:30 on August 28th and someone from the board should attend if possible. Dennis Kenney said he would attend. Rocky also mentioned that the waterspreading project for the Mysse Ranch has been deemed not feasible by SCS. The original project, on the West side of the Great Porcupine, did not have soils conducive to development. The quality of water from the creek would compound the problem. On the east side, it was decided that the high lift and length of ditch would make waterspreading in that area unfeasible. Rocky asked the board if they were willing to offer Matt's technical assistance if Mysse wishes to continue with the project without SCS input and without loan funds. The board did not feel this would be conservation-sound. The board authorized a letter to Sivert Mysse, explaining the loan funds will not be available for this project because it does not meet the "needs and feasibility" requirement.

RC&D: Minutes of the August 18th meeting, list of upcoming workshops, forums, etc. were received.

H2O MODEL: Prairie Conservation District would like to use the district's flow model for a water quality workshop they are sponsoring on September 16th. Steve VanFossen, SCS Soils Project Leader will give the demonstration.

PLANT MATERIAL CENTER: The supervisors were asked if they would like to plan a tour of the plant materials center. No one could recommend a date and wondered if it was getting to late in the season. Dennis said he would like to visit the center as he would like to see what they had to offer. If Dennis does make a commitment to go all supervisors will be contacted to see if they are able to go along. Also Treasure CD will be informed.

STATE WATER PLAN: Most of the supervisors have received a copy of the State Water Plan for Integrated Water Quality and Quantity Management. The nearest meeting addressing this subject will be in Billings on September 8th.

MACD: The district received the MACD newsletter, letters and articles on success of Fores Stewardship Workshops, and MACD's Plan of Work. The Plan of Work "draft" will be discussed at the Area IV meeting in Hardin. The newsletter listed legislative bills before congress that affects agriculture and that NACD is concerned with.

OUTSTANDING RANGEMAN AWARD: The Montana's Rural Area Development Committee is seeking nominations for Montana's 1992 "Outstanding Rangler". Nominations must be received by August 28th, which leaves little time for a nomination by the supervisors.

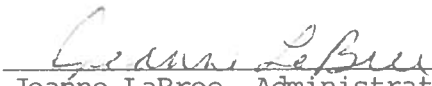
WEATHER SUMMARY FOR JULY 1992 was received from DNRC.

SEMINARS: Watershed/Water Quality Seminar - September 16th in Legion Club at Terry, MT (8:00 a.m.)
Patent & Trademark Seminar - October 2nd in Wolf Point (\$15.00) RC&D sponsored.
Erosion Control/H2O Quality - November 17th/Elk's Lodge/Sidney (8:00-12:00 noon)

THANK YOU's were received from Action for Eastern Montana for making a work site available, and from Dick Gooby, State Conservationist, for attending the Steak Fry at Glendive during SCS staff meeting in May.

There being no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis seconded and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Secretary

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

Members Present: Robert Heinle, V.Chairman; Jack Knobloch, Keith Lockie, Bob Nansel, and Caprice Gregory, Associate.
 Not Present: Dennis Kenney, Layton Salsbery, Tom Wimer, excused.
 Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, DC; Mike Odegard, SC; Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Robert Heinle at 8:30 p.m., immediately after the public presentation by John Reiten and John Wheaton of Bureau of Mines (H2O monitoring in coal mining areas of Rosebud County). Bob Nansel made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 28th. Keith seconded and motion carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 28th at 7:00 p.m. unless the Range Committee meeting cannot be rescheduled.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCOUNT	PETTY
Balances brought forward:			\$54,672.31	\$1,597.37	\$1,304.81	\$313,200.44	\$6.
3019	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.17(\$693.67 Net)	768.80				
3020	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.17(\$669.19 Net)	877.60				
3021	U.S. Post Office	Mailing Newsletters (1300)	112.73				
3022	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.18 (\$693.67 Net)	768.80				
3023	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.18 (\$669.19 Net)	877.60				
3024	IRS (WH-\$458.70) +	Matching Benefits/P.P.17,18	250.71				
3025	Peterson Typewriter	Typewriter Ribbons (2 dozen)	109.99				
3026	K I K C	Ad/Range Committee Mtg 8/19/92	49.50				
3027	U.S. West	Phone/Service and Calls	60.05				
3028	MI College of Mines	Water Monitoring Project	5,710.40				
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$9,586.18	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
INCOME DURING MONTH:							
COUNTY BUDGET	Monitoring Project/Coal Board Grant		5,710.40				
DISTRICT ACCOUNT	Plant of S.Dakota/Bollinger			6.00			
DISTRICT ACCOUNT	L.O. Maps, (2) Waples			12.00			
DISTRICT ACCOUNT	Flags/Lange			5.00			
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments: Ag-Empire, Garfield, Shaver					7,840.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments: Giesick, Mortenson					550.00	
PETTY CASH	L.O. Maps/Turdell, McCracken, Kebble						15.00
PETTY CASH	Plants of S.Dakota/McRae						6.00
PETTY CASH	Flags? Thompson						5.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$5,710.40	\$23.00	-0-	\$8,390.00	\$40.00
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:			\$50,796.53	\$1,620.37	\$1,304.81	\$321,590.44	\$46.00

Keith made a motion to approve the financial statement. Robert seconded and motion carried.

AREA IV MEETING: The area IV meeting is scheduled on October 7th, in Hardin. No one could make a firm commitment to attend, however, Caprice said she may be able to switch her days off so she could attend and Dennis Kenney may be planning to attend. Rocky said he would attend if two or more supervisors went. Jeanne LaBree will attend. The board declined the opportunity to give a presentation, and no speech contestant will be participating.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Robert Heinle, Dennis Kenney and Caprice Gregory visited with Elmer Boschee and toured the waterspreading/irrigation dam he installed. It was decided that Elmer would be the district's conservation achievement award winner. Rocky said that someone from SCS would tour the place, take pictures, etc.

310: Hathaway Ranch - 5-92-YL: Dennis Kenney, Caprice Gregory and Phil Stewart made an on-site of the proposed riprap project. Robert is planning to riprap an area of the vegetative stabilization project previously put in to prevent losing the entire project. Phil Stewart sent his approval and signed on the short term turbidity. Jack made a motion to approve the project. Keith seconded and motion carried.

Abner Farnum - 6-92-YL: Abner submitted an application to put rock and timber on two existing jetties installed in the early 70's to protect the Hathaway Ditch pump site. Abner contacted the Corps and sent a 404 application to Helena. Robert Heinle said, based on his knowledge of the area and pump site, that the riprap would not be placed below the high water mark. Keith made a motion that the

310, cont'd: work would not be a project as it falls under the SB310 Model Rules exclusions "to clean, maintain, protect, or repair any diversion facility...", and the activity will take place above the high water mark. Jack seconded and motion carried. A copy of the application and determination that the activity is not a project will be sent to Phil Stewart, FW&P.

INVENTION: Glasgow, November 4-6 - Bob Nansel thought that he may be able to attend the convention and will let Jeanne know as soon as possible when he is sure. Rooms should be reserved soon.

YELLOWSTONE BASIN CD WATER RESERVATIONS COUNCIL: Dennis Kenney attended the organizational meeting in Billings at Zor Montana on 9/22/92. Discussion on the council was tabled until the next meeting as Dennis, Tom, and Layton were unable to attend this meeting.

RANGE COMMITTEE MEETING: Bob Nansel reported that the meeting held September 23rd had a good turn out. Anne McKinney came up with a logo, a tour of the Western Energy reclamation area preceded the meeting, and plans to visit Adsit's seed operation were made. The next meeting was scheduled for October 28th at 7:00 p.m. (same as district meeting). Bob said he would check with others in the committee to see if October 21st would be okay. He will get back to Jeanne so she will know whether or not to change the conservation district meeting.

WATER QUALITY CONCERNS QUESTIONNAIRE: Those supervisors that had not completed the questionnaire, did so during the meeting. Jeanne will compile the results and send it to LaVerne Ivie of Yellowstone CD. Area IV Districts will use these results to determine the subjects for their water quality workshop.

RC&D ACTIVITIES: Alice Kuehn visited the office on the morning of this meeting. She left material that was to be delivered to Lane Deer and Colstrip. Because of end of SCS FY 92 progress, etc., Jeanne was unable to visit with her. The RC&D is busy with seminars, workshops, etc. The Harvest of Opportunities will again be held in Glendive and a request for \$100 was received. The board did not act on the request. The event will be held on October 17th and gives people within the 16 counties of the RC&D an opportunity to set up booths and demonstrate their "wares".

SCS UPDATE: Rocky reported that he had several compliance plans that needed to be reviewed and signed by the district's FSA review board....Dennis Kenney, Bob Nansel, and Layton Salsbery. A date will be set as soon as possible. Rocky also discussed holding a Residue Workshop in the Angela area. Keith will help set up a date and time. A Contractor's Workshop is being considered in the winter. The contractors that work in the area would be notified and given a chance to have some input into the agenda items. The possibility of trading the district's no-till drill for undercutters was discussed. As it is, the only requests to use the drill is for seeding grass and it is not suitable for this. Concerning CRP, Rocky noted that firebreaks can be added to the plans.

WATER QUALITY BUREAU: WQB is seeking proposals for nonpoint source control projects in three categories: information and education, groundwater/watershed, and best management practice demonstration projects. Proposal must be received by October 30th.

NOTES FROM CONSERVATION DISTRICTS BUREAU were received and given to each supervisor. 1993 State Holidays were included.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: Bylaws of Valley County Resource Management Committee were copies and given to each supervisor attending. Rocky explained that Valley County formed a Resource Management Committee to present a unified voice on area resource issues. Members represent local, state, and federal governments as well as Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Sportsman's Associations, etc. This will be discussed at a meeting when all supervisors are attending.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR AUGUST was received from the Department of Natural Resources.

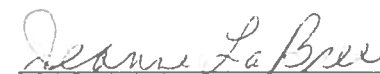
NOXIOUS WEED PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS are due on November 15th. Flyers advertising the program were sent to the district to distribute.

GALLATIN CD AG ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANT: Gallatin CD sent out fact sheets on "Description and Plans of Irrigation structures and Water Measuring Devices" that were made up through an ag energy conservation grant.

There being no further business, Keith made a motion to adjourn. Jack seconded and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



Robert Heinle, Vice-Chairman



Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 28, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chairman; Robert Heinle, V.Ch.; Jack Knobloch, Keith Lockie, Bob Nansel. Caprice Gregory and Duane Martens, Associate Supervisors.

Others Present: Dave Jewell, Chris Theodor, Dallas Johannsen from SCS Area Office, Duane Claypool, DNRC.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Dennis Kenney at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the September 30th meeting were approved as written. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. in the USDA Conference Room. The reason for the change is the 4th Wednesday is Thanksgiving Eve, and there is a Lower Yellowstone Reserved Water Council meeting on December 2nd.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACC'T	F
Balances brought Forward:			\$50796.53	\$1620.37	\$1304.81	\$321590.44	\$4
029	U.S. Post Office	1 Roll of Stamps	29.00				
030	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 19	768.80				
031	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 19	877.60				
032	U.S. West	Phone Service/calls	52.72				
033	Clark's Hardware	Pressure Gauge	4.35				
034	Independent Ent.	Public Notice/H2O	33.15				
035	Matt KURkowski	Wages/P.P. 20	768.80				
036	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 20	877.60				
037	IRS (WH=459.90)	Matching Benefits	251.90				
038	IRS	Underpayment/Qtr 3	2.39				
039	State Compensation	3rd Quarter	116.90				
040	Unemployment Ins.	3rd Quarter	64.11				
041	State Treasurer	Payroll Tax (WH=327.54)	27.62				
042	Independent Ent.	H2O Monit.Pres./Ads	54.60				
83	Kim Nile	Loan/Irr. Pipeline				12700.00	
84	Reg Hoff	Loan/Artesian Well				23200.00	
J.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expenses					
J.C.	Jack's IGA	Residue Workshop/Exp.					1
TOTALS			\$3929.54	-0-	-0-	\$35900.00	\$2
INCOME DURING MONTH:							
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments:Sorenson,Nansel					2360.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	3% Adm./Hoff and Nile					1077.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments:Payer and Hoff					1390.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Interest/June,July,Aug.					4671.33	
DISTRICT ACCOUNT	Landowner Map/Odom				6.00		
NETTY CASH	L.O.Maps: Jeffers,Sharp						1
NETTY CASH	L.O.Maps:Anderson,Moughey						1
NETTY CASH	L.O.Maps:Locke, VanPelt,Turner						1
TOTALS			-0-	6.00	-0-	\$9498.33	4
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:			\$ 46866.99	\$1626.37	\$1304.81	\$295188.77	\$6

ack made a motion to accept the financial statement. Bob Nansel seconded and motion carried.

ennis Kenney introduced the guests attending the meeting: Dave Jewell, Area Engineer, Chris heodor, Area Agronomist, Dallas Johannsen, Area Resource Conservationist, and Duane Claypool, NRC, Water Development Bureau Irrigation Specialist.

ave Jewell discussed headgates. There are plans to meet with the Yellowstone Irrigation Distri-
o discuss canal turnouts, etc., and to come to an agreement on what needs to be done. Dav-
lso mentioned that Kevin Brewer asked for assistance on the Hammond Irrigation Ditch because of
n erosion problem at the head end due to a 15' fall. Dennis Kenney said this has been a problem
or many years but the cost of moving the ditch, or putting in a series of structures, might not
e feasible. Dave and Matt will look at the situation and see if they can come up with a feasible
olution.

Chris Theodor, Area Agronomist, said he had spent part of the day with Terry Johnson in Lane Dee. He said there's a pasture management problem in that area and wondered if the district would consider purchasing or renting pasture renovating equipment such as a Lillistock or a John Deere Power Drill. Custer has a drill and would probably rent it out to another county. The board felt they would have to sell their no-till drill before considering purchasing any other equipment. Duane Martens reminded the board and informed the visitors that the Northern Cheyenne Reservation did not pay the conservation district levy on real property. They are, however, considered in the conservation district.

Dallas Johannsen, Area Resource Conservationist, recently transferred from Havre to Miles City Area Office. Dallas was a soil conservationist in the Forsyth Field Office several years ago. Dallas said he came to the meeting to let the board know he is back in the area and said he attended the Residue Workshop at Jack Nesson's earlier in the day. Both Dallas and Keith Lockie said it was a good workshop and had a good turnout.

YELLOWSTONE BASIN CD WATER RESERVATION COUNCIL: Duane Claypool attended the district meeting to answer any questions the supervisors might have on the Council by-laws, etc. Dennis Kenney attended the first council organizational meeting in Billings and mentioned there was some concern about the need for security bonds for the council. Duane said the Montana Codes Annotated states that districts will be bonded so this probably will have to stay in the by-laws. After the board reviewed the by-laws, Keith made a motion to approve the by-laws with #6 changed to read "Member districts present shall constitute a quorum". Robert seconded and motion carried. This was changed because of the great distances some of the district representatives have to travel to the meetings. The board discussed the need to authorize their representatives to "approve or reject" amendments that may come before the council. Jack made a motion to grant this authorization. Keith seconded and motion carried. Robert made a motion that the district pay the \$25 dues, as requested by the council. Jack seconded and motion carried. Duane Claypool informed the board that they should decide if they wish to be involved in the verification of projects utilizing the district's reserved water. After discussing the options, it was unanimously, but without a motion, decided that they should be involved in the verification of projects. Another issue the board had to act upon, prior to the December 2nd Council meeting, was the proposed conversion of water authorizations to provisional permits in the landowner's name. After discussing the pros and cons, four supervisors voted that the water should remain in the district's name and one voted for conversion to provisional permits in landowner's name. Dennis will inform the council that the Rosebud Conservation District chooses to keep the authorizations under their jurisdiction to ensure its' continued agricultural use.

10 ACTIVITY:

7-RS-92: Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - This application was acted upon via phone calls to supervisors and Phil Stewart, with Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Range Telephone, although receiving 404 permits, etc., overlooked the conservation district 310 permit system. They needed to start work within a few days and because the project would be a minimal effect on the stream, the supervisors and FW&P verbally approved it. Dennis presented a motion to formally approve the project for the minutes. Jack seconded and motion carried. Dennis will be making an on-site after completion of the project to verify that there is only minimal effects. Phil Stewart has asked to attend also as Range Telephone has applications in for other crossings.

8-RS-92 Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - Requests permits to also lay cable at

9-RS-92 three more locations on Rosebud Creek. Robert made a motion that these

10-RS-92 were projects. Keith seconded and motion carried. Copies of the applications will be forwarded to Phil Stewart.

CS UPDATE: Rocky informed the board he had several FSA plan revisions that needed to be reviewed and Dennis scheduled Friday at 1:00 p.m. for the review. Layton Salsbery will be notified and Bob Nansel said he could attend. Rocky also mentioned a Contractor's Workshop. The board reviewed the tentative letter to contractor's listing topics, and asking for suggestions as to the length of the workshop and month it should be held. Rosebud and Treasure Conservation Districts, ASCS, and SCS would be co-sponsors. Several of the supervisors were interested in attending the workshop, too.

PICK SLOAN MISSOURI BASIN PLAN: Letters were faxed to President Bush on October 8 and 9th asking him to sign the Omnibus Water Bill HR429, which includes allocating Pick Sloan power to the Hammond and Haidle Irrigation Districts. Those faxing letters were Dennis Kenney, Larry Hill on behalf of Hammond Irrigation District, Lana Hoff, Robert Heinle, Jack Knobloch, Jeanne LaBree, and possibly some Chamber of Commerce members as Dennis visited with them about it. The Governor also wrote on behalf of the bill.

ROSEBUD CREEK MORATORIUM: Jeanne LaBree talked to Beth Weideman of the Water Rights Bureau in Miles City concerning the moratorium on Rosebud Creek. Rocky said he had been hearing conflicting stories on just what water developments were affected. Beth stated that the moratorium would apply to wells but only those along the creek, and applies to all other water developments within the Rosebud Creek Drainage of Rosebud and Big Horn Counties. She said that congress had signed the Water Compact on 9/10/92 and the Northern Cheyenne had 60 to 90 days to sign. Jack Knobloch said it was his understanding it could be as long as 120 days. If the Northern Cheyenne do not sign the Compact, the moratorium is off...BUT...so is the federal monies for the Tongue River Dam repair and enlargement. Beth noted that the DNRC did not receive any calls from the public stating concern over the moratorium. She also offered to attend a district meeting to answer any questions the board may have.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting was held October 21, at Colstrip. Plans for Montana Range Days are taking shape and Taylor Brown sent \$300 to the Montana Range Days Committee to help pay for some of the costs incurred before donations, etc. are collected. Another meeting is scheduled for November 18th in Forsyth. It will be held in the USDA Conference Room.

20 GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROJECT: Prior to the District's last meeting, John Wheaton and Jon Reiten gave a presentation on the results of the monitoring done in the immediate Colstrip area. The board felt it was an excellent presentation and Patty Kluver's and Bill Gillin's comments and questions made it even more interesting.

An invoice was received for monitoring expenses for the period 7/1/92 through 9/30/92 in the amount of \$8255.18. All items were budgeted in the grant request and Keith made a motion to approve the invoice and send it to the Coal Board for payment. Bob seconded and motion carried.

AREA IV MEETING: Dennis Kenney and Jeanne LaBree attended the meeting in Hardin on October 7th. Bob Willems' term as Area IV director was up and he was re-elected. Bob Story, from Park City, is also an Area IV director and serves until 1993 Area IV meeting. The \$100 Area IV dues paid by each district was discussed at length and a committee was appointed to draw up more guidelines for spending the money. It was decided to include Directors at Large expenses, not to exceed state rates, and speech contestants cash awards as well as the winners expense to attend MACD speech contest. A more detailed report will be given, if supervisors wish, after the Area IV minutes are received. Two legislators, Marion Hanson and Angela Russell spoke at the meeting, both agreeing that direct contact by their constituents was preferable to lobbyists, but felt that Peggy was very capable in her lobbying for district interests. There were five speech contestants. Carbon CD contestant took first place and LeeAnn Fox, Treasure CD contestant won second place.

MACD CONVENTION - November 4-6th in Glasgow: An agenda and registration forms were received from MACD. The agenda includes a workshop on Wednesday on the MACD Strategic Plan. Panels, etc., will include "Contributing to the Effectiveness of CDs", "CRP - What Next?", Streamside Management zones, and Grazing Lands Initiative. Keith Lockie will be awarded his 10 year pin, and Jeanne LaBree .. 15 year pin. A Salinity Control Association Meeting will be held November 4th at 4:00 p.m. Resolutions that will be addressed at the convention were reviewed. No one could make a commitment to attend the convention, but Jeanne will hold the reserved rooms until November 3rd, in case someone can go.

WEED CONTROL: J.R. Lee called to ask if there were any grants available to help him with his Russian Knapweed problem. Jeanne contacted Barbora Mullin, from the State Weed Board, and asked if there was anything available. She stated that a county must be levying 1.6 mils, or equivalent, before being eligible. "Equivalent" means that money, paid to the Weed Board by railroads, etc., would be included with mil. Duane Martens said Rosebud County would not meet either criteria. Barbora had also stated that it would be difficult to justify a grant to a county that cost shares chemical control with their producers. According to Barbora, very few counties are able to do this. A letter will be sent to Mr. Lee, informing him of the Weed Board's position.

AWARDS/CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT WINNER: Jeanne asked the board what they wanted to give for awards this year. They discussed giving CD jackets and were informed that there are only two jackets (both mediums) left. The cost of the jackets have increased substantially, even though we have already had the art work done. Layton and Bob, new supervisors, should be given a jacket but Layton would take a large or x-large, and Elmer Boschee (achievement award winner) would also take a large or x-large. The board agreed to order more jackets, but did not make a motion to this effect.

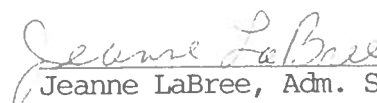
MINUTES: Minutes of the last RC&D meeting were received along with a proposed changes in the Eastern Plains RC&D by-laws. A December meeting in Billings was noted and Caprice said she would probably not be able to attend due to her new job.

COMPUTER MONITOR: Jeanne LaBree informed the board that the monitor was not working. She did get some prices for new ones from Computerland in Miles City. A regular monitor would cost \$199 but color monitors with color/graphics card are considerably higher. A Wyse would cost \$500+ and a Super Com would cost \$456.00. Graphic availability would make it easier to utilize the H2O monitoring program, bringing up graphs rather than pages (in some cases) of data. SCS computers would not be compatible with the program. It was decided that Jeanne should order a computer with graphics.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1992 was received.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT THIS TIME, Dennis made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Robert Heinle, Jack Knobloch, Bob Nansel, Layton Salsbery, Tom Wimer, and Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor.
 Not Present: Keith Lockie (excused-came in December 2nd).
 Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, DC, Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Secretary-Treasurer; Darrell Grogan, FrHA.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman, Dennis Kenney, at 2:00 p.m. Minutes of the October 28th meeting were approved as written. The next meeting is scheduled for December 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACC'T	P.
Balances brought forward:			\$46866.99	\$1626.37	1304.81	295188.77	66
3043	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.21(694.33)	768.80				
3044	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.21(665.51)	877.60				
3045	Dept.State Lands	Outdoor Classroom Lease	25.00				
3046	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 22	768.80				
3047	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 22	877.60				
3048	IRS (W.H. 711.80)	Matching Benefits	251.90				
3049	U.S.West	Phone Service/calls	54.67				
3050	Independent Ent.	Newsletters (September)	202.83				
3051	YBCD Council	Dues	25.00				
3052	U.S. Post Office	Stamps (100 @.29, 20 @.23)	33.60				
3053	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 23	768.80				
3054	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 23	877.60				
3055	Computer Connection	Monitor/graphics/color	432.00				
3056	Anne Smith	Photo I.D. Winner	5.00				
3057	Big Horn CD	Area IV Meeting	24.00				
789	Bob Nansel	FSA Plan Reviews			15.00		
790	Dennis Kenney	FSA Plan Reviews			15.00		
791	Layton Salsbery	FSA Plan Reviews			15.00		
3058	College of Mines	Water Monitoring Project	8255.18				
P.C.	Jack's IGA	MRD Committee Expenses					3
TOTAL EXPENSES:			14248.38	-0-	45.00	-0-	3
INCOME DURING MONTH:							
COUNTY BUDGET		Coal Board/H2O Proj.	8255.18				
LOAN ACCOUNT		Payments: Martens, Batey, Lackman, Schwend, Asay, Giesick				5870.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT		Interest, October				1659.91	
LOAN ACCOUNT		Payment: Connie Bell				4044.25	
PETTY CASH		L.O. Maps: Hoffman, Wagner, Allen, Allard					24
DISTRICT ACCOUNT		Flags/Frannie Nile		5.00			
TOTAL INCOME:			8255.18	5.00		11574.16	24
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:			40873.79	1631.37	1259.81	306762.93	87

Tom made a motion to accept the financial statement. Layton seconded and motion carried.

310 ACTIVITIES:

8-RS-92: Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - Due to good weather, and everything going right, Range Telephone was ready to place their cables across Rosebud Creek at Clark's prior to this meeting. Jeanne called a quorum of supervisors and Phil Stewart, Fish, Wildlife & Parks. It was decided that approval to cross would be given, if on-site inspection proved prior creek crossing at Allison' caused minimal disturbance. Matt Kurkowski and Dennis Kenney inspected this crossing and verified there was very little disturbance.

310 Activities, Cont'd:

9-RS-92 and 10-RS-92 - Range Telephone Cooperative: These are similar projects to 7 and 8, and work will be done in a very few days, weather permitting. Robert made a motion to approve 8-RS-92, formally, 9-RS-92, and 10-RS-92. Jack seconded and motion carried.

11-YL-92: Brian Schweitzer, Whitefish, purchased the Davey Place and would like to try a new approach getting water to their irrigation pumps. Pictures of the site, map, etc., were included. Gene Davey's was given a 10 year Annual Permit to widen and deepen his sump yearly or as needed, however, Mr. Schweitzer feels his idea of putting in a 6' culvert in front of the pump sump and back filling with dirt to allow water to flow into sump during high water will eliminate the need for annual maintenance. The culvert will be closed during low water and a crisafol pump, powered by electricity, will only be in the river during low water. A permanent pipeline will be installed above high water as a conduit. Robert made a motion that the application WAS a project. Layton seconded and motion carried. Dave Jewell, Area Engineer, will be asked to attend the on-site investigation.

Don Hotter, Colstrip, asked for an application as he wanted to put some rock in Rosebud Creek to cause a ripple effect and keep the water open for winter use. An application was sent, as well as a 404 application. Dennis Kenney said he visited with Phil Stewart about this as Jeanne had mentioned it to Dennis when she got Hotter's call. Phil felt this could have a negative effect on the fish. Hotter has not returned the 310 application.

LOAN PROGRAM: CASH: \$306762.93 APPROVED: \$35000 COMMITTED: \$66300 AVAILABLE: \$205400

Connie Bell: Connie made a payment of \$4044.25 (\$3500 plus \$544.25 penalty). At the time he made his payment, he asked if the board would reschedule his loan payments so his next payment would not be due until 11/28/93. He later came to the office and asked if the board would consider "debt reduction" as FrrHA requested him to do so. Darrell Grogan was asked to attend the meeting and explain the options, etc., that were available to Connie and how these would affect the district's position. As it now stands, the board was told, Connie's cash flow would not allow FrrHA to continue with him. Darrell did not know to what extent the district payments would have to be lowered to show a workable cash flow. If Connie cannot "cash flow", FrrHA would start foreclosure proceedings. The conservation district whose position is second to FrrHA, would not be able to collect the balance of what Connie owes. Darrell informed the board that the district would get all proceeds from the sale of the pump and gated pipe that was purchased with the district loan, however. If Connie filed bankruptcy the district would be in a similar position. The supervisors did not feel that a no-interest loan should be reduced, but rather that the payments would be restructured. Layton made a motion that the district restructure Connie's loan so that his payments are based on the \$28,000 principal balance, with ten yearly payments of \$2800 beginning on November 28, 1993. Robert seconded the motion and motion carried. The board noted that late payments will incur an 18%/year penalty on payments over 30 days past due as was specified when Connie's loan was restructured in 1989.

MONTANA SALINITY ASSOCIATION: The Agreement between the Triangle Conservation District, North east Saline Seep Association and Southern Saline Seep District and the Montana Salinity Control Association By-Laws were sent to the district for the supervisor review. The Board of Supervisors were also asked to appoint or confirm the board member that is designated as liaison. It was decided that Keith Lockie will remain as the district's representative on the Southern Saline Seep District Board.

YELLOWSTONE BASIN CONSERVATION

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING: Dennis Kenney attended the council meeting on December 2nd, and gave a report. Dennis presented this district's motion to change the by-laws to allow "Member districts present to constitute a quorum". The motion failed and eight districts will have to be present for a quorum. The need to be bonded was tabled, as was any decision on converting the district water authorizations to provisional permits. Some of the districts had failed to bring up the matter prior to the council meeting and wanted more feedback from board members. Also discussed was possible legislation to put a moratorium on future appropriations of water from the Upper Missouri, and a request to support funding for a staff position to assist CD's in the Missouri Basin administer water reservations. The council will prepare letters of support on a case by case basis as requested by individual districts. Dennis suggested the next council meeting be held in Forsyth and this was approved. The meeting will be in February.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE CD

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Dennis attended this meeting on November 30th in Terry. Dennis reported that the Haidle Irrigation Project will have to become a "public agency" before qualifying for Pick Sloan power. Bill Grieman's Final Report on High Lift Irrigation feasibility was received.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS: A meeting was held in Forsyth on November 18th. Bob Nansel reported that sixteen people attended, including Kenny Nemitz and Neil Melrose of Dawson County. Members of the Range Committee will have to meet with the state committee in January. A December 16th meeting is planned for the full committee and, again, will meet in Forsyth.

MARKETING ALLIANCE: Jeanne LaBree is scheduled to meet with Lynn Howard, Marketing Alliance Coordinator, on December 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the USDA Conference Room. She visited with Janeen McFarland and asked if someone from the Chamber would attend this meeting. Everyone was busy and declined, but Jeanne will attempt to find someone (civic leader) to attend. Lynn would like someone to take phone messages on behalf of the Alliance and give out informational brochures, etc. Jeanne asked the supervisors if she had their permission to do this, if it did not interfere with district or SCS work. The board agreed.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Randy Hanson, SBDC coordinator, asked Jeanne if she would be able to set up appointments for him and a place for him to meet with his clients. Again, if the board approves, Jeanne will set up appointments as long as it does not interfere with other work, and Rocky has stated the USDA conference room can be utilized if it does not interfere with agency meetings, etc. The board agreed also. It was noted that changes in appointments made by Jeanne, will have to be negotiated between the Client and Randy Hanson.

NAVIGABLE RIVERS & STREAMS: The list of navigable rivers and streams were received from the Department of State Lands. Included was state ownership laws and addresses of district state land offices.

SCS UPDATE: Rocky explained the Rangeland Initiative and reminded the board of the grazing symposium scheduled for January 6-7 in Billings. Jack Knobloch and Robert Nansel said they would like to attend the event.

LIABILITY: Dennis Kenney brought up the district's liability when providing technical assistance on headgates that fail and cause damage. Rocky explained that this was covered under the Memorandum of Understanding with SCS. The board will review this MOU at their next board meeting.

MACD: Received 1991 MACD convention report and 1992 agenda. Also received a letter from Ellis Hagen, new MACD president, informing the district that John Anderson was elected Vice President of MACD and that Peggy Parmelee was not rehired. A letter was received from Peggy declaring her continued commitment to conservat districts and their work. She hopes to keep in touch.

NACD: Received a letter of thanks for paying full dues and a request to send an extra \$25 so they can maintain their regional offices, etc. The board declined to pay an additional amount.

Information on the NACD convention in Orlando, Florida was received. Rooms will cost \$96/night double or single and registration is \$140 in advance (\$182 with one luncheon and banquet ticket. No one could make a commitment to attend the national meeting.

WATER RESERVATIONS: Art Gregory sent in his termination request. The board tabled any action on this request until the December 23rd meeting.

YOUNG AG COUPLES CONFERENCE: January 6-9 in Helena. The board discussed possible nominees but because of the limited time, could not nominate someone this year.

TREE MULCH PROJECT AT ZOO MONTANA: Yellowstone CD has invited all CD's to participate in this year's mulching project. They sent a list of ideas to help get the project started..ideas for donations, transportation, collection sites, etc. The board declined getting involved this year.

EROSION SUBSIDIZED: An article in the Billings Gazette states USDA has failed to cut off millions of dollars in subsidies to growers who don't protect their land from wind and water erosion (according to USDA investigators)and violations are not being reported to ASCS by SCS. Rocky, DC, told the board that "compliance" is being carefully viewed by environmentalists, and others, and the future will bring a more serious enforcement of the Food Security Act by USDA agencies.

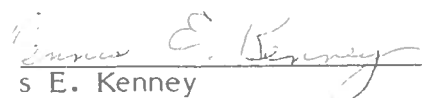
AG IN MONTANA SCHOOLS: Received September minutes, and an outline of Agriculture in Montana Schools (AMS).

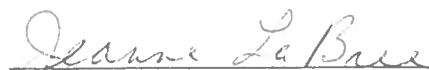
WEATHER SUMMARY FOR 10/92 received.

CD BUREAU NOTES WERE HANDED TO EACH SUPERVISOR.

MINI-GRANT PROGRAMS: \$500 conservation education mini-grants are available. They can be used by teachers to purchase classroom and lab equipment, textbooks, workshops, and to build outdoor classrooms. Teachers apply directly to district and must attend a district meeting to explain their "needs". The Conservation District will then send the application to the DNRC.

There being no further business, Layton moved the meeting adjourn. Dennis seconded and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney
Chairman


Jeanne LaBree
Adm. Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 23, 1992

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chairman; Robert Nansel, Layton Salsbery.
 Not Present: Keith Lockie, Tom Wimer, Jack Knobloch, Robert Heinle.
 Others Present: Joe Fidel, Area Range Conservationist, Miles City; Scott Kaiser, Conservation Districts Division, DNRC, Miles City; Rocky Schwagler, DC; Tammy DeCock, SC; Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was brought to order at 2:00 p.m. in the USDA Conference Room. There was not a quorum due to last minute problems. It was decided to take care of some items and contact the other supervisors, by phone, for their input. Minutes of the December 3rd meeting were tabled until next meeting which is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. January 20th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT		COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN	ACC'T.	P.
Balances Brought Forward:		\$40873.79	\$1631.37	1259.81	306762.93		8
3058	Dennis Kenney Mileage: Hardin, Blgs, Terry	213.63					
3060*	Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P. 24	768.80					
3061	Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P. 24	877.60					
3062	IRS (W.H.) & Matching Benefits (PP 23&24)	251.90					
3063	U S West Phone Service/Calls	56.58					
3064	Pharmacy Slide Development	13.58					
792	Wearguard Jackets (6 + Handling)		368.68				
793	Sue Backlund Retirement/Lee Jones AC		40.00				
P.C.	Jack's IGA Meeting Expense/Alliance & Reg.						
TOTALS:		\$2182.09	\$408.68	-0-	-0-		

INCOME DURING MONTH:						
Local Account	Payments: J.Spannagel, Eli Spannagel				960.00	
	Payments: McDaniel, Wimer				3190.00	
	Payments: Mereness, Nansel				1210.00	
	Interest/November				1081.78	
District Account	L.O. Map/Larsen Agency		6.00			
Petty Cash	L.O. Map/Kraus					6
TOTALS:		-0-	6.00	-0-	6441.78	6
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:		\$38691.70	\$1228.69	1259.81	313204.71	85

Motion on financial statement is tabled until next meeting.

CD VIDEO: Scott Kaiser was asked by Frank Mastandrea to attend the district meeting to request financial assistance for a public service announcement video on conservation districts. The cost would be \$1100-\$1200, and Yellowstone CD has given \$500. The board felt there is a need to make people aware and knowledgeable of conservation districts and it was decided that money could be taken from the "Supervisor Expense" account as no one attended the state MACD meeting. Because the announcement is planned to be aired the latter part of January, the board made the decision to pledge up to \$500, as needed by the Conservation Districts Division. Dennis asked if other CD's were asked to participate, and Scott said he thought Missoula CD may be asked. Jeanne and Dennis have the authority to approve expenditures up to, but not over, \$500.

JOE FIDEL, Range Conservationist from the Area Office, reminded the board of the Montana Grazing Land Conservation Initiative Symposium in Billings on January 6-7. Water Quality will be addressed at the symposium and Joe mentioned Montana's Water Quality laws or more stringent than Federal Laws. Montana's definition of point source pollution includes livestock, if their density or feeding duration prevents significant and sustained forage growth.

LOAN PROGRAM: Connie Bell - FmHA informed Connie that the district's restructure of Connie's debt to \$2800/year did not work out. They did work out a formula to figure what might work. Before Connie would "cash flow" the district would have to restructure the debt so payments were around \$1600 or less. After considering the alternatives, Layton made a motion that the district restructure Connie's debt so that he pays \$1 00/year for twenty years, with the first payment due on November 26, 1993, contingent on agreement by those supervisors not at this meeting. Bob seconded and motion carried. Jeanne had informed Tom Wimer that this would be on the agenda and he said he was for restructuring the debt to whatever extent was needed by FmHA. Jeanne will call Jack Knobloch, Robert Heinle, and Keith Lockie for their input. If they agree, Connie and FmHA will be notified of this decision.

310: Brian Schweitzer - Dennis Kenney made an on-site investigation of the project area with Phil Stewart. Rocky Schwagler and Dave Jewell, Area Engineer, attended also. Dennis and Phil agreed the project would create less activity in the river and Phil signed off on the turbidity form and recommended approval. Dennis mentioned that Mr. Schweitzer should place the fill at a 3:1 slope and protect it with some kind of stabilization. Bob made a motion to approve the permit. Layton seconded. The supervisors not attending will be polled by phone.

Range Telephone Cooperative: The board received the team report and recommended approval from Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

RESERVED WATER: Art Gregory's termination request for RS-011-YL was tabled as there was no quorum and there isn't any urgent need to act. Also, the city's request for a provisional permit (which is supposed to include water for Art's truck garden) has not been finalized.

RESERVED WATER COUNCIL: Minutes of the December 2nd meeting have been received and included a list of items that should be addressed by CD's prior to the next meeting in February. Most of the items were already addressed by this district but those not discussed will be on the January 20th agenda. Dennis reminded the board that Forsyth will host the February meeting but a date is not set as yet. If legislation concerning reserved water comes up, districts may have to act individually if a meeting can't be scheduled in time.

WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP: Bob Story and Will Clark decided the January 6-7 meeting on "Conservation of Montana's Grazing Land" would qualify as a workshop and did receive a grant to cover some of the expenses of supervisors attending. Three supervisors have said they would attend (Jack Knobloch, Bob Nansel, Layton Salsbery) and Tom Wimer may also attend. Jeanne will check on registration and contact these supervisors.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS: Bob Nansel will be attending the Montana Range Days Steering Committee meeting on January 6th in Billings. The scheduling committee has some changes they would like to bring to the steering committee and Bob hopes that Randy Violett, Tammy DeCock, and possibly Roxie Dinstel or Gary Schaff will attend to help in recommending to the committee.

STATE WATER PLAN: The Final State Water Plan was received. Most of the supervisors received copies as they attended the water compact meetings. Bob said he would look at his dad's, and Layton was given an extra copy.

ANNUAL BANQUET: The board looked at the pictures of Elmer Boschee's farmstead and decided they could not be satisfactorily enlarged. A plaque will be ordered, and the district jacket will be awarded. There was no decision on who to invite.

BEEF WINTER SCHOOL: The extension service is sponsoring "the Beef Winter School" in Forsyth on January 4, 11, 18 and 25th in the City Hall. Nutrition, Animal Health, Grazing Systems, and Reproductive Management will be addressed consecutively.

LIABILITY: The Montana Association of Counties Joint Power Insurance Authority requested some information from the district so they could look into including districts in their policies. They recently acknowledged receipt of this information and said they will be meeting in February to finalize their decision regarding opening the "pool" to special districts.

SCS UPDATE: Rocky informed the board that there will be a change in selecting FSA 5% spot checks. It will now be done in Kansas City by ASCS and will be based on the amount of money a producer gets. This may mean that a producer will be spot checked more often. Rocky also asked if the FSA plan review board would look over a plan after the meeting. Layton, Dennis, and Bob Nansel will stay and review the plan.

GP APPLICATION: Gene Ashenhurst has requested a GP contract on 46,727 acres. SCS set a priority. Layton made a motion to concur with this priority, Bob Nansel seconded.

NO TILL DRILL: Layton asked how much the district would want for the no-till drill. It was decided to look into prices for second hand drills, but it was noted that the district would like to trade the drill for a grass drill. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS: The district received a letter from the Corps of Engineers and a brochure describing technical assistance programs available. Technical assistance is cost shared on a 50/50 basis, with a state/regional/local unit of government or an Indian Tribe as the non-federal sponsor. The procedures in getting the funds (\$300,000/state/year) is: District identifies what type of assistance is needed and develops a scope of work describing what work needs to be done and what is the end product desired. When the Corps receives the request, it uses directly or expands upon the scope of work provided. The Corps estimates the amount of funds needed, drafts a letter of agreement with the applicant. The District should contact Laurence Siroky of the Water Resources Division of DNRC, first, to see if the proposed work is in agreement with the State's Water Plan.

DISTRICT LEADER (NACD NEWSLETTER): The District Leader will no longer be sent to the district without a subscription. Subscriptions cost \$15/year. Supervisors do not get this letter, individually. Jeanne was asked to make the decision to subscribe or not to subscribe. It was also noted that Layton Salsbery and Robert Nansel does not get the Tuesday Letter. Jeanne will check into this.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY: SWCS would like a contribution for their headquarters renovation, New Policy Program Initiatives, or other. It was decided not to send a contribution, but will be taken to next meeting for concurrence.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned and Dennis, Layton, and Robert Nansel stayed to review FSA plans.

Barbara E. Kenney
D *Kenney, Chairman*

Jeanne LaBree
Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer