

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2014

5:00 PM

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

5:00 pm: Meeting called to order by Steve Lackman RCD Vice Chair @5:06 pm.

Board Members Present:

Alan Mereness, Dave Davenport, Dennis Kenney, Doug McRae, Steve Lackman, Don Youngbauer

Board Members Absent:

Bonnie Prince-excused

Others Present:

Rocky Schwagler, NRCS; Bobbi Vannattan

Guests:

David Pratt, NRCS

Treasure Report:

Treasure Report will be available at the meeting.

There was no treasure report available at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

The draft minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting are in your packet.

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

Expense Vouchers:

Keep Bobbi informed of your travel.

Administrator Report: Included in your packet

Outreach & Education:

Conservation Days- May 6th-8th

Stewardship week is coming and we usually order educational supplies for each of the schools.

- Dennis made a motion to budget \$300,
- Alan second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Fishing days is scheduled for May 13th

Arbor day at the Forsyth schools is April 25th

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Go back to 7pm

Loans:

ROM's:

310- Permit Applications:

Reserved Water:

New Business:

- We are hosting the Rosebud Treasure Annual meeting March 21, 2014 at the Forsyth Country Club at 1pm through dinner.

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- Cooperative Working agreement between RCD and NRCS-Rocky made a couple of corrections.
- CWA-letter- we sent the letter out to 149 representatives throughout the state. There has been a good response, many were not even aware of the issue and are in support. Mitch Tropila, a senator from Cascade county would like the district to pay travel and lodging for him to attend one of our board meetings.
- Purchase a vehicle for cd use.
 - Alan move to table until the next meeting.
- Fair booth 2014- ideas
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Ag in Montana schools yearly membership \$100
 - Dave made a motion to pay the membership,
 - Steve second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Summer Intern- are we going to hire a summer intern again this summer. We may want to get the word out.
 - Tabled until next meeting
 - Bobbi will come up with a list of tasks and duties and job description
- We are required to purchase an updated computer by June 30th to meet the requirements to use the NRCS network.
 - Steve made a motion to purchase a laptop through the NRCS ordering,
 - Dennis second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.

Soil Health Initiative:

2014- sign ups

Ty Morin

No-Till Drill:

Alan-cover for drill? Ok still working on it

www.exapta.com- 784-820-8000 have a DVD on no-till Drill Seeding explained

- Steve made a motion to purchase the DVD for \$65
- Don second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

- Steve made a motion to have arts come and fix the tire,
- Alan second,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Newsletter: the next deadline is March 15, 2014. Doug has an article that he thought would be good in the newsletter from Beef Magazine. "Attention to the soil"

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YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

Off stream storage would solve the problem with the fish screen being built 3 feet to high.

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

A couple of CSP's and 5-6 EQIPs

Do we want to put together another summer tour in North Dakota.

David Pratt-NRCS

To talk about the farm bill- once legislation is passed and the president signs it goes in the Rules.

Conservation Reserve Program- continue- acres will do down each year

emphasis in CRP- Focus on GRP Grassland Reserve

CSP- 2008 Farm bill had 12 million Cap and now is 10 million acres= requires at least 2 easement, all put into one program- ESP WRP- 1

EQIP- not a lot of big changes no longer a WHIP

One big change- Title II s8 billion and Title I 23 Billion,

Line with crop insurance to be in compliance,

Most contraction is down because they do not have the rules out yet for the farm bill and still learning new information all the time.

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: Doug McRae:

Southeast MT Fuels Reduction Grant: Chris Pilesky & Andy Miller:

Chris & Andy will have a report ready for the meeting.

Need to sign a couple of contracts.

Ten Minute Training:

None

Next meeting Agenda:

Purchase a vehicle

Fair Booth

Intern Hiring

Drill video

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: Motion by Steve @ 8:40 PM

9:00 pm: