

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2018

5:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order by Dave Davenport @ 5:28 pm.

5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Jason Brewer, Dennis Kenney, Rocky Schwagler, Don Youngbauer, Dave Davenport, Alan Mereness

Board Members Absent:

Doug McRae

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer, Heather Nenninger

Guests:

Oath of Office Urban Supervisor: Rocky Schwagler

Rocky signed the oath of office and Monica Boyer Notarized.

Treasurer's Report:

available at the meeting

Dave had question on \$6 charge, Monica explained for QuickBooks Payroll subscription

- Jason made a motion to approve the treasure report,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting Minutes:

October 4, 2018 draft minutes were in your November packet.

- Jason made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting,
- Don seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Expense Vouchers:

Please let Bobbi know if you plan to attend a meeting or workshop or tour on behalf of the Conservation District.

Gave Don check for YRCDC Travel

Administrator Report: in your packet

Admin assistant report: in your packet

Outreach & Education:

Meeting Schedule:

January 3, 2019

5pm

ok

Loans:

ROM: Cole Paid in Full

ROM: Schwend Paid in Full

310- Permit Applications:

Coffee Ranch has submitted 7 applications for Pump site maintenance on the Tongue River- applications in your packet.

- Don made a motion to approve coffee Ranch 310 applications 310-18-08 through 310-18-14 for pump site maintenance for 10 years,
- Alan seconded the motion,

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- All in favor and the motion passed.

Reserved Water:

Bennett Livestock has applied for another reserved water to service 2 pivots. It has been accepted by the cd and forwarded to the DNRC office.

New Business:

NACD Dues:

\$775

- Jason made a motion to pay NACD dues in the amount of \$775,
- Don seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Future Projects/Programs:

Now is a good time to start looking at future projects or programs the district would like to be involved with or take lead in.

- Check into Future Fisheries, visit with Dan Rostad, John Moorehouse, see what the best plan is for the river. Need full cooperation of the landowners, possible project on the Hammond Irrigation District, efficiency by turning the ditch into a pipeline.
- Cartersville Dam, CID is cleaning out drain ditches. Talk to drain ditch board and YRCDC council.

Rosebud Treasure County Annual Banquet:

We are hosting this year and have selected Lohoffs as the recipient of the conservationist of the year award.

Date and venue.

- Jason made a motion to hold the banquet at the Forsyth Country Club on March 17, 2019,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Bobbi will reach out to Rosebud FFA and visit with them about catering the event and look into entertainment or speaker for the event.

Reg Hoff Memorial Scholarship:

How much, how many, and details for application and applicants

- Don made a motion to have \$1,500 available to Rosebud County Graduates pursuing an education/career in agriculture,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Bobbi will work on the details, Monica will put information in the Newsletter and the social media and website of the district.

Forestry Programs:

FIF 17 Payments are going out and project finishing up. Deadline December 31, 2018. The final project is not going to be complete for the deadline and DNRC has requested an extension on behalf of the conservation district. I have encouraged the producers and contractors to complete the project by the end of the year.

WUI 2019- we did not make the final pull for projects this funding cycle. If more funding becomes available after the legislature this winter, we could receive

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funding then. Limited funds and priority areas were a factor in determining which projects took priority for funding.

AIS~ Aquatic Invasive Species:

Monica will update.

- We have applied for the 2nd round of funding that will be the 2nd year of Monica's involvement in the program. Will cover her salary and district expenses.

Augmented Reality Sandbox:

Working with Big sky panels to build the box and get the project complete. All of the equipment has been ordered and is ready to be put together and calibrated.

- Check with Payer to get box done if it's not going to be completed anytime soon.

Soil Health Initiative:

No-Till Drill: Allen Wetherelt is the new John Deere Representative for the District.

Newsletter:

NRCS: Kathy Knobloch~

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

Wildlife Ramps & Forsyth FFA:

Big Sky Panel will place orders for the Forsyth FFA for materials to build the ramps and bill the conservation district.

Would like to have 20 extra here and available at the office.

Filling vacancy on the board:

The city of Colstrip met on October 23rd to discuss filling vacant Urban position on the cd board Rocky Schwagler has been appointed by the city as an Urban Supervisor.

Upcoming Events:

December 11, 2018 Musselshell Watershed Coalition Meeting in Roundup at 12pm

NACD San Antonio TX Feb 2-Feb 6, 2019

February 5-6, 2019- Plan, Prepare & Pass it on: Ag Business Strategies for Today & in The Future. Billings MT

Jason is interested in attending the No till Conference in January

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA:

Rosebud County Flood Plain Administrator position:

The county commissioners have approached Bobbi about the flood plain administrator position. More information available at the meeting. It would require some sort of Memorandum of Understanding and run similar to the Grant programs.

- Don made a motion to try for one year and then reevaluate,
- Alan seconded,
- All in favor and motion passed.

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Request for Leave W/O Pay:

Bobbi will have surgery on December 17th and will not have enough leave to get paid for that week. If things go well I plan to be back to work, no later than the 26th of December.

Employee Pay & Benefits:

Tabled, will be at top of the agenda in January

Put on top of January agenda to get to it right away!

Next meeting Agenda:

Yearly plan,

Officers on the board

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN:

5 .pm: