

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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June 4, 2018

7:00 PM

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

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

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**Board Members Present:**

Dave Davenport, Doug McRae, Bonnie Prince, Reg Hoff, Don Youngbauer, Dennis Kenney

**Board Members Absent:**

Jason Brewer, Alan Mereness

**Others Present:**

Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer, Heather Nenninger, Jeff Bird

**Guests:**

Andrew Seleg: NIL Application

Johnathan Seleg: NIL Application

Aron Kolb-Water Corp Miles City Office

David Pratt-Mile City NRCS

**Guests: Aron Kolb & David Pratt:**

Touring Sidney Water Users on 6/13. Jason, Reg, and Alan are planning to attend.

Meeting with Yellowstone River stakeholders in a few weeks.

Aron is working on the Invasive woody species in the Yellowstone region. He is looking at Lackman's at Hathaway and conditions of some of the old EQIP projects that involved Russian olive removal to see how they have held up or if they were successful.

Rocky has offered to help with some of the projects.

Looking for funding for some water projects and maybe doing some work on the HID. Bobbi will forward information on to Aron.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Through May 31, 2018 in your packets

- Reg made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report,
- Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Budget for FY 19

- Reg made a motion to keep the same budget as 2018 for 2019,
- Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes:**

March draft minutes in your previous packet & binders

- Dave made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting,
- Don 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Expense Vouchers:**

Vouchers are ready and available at the meeting for signatures. Let me know if I missed anything you have attended on behalf of the district.

*Reg, Alan, and Jason plan to attend the irrigation tour in Sidney. Will need to add to 2019 travel vouchers.*

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**Administrator Report:** at meeting

**Admin assistant report:** at meeting

**Outreach & Education:**

*Rosebud Treasure county Fair in July*

**Meeting Schedule:**

July 5, 2018

July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Loans:**

A. Seleg- NIL application for \$20K Solar wells

- Dave made a motion to approve Andrew Seleg's NIL application for \$20k,
- Reg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

J. Seleg-NIL application for \$20k solar well

- Dave made a motion to approve Jonathan Seleg's NIL application for \$20k,
- Reg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**310- Permit Applications:** emergency permit-Yellowstone River in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to approve the emergency permit without modification,
- Reg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Reserved Water:**

**New Business:**

**Conservation District Shed:**

The blue shed on the property belongs to the conservation district. The snow this winter has destroyed the roof and it is leaking and caving in.

- Look into costs of prebuild sheds and bring back to next meeting.

**Soil Health Workshop:**

SWCDMI has asked if the CD would be interested in partnering with them on a soil health workshop January 17, 2019, in Forsyth. We would basically host the event and they would make all of the arrangements and pay for the event.

**Camera:**

Looking for a camera that meets the needs of the district and the programs we have been involved in.

**AIS Grant application:**

We were awarded \$15k for Monica to work on AIS with the CEMMR for the next year. The contract is in route for signatures and Monica will begin billing her time with AIS to the grant at \$17.50/hour. She has up to 5 hours a week of her time allocated to AIS as needed with a maximum of 400 hours over the course of the year.

**Old Business:**

**MACD Dues:**

Previously tabled~ \$4,827.82

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- Dave made a motion to pay \$2,500 of the requested MACD Dues,
- Reg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

## **Health Insurance & Stipends:**

Monica has done some math on how much the taxes will be on the health insurance premium.

## **Forestry Grants:**

EMBTf had been extended through June 15<sup>th</sup> due to the long winter and adverse weather this spring. The project will be completed and the final report into the state by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The grant is currently being billed as the expenses come into the office and DNRC is accepting them as such.

## **223 Grant ap for Sandboxes:**

We received \$5k of the 10K we requested to build one sandbox, with the request that we will take it back to the 223 committee after completion and do some demonstration and documentation of the impact and use across area our over the next year.

## **Soil Health Initiative:**

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

- ~John Deere has ordered the bracket for the back of the new drill and will send a technician to repair the drill and install the bracket.
- Bring list of interested districts to next meeting.

**Newsletter:** Monica just finished an amazing newsletter that will be in the mail soon!

## **NRCS: Kathy Knobloch~**

Kami's term as acting has ended and Kathy Knobloch is acting for now, she is going on leave for a few weeks and Jeff Bird may be attending in her place.

## **YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

- Don will attend meetings for YRCDC in Miles City on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, Big study done. Attending the MACD Spring meetings in Helena next week.

## **Upcoming Events:**

~NACD Northern Plains Region Leaders Meeting-June 4-6-Charlo MT-we have been invited to attend. I cannot but if one of you can that's great.

~MACD Spring Board Meeting-June 11-13<sup>th</sup>, Helena

~MACDEO Spring Meeting coincides with the MACD spring meetings in Helena-Bobbi should attend both events as the President of the EO

~Montana Range Days-June; 18-20 2018, Red Lodge MT

~Riparian Grazing Workshops~ June 26-Thompson Falls, June 27- Helena, June 28-Deer Lodge

~2018 River Rendezvous-July 11-12 hosted by Cascade CD & Missouri River CD Council

~Supervisor Summit- Helena August 30-31st

~Monica regularly updates the Calendar and list of events on the cd website~

## **Range Committee: Dave Davenport**

## **CBMPA:**

## **Employee Reviews:**

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- **Tabled until next meeting.**

***Next meeting Agenda:***

- **No till drill #2, list of districts interested.**
- **Employee reviews**
- **Shed estimates.**

***Open Mike Board Members:***

9 ***pm:*** ***Public Comments:***

***ADJOURN:***