

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 1999, SPECIAL MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chair; Layton Salsbery, Vice Chair; Dave Davenport; Robert Heinle; Jack Knobloch; Bob Nansel.

Members Not Present: Doug McRae.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, NRCS DC; Diane Stephenson, Administrator.

Following a public meeting on the draft Unified National Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations at the Forsyth City Chambers, the Board members convened at the Forsyth USDA Conference Room for a special meeting. Chairperson Dennis Nixon call the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

NRCS FUNDING: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the National Association of Conservation District's request to support increased funding for NRCS field office staff. With supporting documentation from the National Workload Analysis (NWA), NACD intends to lobby Congress for an additional \$300,000. The NWA was used to measure contributions by NRCS staff and partners, specifically, conservation districts, necessary to meet local conservation needs. Conservation needs were identified through the district's strategic plan, annual plans, and the local work group priorities.

Rocky explained NRCS' budget and how funds from other agencies for reimbursable services do not meet expenditures, thus creating a shortfall. While the cost of doing business continues to increase, NRCS' 1999 fiscal year budget will not, again, contributing to a budget shortfall.

MACD President Luther Waterland requested each conservation district to review the NWA information and submit a request to MACD identifying specific NRCS resource disciplines needed to help meet the district's priorities and conservation needs. Following discussion, Bob Nansel moved to submit a request for one soil conservation technician, one and a half range conservationists, and one half forester. Layton Salsbery seconded. With increasing focus being placed on water quality concerns and possible impacts of having impaired streams on the 303(d) list, Dave Davenport felt a water quality specialist position was worth consideration. However, the board was uncertain what exact duties would be carried out that would be beneficial to the District's goals. The motion carried as presented.

Rather than submit the "boiler plate" letter to MACD requesting additional funds, our letter will point out that Rosebud Conservation District's support is conditional upon the funds being directed toward field office staffing needs. The extremely limited time frame in which to respond to the request will be pointed out, as well.

SUPERVISOR ELIGIBILITY: Following the December meeting, Diane contacted Laurie Zeller, DNRC-CDB, for information on how Colstrip's recent incorporation may affect the District. Incorporated cities are not included in a conservation district unless they are petitioned in. However, since Colstrip was within the district prior to incorporation, the boundaries remain intact. The County Treasurer will continue to be assess taxes to those living and doing business in the city limits for Rosebud Conservation District's general operating budget.

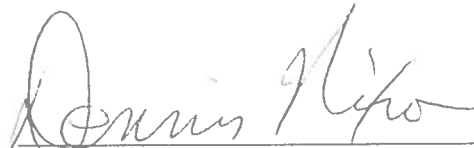
Incorporated cities are entitled to appoint two representatives to the district board. A conservation district board may not consist of more than 7 elected and/or appointed positions. Appointed positions serve in the same capacity as elected members. Through records research and by contacting DNRC and the County Election Administrator, it was discovered that Rosebud Conservation District was not officially entitled to increase the number of elected officials from five to seven in 1983. Methods for reducing the number of elected members were discussed.

It was also discovered that Layton Salsbery is not an eligible member since he lives in the city of Forsyth, which is not in the district. Layton could petition his house into the district in order to become eligible. He was asked if he would consider becoming an associate member.

Reportedly, a petition is being circulated to reverse Colstrip's incorporation, which would affect the conservation district.

Until DNRC officially responds to our request for assistance, no action will be taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chairperson


Diane Stephenson, District Administrator

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 1999, MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairperson; Layton Salsbery, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Jack Knobloch; Steve Lackman; Doug McRae; Bob Nansel.

Others Present: Todd Yeager, Rosebud-Treasure Extension Agent; Robert Heinle, Associate Supervisor; Rocky Schwagler, NRCS DC; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Diane Stephenson, District Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Nixon in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport moved, Jack Knobloch seconded, to approve the December 9, 1998, minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Doug McRae seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed earlier; no questions asked.

ROSEBUD-TREASURE EXTENSION, TODD YEAGER: Todd Yeager introduced himself as the new county extension agent. Todd, originally from northeastern Wyoming, transferred from Colorado where he worked extensively with conservation districts on cooperative education efforts. The Board discussed the annual elementary conservation days held in early May, programs conducted by the Rosebud County Range Committee and the Production Group. Todd offered his assistance with our education program. Brochures for the upcoming fifth annual Winter Education series in Colstrip and Hysham were available. Todd excused himself, and the Board thanked him for attending the meeting.

310: DICK FERGUSON, BANK STABILIZATION, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-01: The proposed project, designed by Roger Perkins, Aquoneering, is to initially install three weirs, two more may be necessary in the future. The application and design were forwarded to Brad Schmitz, Fish, Wildlife & Parks; he requested an on-site inspection. Pending the date scheduled, Robert Heinle, Steve Lackman, and Dennis Nixon will conduct the inspection. Diane will schedule the inspection and notify everyone involved.

BANK STABILIZATION MEETING: The Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting a meeting in Bozeman on January 27 to discuss a proposal to limit the Nationwide 13 permit to soft engineering techniques on the Yellowstone. Jack moved to approve travel for District representatives to attend the meeting; Dave seconded and the motion carried. Layton Salsbery, Robert, and Diane will try to attend.

310 COMMITTEE MEETING: Diane will be attending the 310 Committee meeting in Helena on January 28.

LOAN PROGRAM: TONGUE RIVER FARMS: Needs and feasibility have not been completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

RETIREMENT PLAN: The employers contribution to the IRA for the last three calendar months of 1998 was 2 percent, rather than 1 percent as originally reported. Given this new information, the Board agreed to leave the employer's contribution at 2 percent for 1999.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Dennis Nixon will give the slide presentation for the 1998 Conservation Achievement Award at the annual banquet on February 21 in Hysham. Award recipients Bernard and Scott Hein will be presented with a plaque and District jackets. Duane Martens' 15 year service award will be presented to his wife Sharon, or other family members able to attend. Invitations will be mailed by the end of January or as soon as more details are provided by host Treasure County CD. Diane is working on the annual report and will have it completed before the banquet.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER MEETING: Robert Heinle and Diane reported on the January 14 meeting held at the Forsyth Country Club for the sixteen conservation districts in the Yellowstone River watershed. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a possible cumulative effects study of bank stabilization projects installed on the Yellowstone River. A congressional resolution was presented and revised that would require district involvement in any proposed studies. Each district was asked to notify MACD if they supported the resolution. Diane placed a call to Mike Volesky, MACD Executive Vice President, for clarification on the resolution provided as it was different than the revised one. Mike was unavailable; no action was taken on the resolution. An inventory of 310 permits will be necessary prior to initiating a study; criteria, time frames, and funding the inventory were discussed. Laurie Zeller suggested using the 223 grant program to help finance the gathering of information for the inventory. Dave moved to sponsor a 223 grant; Steve Lackman seconded and the motion carried.

EPA ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS: An informative meeting regarding EPA's draft National Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations was conducted on January 13, 1999, at the Forsyth City Chambers. Approximately 30 people from the surrounding area attended. The Department of Environmental Quality administers the EPA animal feeding operations permit program in Montana. Permit regulations are reviewed and renewed on a regular basis, with the next renewal due in 1999. Tim Bryon, DEQ, explained Montana's program and that a draft document will be available for review and comments prior to the proposed adoption in July. The group was concerned about EPA's January 19 comment deadline; Tim was unaware of the deadline and concentrated his discussion on Montana's draft regulations. Diane drafted a letter outlining the Board's concerns and forwarded it to EPA prior to the deadline; copies were mailed to Board members.

COMPUTER: Total cost of the computer, plotter and an upgrade for Diane's computer were more than the \$4800 the Board previously allocated. The plotter and software were purchased for \$2787, and, per Dennis Nixon's instructions, an order was placed for the computer for \$2050. Jack moved to purchase the upgrade using grant program administrative funds. Dave seconded and the motion carried.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: Chairperson Dennis Nixon signed and dated the NRCS Cooperative Agreement. It will be forwarded to Shirley Gammon, NRCS State Conservationist, for signature.

1999 ANNUAL PLAN: The draft 1999 annual plan was not available for review. Diane asked for direction on whether or not to include items in the draft plan that were in 1998's plan but not implemented, specifically, saline seep issues, inviting local irrigation ditch boards to District meetings, and what assistance we are able to offer them. According to Rocky, assistance is

limited through NRCS due to other workload priorities and reduced staff. Assuming problems and solutions are identified, project funding becomes an issue. Dave thought additional funds would be available for such projects through Governor Raciote's 2005 Vision plan. Wendy was instructed to investigate funding sources; Diane will assist. The 1999 annual plan will be distributed prior to the February meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: Copies of the latest MACD legislative update were distributed. Previously DNRC/CARDD's budget made it out of committee, as well as their request for additional funding for the 223 grant program, watershed projects, 310 assistance, and the administrative grant program. The next issue to be heard will be HB284 which allows districts, supervisors, and employees with immunity from liability lawsuits while engaged in district activities.

WINTER GRAZING SEMINAR: Dave moved to pay registration for anyone from Rosebud County to attend the Winter Grazing Seminar in Big Timber on January 28 & 29. Jack seconded. Following discussion the motion was amended to limit registration to the first five people. Amended motion carried. Dave thought he could get together five people to attend; Diane will pay the pre-registration fees prior to the deadline.

SUPERVISOR ELIBILITY: Previously the conservation district discovered proper procedure had not been followed to increasing the number of elected supervisors from five to seven in 1983. With Colstrip's incorporation in November, 1998, two supervisors may be appointed to represent that municipality. The Board will have input and final approval of any persons appointed. According to Dennis Nixon, Colstrip will elect a city council, or some sort of governing body in November, 1999. Currently a steering committee is serving in a similar capacity, but with little authority. In discussing the situation with Laurie Zeller, DNRC-CDB, she suggested the Board take its time to consider all options on how to decrease the number of elected supervisors, but not to wait until Colstrip has appointed supervisors. Discussion included changing the law to allow more than seven elected and/or appointed supervisors, allowing supervisors to reside outside the boundaries of the conservation district, and legal clarification on converting from seven to five elected supervisors. Since it was discovered that Layton Salsbery is not an eligible supervisor, one other position must be vacated. Because he is currently elected to the office and resides in Colstrip, Dennis Nixon thought he would be a likely candidate for appointment and volunteered to resign. Steve opposed that suggestion because Dennis has experience and knowledge of District matters. Instead Steve moved that he and Layton become associate supervisors and if any of the remaining five elected supervisors are appointed to represent Colstrip, either Steve or Layton could be appointed by the Board to fill the vacated position, with the obligation to run for office during the next election. With no second, the motion died. Steve Lackman moved to table discussion until the end of the meeting. Dave seconded and the motion carried.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a list of activities for the previous period.

NRCS REPORT:

WORKLOAD ANALYSIS: Diane distributed copies of the letter to MACD supporting increased funding for NRCS field office personnel prior to the meeting.

FREEDOM FOR INFORMATION ACT: Rocky reported that information unavailable for public review will continue to be provided to the District with the understanding the information is private. Other requests for information must be in writing and will be forwarded to NRCS State office. A response will be issued within 20 days.

EQIP: A portion of Rosebud County is included in the Mosby/Musselshell River EQIP priority area. Projects will be handled through the Roundup NRCS field office, with \$451,800 available. Rocky reported that with a continuous ranking period, NRCS will be able to provide planning assistance without worrying about deadlines. EQIP contract modifications for Jerry McDaniel and J.M. Nansel Company were reviewed and signed.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST MEETING: Rocky reported on the recent DC meeting held at Fairmont. Team leaders will be in a supervising role, Judy Johnson, NRCS Regional Conservationist, provided insight to national and regional activities, and agency convergence will likely be discussed again this legislative session.

NEW BUSINESS:

RIT/RDGP CONTRACT AMENDMENT: Last quarter, Rosebud Conservation District requested a budget line item change to the RIT budget. The request is to transfer \$2000 from both the equipment line and the contracted services line to the supplies line. The contract must be amended if budget changes are more than 10%. Jack moved to approve the amendment; Steve seconded and the motion carried.

EQIP QUESTIONNAIRE: Members will complete the NACD questionnaire on EQIP and return to Diane before the February 1 deadline.

GOODYEAR AWARD: Steve made a motion to submit Hein Cattle Company for the Goodyear Cooperator of the Year Award. Dave seconded and the motion carried. The district Goodyear Award nomination will not be submitted.

COAL BOARD PROJECTS: The Coal Board met with the Appropriations Committee to request funding for proposed projects. A copy of the proposals was available.

EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM: A summary of the activities installed under EWP from 1995 through 1997 was available.

ENVIROTHON PROGRAM: Steve moved to sponsor one Envirothon team in 1999 and provide \$200 to be used for supplies for the team. Dave seconded and the motion carried. Information on the program will be sent to science and vo-ag instructors.

NACD DUES: Based on NACD's formula, the 1999 dues assessment is \$712 or one percent of the operating budget. Dave moved to pay \$300; Steve seconded and the motion carried.

NEWSLETTER: The next newsletter will be issued following the annual banquet. Deadline for articles is February 12. Dave volunteered to write about the EPA/AFO draft strategy and the public meeting; Dennis will also submit an article, topic unknown.

RESERVED WATER STATUS REPORT: Copies of the annual reserved water status report, provided by Duane Claypool, DNRC Project Coordinator, were handed out.

ELECTIONS: Tabled until the end of the meeting.

MACD STANDING COMMITTEES/ROSEBUD CD COMMITTEES: Tabled until the end of the meeting.

EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS: Employee evaluations are scheduled for completion by April 1. Evaluation forms for both employees were handed out, as well as evaluation procedures. Supervisors will individually complete the forms and bring to the February meeting for compiling. The forms will be mailed to regular supervisors not attending the meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE: Steve Lackman was provided with an oath of office, which needs to be notarized and filed at the courthouse.

MACD & MACDEO NEWSLETTERS: Were mailed earlier.

OTHER BUSINESS: MEMORIAL: Jack moved to contribute \$100 to a memorial in memory of Duane Martens. Doug McRae seconded and the motion carried. Diane will inquire with a family member about an appropriate charity or organization.

AREA MEETING MINUTES: Copies of the 1998 MACD Area IV meeting minutes were handed out.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Big Horn CD, Treasure County CD, Yellowstone CD, Ag in MT Schools, Eastern Plains RC&D. Newsletters: Green Mountain CD, Cascade County CD, Pondera County CD, Garfield County CD, MACD, MACDEO, GLCI, Land and Water, District Leader, Conservogram, Forestry Notes, Montana Chapter/Soil and Water Cons. Society, Ag in Montana Schools.

The following tabled items were discussed.

SUPERVISOR ELIGIBILITY: Steve moved that he and Layton become associate supervisors. The motion died for lack of a second. Because Layton left the meeting earlier, no one was certain that he wanted to become an associate supervisor. Steve then submitted his resignation, effective immediately. Jack moved to accept Steve as an associate supervisor, and Layton, if he chose to serve. Dennis seconded and the motion carried.

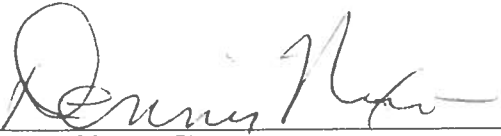
ELECTIONS: CHAIRPERSON: Dave moved to nominate Dennis Nixon as Chairperson; Doug seconded and the motion carried.

VICE CHAIRPERSON: Dave moved to nominate Doug McRae as Vice Chairperson. Doug refused the nomination and moved to appoint Bob Nansel as Vice Chair. Dave seconded and moved nominations cease. A unanimous ballot was cast.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Dennis nominated Dave Davenport as Secretary/Treasurer, with Diane to serve as acting Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

MACD STANDING COMMITTEES/ROSEBUD CD COMMITTEES: Tabled until February meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chairperson


Diane Stephenson, Administrator

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JANUARY 1999, TREASURY'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
		\$ 39,896.84	\$ 3,861.49	\$ 351,437.65	\$ 5.02	\$ 884.90	\$ 3,750.00
Jack's IGA	December mtg exp	\$ 44.38					
MCI	Long Distance Service	\$ 8.39					
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP25 (544.40)	\$ 866.40					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP25 (545.35)	\$ 866.40					
Diane Stephenson	Flex/Medical (96.00)	\$ -					
IRS	Dpst/PP24,25(744.99)	\$ 215.49					
State Fund	FY'99, 3rd qtr pmt	\$ 53.32					
Diane Stephenson	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00					
Bob Nansel	MACD Convention	\$ 50.00					
Cellular One	Mobile Phone	\$ 159.74					
Yellowstone Pharmacy	Supplies	\$ 12.48					
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP26 (601.76)	\$ 866.40					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP26 (547.08)	\$ 866.40					
Boss, Inc.	Supplies	\$ 62.03					
Unemployment Insur	4th qtr	\$ 47.51					
American Funds	Simple IRA (279.04)	\$ 75.08					
IRS	Dpst/4th qtr adj (93.60)	\$ 46.80					
MT Dept of Revenue	98 tax,OFLT (1650.32)	\$ 212.47					
Rosebud County Plan	Medical (745.00)	\$ 410.00					
U.S. West	Phone Service	\$ 42.45					
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	\$ 66.00					
MCI	Long Distance Service	\$ 8.33					\$ 4,398.05
Montana Tech	319 Grant						
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP01 (593.80)	\$ 866.40					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP01 (537.12)	\$ 866.40					
IRS	Dpst/PP26.01 (686.76)	\$ 233.38					
Montana Tech	RDGP Grant					\$ 15,866.37	
J.M. Nansel	Loan			\$ 25,300.00			
Cad Warehouse	Autocad Software			\$ 488.00			
Budde International	Plotter			\$ 2,299.00			
Forsyth Country Club	Yellowstone River mtg		\$ 19.50				
Range Telephone	Copies					\$ 6.00	
U.S. Postmaster	Postage					\$ 2.39	
Target	Cordless Phone					\$ 69.99	
U.S. Postmaster	Postage					\$ 1.84	
U.S. Postmaster	Postage					\$ 15.10	
U.S. Postmaster	Postage					\$ 9.60	
U.S. Postmaster	Postage					\$ 4.00	

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Postage

TOTAL EXPENSES:

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
			\$ 0.69		
\$ 6,996.25	\$ 19.50	\$ 28,087.00	\$ 109.61	\$ 15,866.37	\$ 4,398.05
INCOME DURING MONTH:					
County Budget		Treasure County CD			
County Budget		Phone/Kenney			
County Budget		Phone/Warren			
County Budget		Phone/Nansel			
County Budget		Phone/Stephenson			
County Budget		Phone/Kenney			
County Budget		Phone/Nansel			
County Budget		Phone/Warren			
County Budget		Worker's Comp Refund			
County Budget		State of MT		\$ 16,257.63	\$ 4,712.07
RDGP Grant		State of MT			
319/Armells		Interest	\$ 5.77		
District Account		Interest	\$ 4.50		
District Account					
Loan Account		Oct Interest		\$ 1,861.65	
Loan Account		Admin/Nansel		\$ 759.00	
Loan Account		Pmt/Ham		\$ 3,500.00	
Loan Account		Pmt/Seleg		\$ 530.00	
Loan Account		Pmt/Holmes		\$ 1,000.00	
Loan Account		Pmt/Shelton		\$ 1,700.00	
Loan Account		Pmt/J. Hofer		\$ 200.00	
Loan Account		Nov. Interest		\$ 589.76	
Loan Account		Pmt/ P. Hofer		\$ 1,290.00	
Loan Account		Pmt/ P. Hofer, penalty		\$ 1,872.74	
Petty Cash		County Budget	\$ 50.00		
Petty Cash		Walmart/Phone refund	\$ 99.99		
TOTAL INCOME:			\$ 149.99	\$ 16,257.63	\$ 4,712.07
Balance Carried Forward:			\$ 45.40	\$ 1,276.16	\$ 4,064.02

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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairperson; Bob Nansel, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Doug McRae.

Members Not Present: Jack Knobloch.

Others Present: Joe Hofer, loan applicant; Rocky Schwagler, NRCS CD; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Diane Stephenson, District Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chair Dennis Nixon in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Bob Nansel pointed out that he did not attend the January 20, 1999, meeting as indicated in the minutes. Doug McRae moved to accept the minutes with this correction; Bob seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in Forsyth at the USDA building.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as distributed. Doug seconded; motion carried.

BUDGET BALANCES: The following budget balances were reported as of February 17, 1999: Salaries, \$12,172.44; Benefits, \$2,284.77; Conservation Education, \$2,286.16; Dues, \$4,641.00; Office Supplies, \$878.93; Field Supplies, \$722.92; Security Bond, - \$604.00; Maintenance Agreements, \$307.00; Newsletter, \$527.00; Annual Report/Audit, \$1,970.80; Supervisor Expense, \$2,010.76; Reserved Water, \$300.00; Workshops, \$351.00; Budget Total, \$27,848.78.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed earlier; questions were answered.

LOAN PROGRAM: The meeting was closed to the public at 2:15 p.m. to discuss loan program business. The following action was taken:

JOE HOFER: Joe requested a portion of the security held by the District be released. Doug moved to approve a partial mortgage release on all but 280 acres. Bob seconded and the motion carried. Diane will ensure a previous first mortgage has been released before recording the partial release.

VOV BIG PORCUPINE CREEK RANCH, BILL SWANSON: Due unexpected problems and extending the stockwater pipeline, Bill Swanson requested a loan increase. Dave moved to approve the increase to \$35,000; Doug seconded. The motion carried. Bill will be notified of the decision.

DICK FERGUSON: Action was tabled until further information is available.

The meeting was open to the public at 2:40 p.m.

310: DICK FERGUSON, BANK STABILIZATION, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-01: The team inspection was conducted on February 2, with the recommendation to approve the project as proposed. Dave moved to approve the project; Dennis Nixon seconded. Motion carried. Form 273 was signed and will be forwarded to Dick Ferguson, Roger Perkins, engineer, and Brad Schmitz, Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

**CARTERSVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, IRRIGATION FACILITY REPAIR,
YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 98-01:**

A letter from Pam Ash, Cartersville Irrigation District secretary, stated the repairs to the diversion would be completed by Balock Construction as soon as accessible. The Irrigation District would like to know if a new permit is necessary. Since the activity was deemed not a project by the Board of Supervisors, no further action is required. Diane will notify Pam of the Board's decision.

310 COMMITTEE MEETING: The focus of the January 28 meeting, in Helena, was to review recommendations to the draft 310 Manual. Since the engineering firm contracted to develop the manual was unable to attend, further discussion will take place at the next committee meeting. The joint application form was revised and will be forwarded to the districts participating in the test. A resolution will be introduced at the area meetings to adopt the joint application form by all districts. Final action on the resolution will take place at the MACD convention. Diane was given approval to attend the next Committee meeting, scheduled for April 12 in Helena.

OLD BUSINESS:

319 GRANT PROJECTS: John Wheaton, MBMG, will be taking water samples for the first time on Armells Creek on February 25th and requested a board member travel with him for initial contact with the landowners; Bob volunteered to help. Administrative fees for the West Armells Creek project is 10 percent, or \$1500. Vicki Sullivan, DEQ, has taken over the Yellowstone River watershed duties, previously held by Tom Pick.

ARMY CORPS BANK STABILIZATION MEETING: Diane reported on the Army Corps of Engineers' January 27 meeting in Bozeman to gather comments on limiting the Nationwide 13 permit to soft engineering techniques for bank stabilization on the Yellowstone River. The majority of the audience was engineers and regulatory agency staff; three conservation districts were represented, as well as DNRC. Due to increasing pressure from the Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to limit the type of projects and structures installed on the Yellowstone River, Alan Steinle, Helena Corps office, organized the meeting. Because sufficient data was not presented to justify restricting the permit, the recommendation will not be forwarded to the Corps Regional office. The Nationwide 13 will not be changed.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Treasure County CD hosted the annual banquet on Sunday, February 21. Rosebud Conservation District had 21 guests attend. Annual reports will be mailed to those not attending the meeting and to partner agencies.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER: Notes from the January 14 meeting held in Forsyth on the Yellowstone River were mailed to members earlier. The Board reviewed a resolution that the sixteen conservation districts in the Yellowstone River watershed will participate in any congressionally directed activities or administrative or executive decisions affecting the watershed and will work with the Montana Congressional delegation to promote activities that conserve the watershed resources. Dave moved that Rosebud Conservation District support the resolution; Bob seconded and the motion carried. Mike Volesky, MACD, will be notified of the decision. The 1998 annual report for the Upper Yellowstone River Task Force was available for review.

1999 ANNUAL PLAN: Changes were made to the draft 1999 Annual Plan. The following committee assignments were made; asterisk indicates MACD committee:

Dennis Nixon: District Operations *, Personnel Committee, Saline Seep Org.

Bob Nansel: Personnel Committee, Rosebud Range Committee

Dave Davenport: Education *, Weed Management Coordinator

Jack Knobloch: Water Resources *

Doug McRae: Soil Resource and Land Use *, Rosebud Range Committee

Robert Heinle: Water Resources *, Sand Creek Work Committee

Layton Salsbery: Sand Creek Work Committee

Steve Lackman: Water Resources*

Diane Stephenson: 310 Committee, Legislative Contact, all work Committees

After assigning responsibilities to action items, the annual plan will be distributed for final review.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: The latest MACD legislative update was mailed; no action has been taken recently.

EQIP QUESTIONNAIRE: The one EQIP questionnaire that was returned to the office was forwarded to NACD.

NEWSLETTER: Board members were asked to submit newsletter articles as soon as possible in order to meet the publishing date. Newsletters will be distributed the first week of March.

MONITORING FOR SUCCESS WORKSHOP: The Monitoring For Success Workshop has been scheduled for the afternoon of May 13. Due to conflicts two alternative dates were chosen, June 10 or May 18. Diane will contact Krista Lee-Campbell to re-schedule the session. The workshop will be conducted at the J.M. Nansel Ranch headquarters. The Board agreed to request a Riparian Grant to help fund the workshop.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a report of activities for the previous month and upcoming plans.

NRCS REPORT: NATIONAL WORKLOAD ANALYSIS: The next Workload Analysis report is due March 31. Rocky will provide the Board with more details as they become available.

FECAL ANALYSIS: Due to reduced funding, the Fecal Analysis project will not be extended beyond February for most producers.

EQIP: A new ranking criteria for EQIP projects has been developed. Participation has been limited in Rosebud County with one application recently submitted.

REPORTING SYSTEM: A new progress reporting system is being implemented by NRCS, which is similar to one used a few years ago.

NEW BUSINESS:

WATER QUALITY: ASSISTANCE NEEDS: The Board collectively completed a DEQ survey assessing the degree of interest in water quality assessments and monitoring activities. Funding may potentially be available for conservation districts to conduct assessments and monitoring projects in the future.

319 GRANT PROPOSALS: The deadline for submitting new 319 grant proposals is March 31. No action taken.

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP AWARD PROGRAM: Nominations are being sought for innovative, locally-led approaches to restoring and enhancing Montana's watersheds. No action taken.

MACDEO TRAINING: Diane was given approval to attend a two day training session in Miles City on March 17 and 18, sponsored by MACDEO. Scholarships are available.

MACD DUES: Bob moved to pay the 1999 MACD dues assessment of \$5281.28, which includes \$25.00 Plant Materials Center dues. Doug seconded and the motion carried.

4-H FAIR AWARDS: A donation of \$100 was made to the 4-H program to sponsor fair awards for range management, entomology, weeds and veterinary sciences.

SOIL STEWARDSHIP: Soil Stewardship week is April 25 through May 2. Materials are available through NACD. No action taken.

RANGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: Bob moved to allocate \$500 toward student range and youth camp scholarships on a first come basis; Dave seconded. The motion carried. The District will attempt to make travel arrangements to camp for interested students with either surrounding districts, the Extension Service or school organizations.

COAL BOARD LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Was available for review.

CONSERVATION DAYS: Three sessions are planned again this year on May 4, 5, and 6 in Lame Deer, Sanders, and Colstrip, respectively. Students in the fifth and sixth grades will participate. Instructors have been contacted and, for the most part secured. Landowners and schools will be contacted. Doug agreed to let us use his property south of Colstrip.

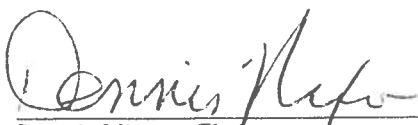
LIABILITIES: Sick and annual leave liabilities through the end of 1998 were reported, totaling \$3666.17. Discussion took place on how the District would meet the obligation, when the time comes. Suggestions included setting up another bank account and accounting for the obligation in our annual budget. Further discussion will take place on this issue prior to budget time.

OTHER BUSINESS: EASTERN PLAINS RC&D REPRESENTATIVE: The district will not designate a representative to the Eastern Plains RC&D Board.

CORRESPONDANCE: A thank you note was received from the Rosebud Foundation for the donation made in memory of Duane Martens.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Big Horn CD, Treasure County CD, Yellowstone CD. Newsletters: Garfield County CD, Lower Musselshell CD, GLCI News, Montana GLCI, CTIC Partners, Forestry Notes, Land and Water, District Leader, Watershed News, Conservogram, Tuesday Letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The Board went into closed session to begin the annual employee evaluations.


Dennis Nixon, Chairperson


Diane Stephenson, District Administrator

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 1999, TREAS

'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
VOID		\$ 33,308.33	\$ 3,852.26	\$ 336,653.80	\$ 45.40	\$ 1,276.16	\$ 4,064.02
NACD	VOID						
U.S. Postmaster	1999 Dues	\$ 300.00					
Independent Enterprise	Stamps	\$ 55.00					
Wendy Warren	Subscription	\$ 24.00					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP02 (702.02)	\$ 866.40					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP02 (618.83)	\$ 915.14					
Diane Stephenson	Travel/Bozeman, Helena	\$ 333.20					
American Funds	Flex/Medical (116.00)	\$ -					
Lone Wolf Photo	Simple IRA (446.02)	\$ 95.08					
Cellular One	Cons. Award	\$ 21.77					
Boss, Inc.	Mobile Service	\$ 189.03					
U.S. West	Supplies	\$ 194.05					
MCI	Phone Service	\$ 42.45					
1st Nat'l Bank/Marquis	Long Distance Service	\$ 9.28					
Montana Tech	Cons. Award	\$ 58.67				\$ 1,305.67	\$ 203.00
Gateway	RDGP Grant						
Rosebud County Plan	Upgrade	\$ 410.00					
Wendy Warren	Medical (745.00)	\$ 866.40					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP03 (597.78)	\$ 866.40					
IRS	Wages/PP03 (542.10)	\$ 249.92					
R/T 4-H Council	Dpst/PP02,03(734.84)	\$ 100.00					
Bob Nansle	Fair Awards	\$ 32.56					
Jack Knobloch	Special meeting	\$ 67.21					
Dave Davenport	Special meeting	\$ 47.05					
Layton Salsbery	Special meeting	\$ 31.30					
Dennis Nixon	Special meeting	\$ 47.05					
Country Cobbler	Shelf	\$ 20.00					
Dell Marketing	Computer			\$ 1,892.00			
Dell Marketing	Zip Drive			\$ 160.20			
VOID	VOID						
Rosebud Foundation	Memorial		\$ 100.00				
Jacks IGA	Jan Mtg Exp				\$ 7.64		
U.S. Postmaster	Postage				\$ 10.45		
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 5,841.96	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,052.20	\$ 18.09	\$ 1,305.67	\$ 203.00

INCOME D		3 MONTH:	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
County Budget	Phone/Stephenson		\$ 21.76					
County Budget	Phone/Kenney		\$ 22.49					
County Budget	Phone/Nansel		\$ 42.27					
County Budget	Phone/Warren		\$ 50.72					
County Budget	Phone/Nixon		\$ 84.10					
RDGP Grant	State of MT						\$ 1,337.87	
District Account	Interest		\$	5.25				
Loan Account	Pmt/Garfield				\$ 2,570.00			
Loan Account	Pmt/Hein Cattle				\$ 1,110.00			
Loan Account	Pmt/Rolston				\$ 650.00			
Loan Account	Pmt/Hoff				\$ 2,320.00			
Loan Account	Pmt/Youngbauer				\$ 1,540.00			
Loan Account	Dec Interest				\$ 1,348.43			
TOTAL INCOME:			\$ 221.34	\$ 5.25	\$ 9,538.43	\$ -	\$ 1,337.87	\$ -
Balance Carried Forward:			\$ 27,687.71	\$ 3,757.51	\$ 344,140.03	\$ 27.31	\$ 1,308.36	\$ 3,861.02

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairperson; Bob Nansel, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Doug McRae.

Members Not Present: Jack Knobloch.

Others Present: Abe Yoder, loan applicant; Joe Fidel, NRCS, Miles City; Rocky Schwagler, NRCS DC; Shirley Bollinger, NRCS; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Diane Stephenson, District Administrator.

Joe Fidel reported on the fecal analysis study that is being conducted in Eastern Montana. Three Rosebud County producers have been participating in the program, which provides free analysis of beef cattle nutrient needs and utilization of grass production. Because grant funding was reduced, fewer producers will be able to participate in the program in the future. However, the analysis is available to any livestock producer for a small fee.

Following Joe's report, Dennis Nixon called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport moved to accept the minutes of the February 24, 1999, regular meeting as distributed. Bob Nansel seconded and the motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA building.

LOAN PROGRAM: The meeting was closed to the public at 3:00 p.m. The following action was taken:

ABE YODER/TONGUE RIVER FARMS: Wendy Warren described Abe Yoder's project to the Board. Following her departure, Dave moved to approve Abe's loan request for \$35,000 to install four side-roll sprinklers, a pump and motor to irrigate approximately 100 acres. Doug McRae seconded and the motion carried. Abe will be notified in writing to purchase title insurance and will be informed of loan closing procedures.

DICK FERGUSON: Cost estimates were not provided for the bank stabilization project; no action was taken.

The meeting was open to the public at 3:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Doug moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as distributed; Dennis Nixon seconded and the motion carried.

LOAN PROGRAM: Diane provided information on the loan program account and administrative fees collected and disbursed. It was noted that Bob Johnson's loan was approved in 1997, and the pipeline and tanks have been installed for sometime, fencing will be installed in the near future. Bob had been notified by letter of the Board's policy to reallocate loan funds if they have not been used within one year from the date of approval. Bob indicated he would utilize the funds, however, no action has been taken to date. Diane was instructed to notify Bob that title insurance must be purchased with 15 days or the funds would not be available.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier; questions were answered.

310: JOE KURKOWSKI, IRRIGATION STRUCTURE, ROSEBUD CREEK: In order to secure water rights, Joe intends to install an irrigation diversion on the Rosebud Creek. According to him, a structure was there at one time but has been gone a long time. Diane inquired if the Board would deem the activity a 310 project and was assured that they would.

OLD BUSINESS:

EPA/AFO STRATEGY: Copies of the final Animal Feeding Operation Strategy, distributed by EPA, were mailed to Board members.

1999 ANNUAL PLAN: Dave moved to approve the revised annual plan and have Diane assign Board members to specific action items. Bob Nansel seconded and the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: Copies of the latest MACD legislative update was mailed to the Board prior to the meeting, as well as copies of a letter sent to Representatives Tom Zook and Lila Taylor regarding HB2. Due to differing opinions, no action will be taken on MACD's request to support SB 342, Montana Agricultural Heritage Act.

NEWSLETTER: The District newsletter was mailed March 9. A letter was read from Shirley Gammon, NRCS State Conservationist, commending the Board on the informative newsletter.

MONITORING FOR SUCCESS WORKSHOP: The workshop will be conducted at the J.M. Nansel Ranch on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. Jeff Mosley, MSU Extension Range Specialist, Bozeman, will conduct the session. Dennis Nixon signed the DNRC Riparian Grant contract for \$1000. Discussion took place on using grant funds to purchase items necessary for monitoring and providing "kits" to the participants. Dave moved to give away twenty monitoring kits, each costing less than \$30, and provide monitoring handbooks to workshop participants. Bob seconded and the motion carried. Dennis moved to allocate up to \$200 for refreshments for the participants; Dave seconded and the motion carried.

MONITORING HANDBOOKS: Previously the Board considered assembling monitoring handbooks, similar to those provided through the Monitoring For Success program. Diane quoted a price of \$9.09 per book, which includes a 2" binder with an insert cover, section dividers, and fifteen photo sleeves. Bob moved to assemble ten books to give to program participants who are required to set up a monitoring program. Dennis seconded and the motion carried.

MACDEO TRAINING SESSION: Diane reported on the training session held in Miles City on March 17 & 18. The session covered basic information on the origin of conservation districts and a "top ten" priority list, financial management, provided by Norm Klein, Department of Commerce, program information sharing, written and oral communications, and problem solving.

CONSERVATION DAYS: Diane reported conservation days will be held on May 4, 5, and 6 at Lame Deer, and Sanders, and Colstrip, respectively. Approximately 225 students from Lame Deer, Ashland Public, St. Labre, Forsyth, Hysham, Rosebud, and Colstrip have been invited. The activities are for the 6th grade classes, except the Colstrip session, which is for the 5th grade classes. Permission has been obtained from the landowners and the instructors have been contacted. Dennis suggested Nancy Brennan as a possible instructor at the Lame Deer session for the tree site.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a list of activities for the previous month and answered questions.

NRCS REPORT: NATIONAL WORKLOAD ANALYSIS: Rocky reported the data from last year's Workload Analysis was updated and submitted for fiscal year 2000. Diane served on a team which assigned time allocations to core work products.

CRP: Three bids, totaling 16,057 acres, were accepted into CRP. Rosebud County is approaching the limit of 50,000 acres of CRP.

EQIP: Rocky reported the Northern Cheyenne tribe intends to submit the Rosebud Creek watershed as an EQIP priority area for fiscal year 2000. Only the portion of Rosebud Creek on the reservation will be considered. Approximately 70,000 acres of the watershed is in Rosebud County. The tribe will conduct a local work group meeting on April 6 in Lane Deer to discuss concerns and priorities for the area. Doug, Dave and Diane will attend the meeting.

EDUCATION: Rocky inquired if the District would be interested in purchasing educational material and/or information that could be "checked out" of the district office. Diane preferred not having to keep track of items loaned out. It was suggested to purchase the material and donate it to the library. The District office could direct anyone interested in the materials to go to the library. Rocky will find out if the library is interested and will report.

CIVIL RIGHTS REPORT: Members were asked if they knew of any under-served minorities that were not being served by NRCS; none were known.

DISTRICT LOAN STATUS REVIEWS: Rocky asked for guidance on how to provide follow-up technical assistance to loan program participants who are not participating in USDA programs, which would require a status review, or to loan program participants who's USDA contracts have expired. The Board suggested any loan applicant who's USDA contract expired four years ago be given technical assistance, as well as all of those not participating in USDA programs. Rocky will work with Diane to find out how many people would be affected.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUDIT: Current estimations are that the district will be required to have an audit under provisions of the Single Audit Act. Dennis suggested scheduling with a firm now to schedule a time for the audit. Diane will contact Olness & Associates, who performed the last financial review.

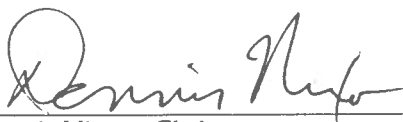
CONSERVATION EDUCATION KITS: Dave asked about a Conservation Education kit, which he thought was available through the State. Diane hadn't heard of them and suggested it may be Backyard Conservation, which is available through NACD. Diane will check into the matter.

WATERSHED GRANT PROJECTS: Dave asked if the Northern Cheyenne tribe was going to allow the District and John Wheaton to conduct water quality samples on Rosebud Creek within the reservation. Jason Whiteman, Northern Cheyenne Natural Resources Department Director, first told Diane that the tribe would allow access. However, when John was ready to begin sampling, Jason rescinded. Diane has not talked to Jason, so the reasoning was not clear. Discussion then shifted to the Tongue River watershed. It was decided to invite the conservation districts within the watershed area and John to the next regular meeting to discuss the initial stages of establishing a watershed group. Grant funds are available for start-up costs through DEQ and MACD. Diane will investigate possible funding sources.

MACD NEWSLETTER: The newsletter was mailed to members earlier.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Big Horn CD, Treasure County CD, Ag in Montana Schools, Eastern Plains RC&D. Newsletters: Custer County CD, McCone CD, Missoula CD, Pondera County CD, Conservogram (Feb & March), District Leader, Forestry Notes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The Board went into a closed session to conduct annual employee evaluations.



Dennis Nixon, Chairperson



Diane Stephenson, District Administrator

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MARCH 1999, TREASURY REPORT

Balance Brought Forward:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	\$ 27,687.71	\$ 3,757.51	\$ 344,140.03	\$ 27.31	\$ 1,308.36	\$ 3,861.02
MACD	1999 Dues	\$ 66.00					
Montana Tech	RDGP Grant	\$ 5,281.28				\$ 4,062.25	
American Funds	Simple IRA (309.04)	\$ 75.08					
Rosebud County Plan	Medical (745.00)	\$ 410.00					
MCI	Long Distance Service	\$ 8.35					
U.S. West	Phone Service	\$ 44.70					
MACDEO	1999 Dues	\$ 15.00					
Boss, Inc.	Supplies	\$ 52.84					
Cellular One	Mobile Service	\$ 191.01					
U.S. Postmaster	Bulk Mailing Permit	\$ 100.00					
U.S. Postmaster	Newsletters	\$ 127.06					
Diane Stephenson	Flex/Medical (116.00)	\$ -					
IRS	Dpst/PP04,05(693.06)	\$ 235.03					
U.S. Postmaster	Postage	\$ 23.78					
Robert Heinle	Travel/310, Bozeman	\$ 314.56					
Diane Stephenson	Travel/MACDEO, MC	\$ 94.65					
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP04 (866.40)			\$ 597.78			
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP04 (888.06)			\$ 557.58			
Leroy Mickell	Loan			\$ 1,500.00			
VOV/Bill Swanson	Loan			\$ 35,000.00			
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP05 (866.40)			\$ 597.78			
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP05 (866.40)			\$ 542.10			
Rails Inn	Dinners/Jan mtg		\$ 50.95				
Treasure County CD	Banquet Meals		\$ 210.00				
Jacks IGA	Jan Mtg Exp				\$ 5.38		
Forsyth Hardware	Supplies				\$ 0.59		
Clerk & Recorder	Mortgage Rel/J. Hofer				\$ 6.00		
Clerk & Recorder	Mortgage Rel/Walter				\$ 6.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 7,039.34	\$ 260.95	\$ 38,795.24	\$ 17.97	\$ 4,062.25	\$ -

INCOME DEBIT		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
3 MONTH:							
County Budget	Phone/Stephenson	\$ 21.76					
County Budget	Phone/Kenney	\$ 21.76					
County Budget	Phone/Nansel	\$ 60.99					
County Budget	Phone/Warren	\$ 60.05				\$ 4,162.43	
RDGP Grant	State of MT		\$ 4.70				
District Account	Interest						
Loan Account	Admin/Mickell			\$ 45.00			
Loan Account	Pmt/Walter			\$ 1,280.00			
Loan Account	Pmt/P. Hofer (Pn 22.05)			\$ 372.05			
Loan Account	Admin/VOV			\$ 1,050.00			
Loan Account	Pmt/Youngbauer			\$ 1,350.00			
Loan Account	Jan Interest			\$ 1,527.83			
Petty Cash	Flag Sale				\$ 5.00		
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 164.56	\$ 4.70	\$ 5,624.88	\$ 5.00	\$ 4,162.43	\$ -
Balance Carried Forward:		\$ 20,812.93	\$ 3,501.26	\$ 310,969.67	\$ 14.34	\$ 1,408.54	\$ 3,861.02

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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairperson; Bob Nansel, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Jack Knobloch; Doug McRae.

Others Present: Joan Stahl, Rosebud County Commissioner; Steve Lackman, Associate Supervisor; Rocky Schwagler, NRCS DC; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Diane Stephenson, District Administrator.

Joan Stahl was invited to the regular meeting to discuss the impacts of SB 184 on counties affected by the sale of Montana Power Company holdings. The new owner, PP&L, will be taxed at 6 percent, rather than 12 percent as MPC was taxed, due to regulated and non-regulated utility requirements. SB 184, endorsed by PP&L, is a sales, or excise, tax on power sold in and out of state. The county will bill the State of Montana for the difference between what they had collected from MPC and what they are allowed to assess PP&L. Joan also stated that most of the tax breaks passed by the legislature were on personal property and would not affect the conservation district. A brief discussion took place on Colstrip's incorporation and methods available to present information to the City Council regarding their appointment to the conservation district board and district activities in general. The Board anticipates meeting with the City Council in the fall. Also the County Commissioners will be implementing "County Seat for the Day", when they travel to out-lying towns in the county to discuss local concerns. The Board thanked Joan for the report and for attending the meeting.

Following Joan's report, Dennis Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Diane reported a correction to the March 24, 1999, minutes, in that Steve Lackman, Associate Supervisor, was present. Dave Davenport moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Bob Nansel seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. Diane suggested meeting in Colstrip since the majority of the members are from that area. It was agreed to if a meeting site can be secured.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave moved to approve the Treasurer's report as distributed; Doug McRae seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed prior to the meeting; no questions.

310: JOE KURKOWSKI, IRRIGATION DIVERSION & STREAM CROSSING, ROSEBUD CREEK, 99-02: The proposed activity is to install two six foot culverts, 35 feet long, with headgates in order to irrigate pasture during high water. Brad Schmitz, Fish, Wildlife & Parks, is concerned with impeding fish passage and requested an inspection. Bob moved, seconded by Doug, the activity is a 310 project; motion carried. Dave will participate in the inspection, scheduled for the first week of May.

WILLIAM CARREL, MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING DAM, TONGUE RIVER, 99-03: The proposed activity is to repair an existing dam by replacing and repositioning rock that was disturbed by ice. Because he is concerned with fish passage and bank stability, Brad requested an on-site inspection. Jack Knobloch moved the activity is a 310 project; Bob

seconded and the motion carried. Jack will do the inspection, scheduled the same day as Kurkowski's.

BROWN CATTLE COMPANY, ART HAYES, JR., NEW IRRIGATION STRUCTURE, TONGUE RIVER, 99-04:

The proposed activity is to construct a ramp for a portable irrigation pump site. The excavated material will be used to construct a new irrigation ditch, from the new pump site to an existing ditch. Due to the described activity, Brad is asking for an inspection, but not requiring it. Dave moved the activity is a 310 project; Doug seconded and the motion carried. Because Jack is familiar with the area and does not anticipate any problems, the Board will not conduct an inspection. Doug moved to approve the activity as outlined in the application. Bob seconded and the motion carried. Form 273 was signed by the members present and will be forwarded to Mr. Hayes, FW&P, and the Corps.

310 COMMITTEE MEETING: Diane reported on the April 14 Committee meeting in Helena. Copies of the revised 310 Manual were passed around. The changes made from the first document are impressive. Plans are to distribute the manuals in August with each district receiving 10 copies. A few extra copies will be available since every district will not want 10. However, if a substantial amount is needed, an order should be placed with DNRC prior to the printing date to get them at a reduced cost. Jack move to request and/or purchase 30 copies, allocating up to \$100. Bob seconded and the motion carried. The Boards' legal responsibility when issuing a 310 without considering the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was debated. If the Corps or NRCS are involved in a 310 project, ESA is considered. If they are not involved, ESA is not reviewed. A Habitat Conservation Plan can be drawn up that will allow "incidental takings". Discussion took place on whether this is an option for districts, especially relating to bull trout habitat. The issue will be discussed further and legal counsel will be consulted. Information was mailed to members regarding a ESA lawsuit against a local governmental agency for the conduct of a private citizen. Also, FW&P will ask Districts to distribute information on Whirling Disease when providing 310 information to applicants. HB2 includes a request for \$100,000 for 310 administration; distribution of the funds was discussed, assuming the bill passes. The joint application form was revised and comments are sought. The changes tries to clarify the different stream permits that may be needed. Diane will attend the next committee meeting scheduled in Helena on June 22.

LOAN PROGRAM PROCEDURES: The question was asked if the Board is required to make a decision on a loan application while the applicant is present during the closed session. Since the decision must be made during a meeting, it would either take place during the closed session while the application is being reviewed or during the open meeting. Diane will check with DNRC on the open meeting law and an individual's right to privacy.

OLD BUSINESS:

1999 ANNUAL PLAN: The plan was mailed to Board members and partners prior to the meeting. Since no changes were suggested, the plan was adopted.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: A final legislative update was not received from MACD. The bill relating to 319 grant funds being used for TMDL assessment projects did not relate to the Rosebud project. A MACD resolution opposed using 319 funds for DEQ staffing needs rather than developing on-the-ground projects.

MONITORING FOR SUCCESS WORKSHOP: Approximately 225 flyers will be mailed on May 3 to livestock/grass producers and others interested in attending the workshop. Advertisement will be on the radio and newspapers, as well. We will assemble 15 monitoring kits to be given away during the workshop. To ensure the kits are utilized as intended, they will be handed out somewhat selectively to those truly interested in monitoring. Approximate

cost of each kit is \$43.10, which will be partially covered by the Riparian Grant. Monitoring For Success Handbooks will be given to all participants, also covered by the grant.

MONITORING HANDBOOKS: Material for ten Monitoring handbooks was delivered.

CONSERVATION DAYS: Final instructions were sent to the instructors, schools, and group leaders for the three session on May 4, 5, and 6. Board members were asked to attend any of the three sessions to help. Rosebud Conservation District will provide pop to everyone attending.

ROSEBUD CREEK EQIP PRIORITY AREA PROPOSAL: Dave, Doug, and Diane attended a work group meeting in Lane Deer on April 6 to discuss resource concerns in the Rosebud Creek watershed area, specifically on the reservation. The Tribe did not attend the meeting nor did they provide direction for the proposal; little progress was made in identifying concerns or goals. A smaller group will meet on April 23 to work on the proposal, which must be submitted to NRCS State office in early May.

AUDIT: An audit is scheduled with Olness & Associates after the end of the fiscal year. The audit can not be conducted until the Department of Commerce financial report is completed and filed. Requirements of the Single Audit Act must be met.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION KITS: Diane checked with DNRC regarding Dave's question about conservation education kits available through the State. Laurie Zeller thought it may have been Backyard Conservation or Ag in Montana Schools' Treasure Chests. Information on Backyard Conservation was distributed.

319 GRANT PROJECTS: ROSEBUD CREEK: During the Rosebud Creek EQIP Priority Area meeting the issue of the Tribe allowing the District access on the reservation to conduct water quality sampling was discussed. The data collected could support the Tribe's request for EQIP Priority area designation. Ernie Robinson, Northern Cheyenne Tribe Natural Resource Board Chair, agreed and granted access to the sites. However, Dave later discussed the matter with Jason Whiteman, Natural Resources Department Director, and was informed that the Tribe had submitted an implementation plan to EPA, which would allow them to set their own water quality standards and regulations on the reservation and on Rosebud Creek. Jason was concerned that cooperating with the District may jeopardize EPA's ruling. Board members were asked we should pursue the issue. It was decided to drop it and continue to collect data off the reservation.

TONGUE RIVER 319 PROPOSAL: The Board decided during the last meeting to invite districts in the Tongue River watershed to our May meeting to discuss the possibility of submitting a 319 proposal to initiate discussions of conducting a water quality assessment. In the mean time, a proposal was written and submitted to DEQ. The proposal only deals with the upper section of the watershed. It was forwarded to EPA for funding, totaling \$22,321. Since this is a joint project between Big Horn CD and Rosebud CD, it was suggested that district representatives attend the next Big Horn CD meeting to discuss the proposal and grant administrative duties and responsibilities. Dave, Doug and Jack were interested in going; Diane will notify them of the meeting date.

MARCH ANNUAL PLAN:

1. Develop annual plan which ensures the objectives and goals of the strategic plan are met during the stated time frame: Completed and adopted.
2. Solicit input from NRCS on the Annual Plan: Done to a limited extend.

APRIL ANNUAL PLAN:

1. Conduct employee evaluations on anniversary dates, or as otherwise defined, and review employee job descriptions: Dave moved to award Diane a \$1000 bonus and increase Wendy's wages 11% to \$12.02 per hour. Doug seconded and the motion carried. Discussion took place regarding this year's evaluation procedure and the results. It was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss personnel issues, in conjunction with a budget meeting, on May 19, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Forsyth USDA Building.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a report on project activities and GPS education provided to area high school and middle school students.

NRCS REPORT: CRP: NRCS has halted technical assistance to CRP participants on sign-ups 18 and 19 due to limited funds and unresolved budget issues with CCC.

JOE HOFER: The Board approved Joe Hofer's CRP contract for 1345 acres.

EDUCATION: Dave moved to allocate funds to purchase three range management books as a resource for local producers. Doug seconded and the motion carried. The books will initially be available through the field office, and possibly later through the library.

LOAN PROGRAM STATUS REVIEWS: Rocky discussed plans to conduct status reviews on loan program projects that are not reviewed under other programs. Those projects installed up to four years ago will be reviewed. If needed, producers will be provided with technical assistance.

EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM: Rocky and Collette LeMieux, NRCS Engineer, inspected the Sand Creek and Grease Creek EWP projects recently and recommended maintenance on the Sand Creek project at the Cartersville Irrigation diversion. Cottonwood trees growing near the siphon could cause damage if not removed. As sponsors of the EWP, Rosebud Conservation District must ensure maintenance relating to the project is completed as recommended. Jack moved to notify the Cartersville Irrigation District of the required maintenance; Dave seconded and the motion carried. The Grease Creek project does not require any maintenance.

SODBUSTING PLAN: Rocky presented Troy Logan's sodbusting plan to crop 440 acres for two years and re-seed to pasture. Some of the soils are a complex and are class 6. It is assumed the class 6 soils are on hilltops and are not productive for cropping. Dennis moved to approve the plan provided it stipulates no class 6 soils will be broken out. Dave seconded and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

COAL BOARD GRANT: John Wheaton requested Rosebud Conservation District co-sponsor a Coal Board Grant with Big Horn CD. The project is to study the hydrological impacts of coal-bed methane development in the Decker area. The Board was very interested in the project and supportive. However, they were concerned that Big Horn CD may not want our assistance. The project will be discussed with Big Horn CD Board.

INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE: The county has increased insurance premiums \$50 per month per person. The increase will be split between the employee and the employer, effective May 1, 1999.

FAIR ACTIVITIES: The fair is scheduled July 22 – 25. The booth theme will be "Backyard Conservation". Yellowstone CD's exhibit will be borrowed, and Diane will contact local floral shops to stock the booth with plants. A quiz will be conducted relating to Backyard Conservation and prizes will be awarded, and information handed out. Photos of the Monitoring workshop and the 1998 Conservation Achievement Award winner will be displayed.

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter will be published in early June. Suggested articles were: Conservation Days, Monitoring workshop (Bob Nansel), 310 joint application and procedures, reserved water information, coal-bed methane development (Doug McRae). Articles are due at the May Board meeting.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AUDIT: A phone audit of Worker's Compensation was conducted on April 21. The purpose of the audit was to review job descriptions and agency mission to ensure Workers' Comp classifications are correct. The auditor stated no changes would be made to the current classifications.

SOFTWARE UPGRADE: In an effort to communicate more efficiently through email, MACD will allocate 223 grant funds to purchase or upgrade to MS Office 97 and to increase RAM to 32 megs. Rosebud Conservation District will receive up to \$135 for software and up to \$48 for RAM. The items must be purchased by May 15, 1999. Bob moved to upgrade to MS Office 97; Dennis seconded and the motion carried.

INTERNET WEB PAGE: Discussion was tabled on posting a web page in NACD's homepage.

EQUIPMENT: Discussion was tabled on purchasing a digital camera and color printer.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: Discussion was tabled on providing supervisors with information via the Internet.

OLD WEST REGIONAL RANGE JUDGING CONTEST: The Board was not interested in hosting the contest. No action taken.

NORTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL MEETING: Information was provided on the NPR meeting scheduled on June 8 - 11 in Manhattan, Kansas. No action taken.

NACD LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FUND: No action was taken on NACD's solicitation to financially support activities of the NACD legislative committee in Washington DC.

VISION 2005: IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT ON FEE LAND: Information was received from Gary Amestoy, via MACD, to support a Growth Through Ag Grant proposal to identify fee lands adjacent to or within the reservation boundaries for the purpose of irrigation development, possibly utilizing the conservation district's reserved water allocation. The Board does not support the proposal and will not respond to the request.

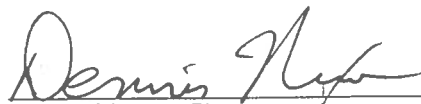
INTENT TO SUE: In the last issue of MACD President Luther Waterland's newsletter a brief statement was made about Wyoming's intention to sue EPA relating to the Clean Water Action Plan. Luther asked districts for input on whether or not MACD should sign on with Wyoming in the legal action. Diane will contact Mike Volesky regarding the issue and obtain additional information. No action taken.

NEWSLETTERS: Copies of the MACD and DNRC newsletters were mailed previously.

OTHER BUSINESS: MACDEO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Diane was given permission to attend the meeting in Lewistown on June 4 - 5 in Lewistown.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Big Horn CD, Treasure County CD. Newsletters: Dawson County CD, Lewis & Clark CD, Garfield CD, Green Mountain CD, Conservogram, Land & Water, Forestry Notes, Watershed News, District Leader, Montana Riparian & Wetland Review, Journal of Soil & Water Conservation, MT Soil and Water Conservation Society, Tuesday Letter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chair


Diane Stephenson, Administrator

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

APRIL 1999, TREASURER REPORT

Balance Brought Forward:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
		\$ 20,812.93	\$ 3,501.26	\$ 310,969.67	\$ 14.34	\$ 1,408.54	\$ 3,861.02
Diane Stephenson	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00					
Montana Tech	319 Grant/Rosebud						
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	\$ 22.00					\$ 303.27
Cellular One	Mobile Service	\$ 171.13					
Boss, Inc.	Newsletters, supplies	\$ 537.09					
Computerland	Zip Disks					\$ 49.95	
Independent Enterprise	Ag Week Ad	\$ 15.00					
US West	Phone Service	\$ 43.80					
State Fund	FY '99, 4th pmt	\$ 53.32					
Montana Tech	RDGP Grant					\$ 7,521.61	
IRS	Dpst/PP06 (343.38)	\$ 116.69					
Rosebud County Plan	Medical (745.00)	\$ 410.00					
American Funds	Simple IRA (309.04)	\$ 75.08					
Dept. of Revenue	UI, State tax (351.41)	\$ 54.90					
MCI	Long Distance Service	\$ 32.13					
Forestry Suppliers	Monitoring Kit	\$ 326.28					
Diane Stephenson	Travel/Rosebud EQIP	\$ 42.23					
Diane Stephenson	Reimb/Monitoring Kit	\$ 89.40					
Diane Stephenson	Travel/310 Comm Mtg	\$ 179.98					
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	\$ 121.00					\$ 1,757.43
Montana Tech	319 Grant/Rosebud						\$ 1,066.19
Montana Tech	319 Grant/Armells						
Diane Stephenson	Flex/Medical (116.00)	\$ -					
IRS	Dpst/PP07.08 (686.76)	\$ 233.38					
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP06 (866.40)			\$ 597.78			
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP06 (866.40)			\$ 542.10			
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP07 (866.40)			\$ 597.78			
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP07 (866.40)			\$ 542.10			
Anchor Island	Loan			\$ 10,400.00			
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP08 (866.40)			\$ 597.78			
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP08 (866.40)			\$ 542.10			
Blackburn Manuf.	Flags		\$ 99.52				
Jacks IGA	March mtg exp				\$ 6.49		
U.S. Postmaster	Cert Letter/Anchor Isl.				\$ 3.20		
Wendy Warren	Reimb/Batteries				\$ 4.19		
Trading Post	Batteries				\$ 3.39		
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 2,573.41	\$ 99.52	\$ 13,819.64	\$ 17.27	\$ 7,571.56	\$ 3,126.89

INCOME [G MONTH:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
County Budget	Phone/Stephenson	\$ 21.76					
County Budget	Phone/Kenney	\$ 23.21					
County Budget	Treas CD/Newsletter	\$ 202.57					
County Budget	Phone/Nansel	\$ 39.97					
County Budget	Phone/Nixon	\$ 26.45					
County Budget	Phone/Warren	\$ 61.79					
RDGP Grant	State of MT					\$ 7,707.09	\$ 324.92
319 Grant/Rosebud	State of MT						\$ 1,882.92
319 Grant/Rosebud	State of MT						
District Account	Soil Probe Sale		\$ 34.00				
District Account	Interest		\$ 4.12				
District Account	Lathe Sale		\$ 14.00				
District Account	Flag Sale		\$ 5.00				
District Account	Flag Sale		\$ 5.00				
District Account	Interest		\$ 4.61				
Loan Account	Admin/Anchor Island			\$ 312.00			
Loan Account	Pmt/Giesick			\$ 1,714.28			
Loan Account	Feb Interest			\$ 2,860.05			
Petty Cash	County Budget				\$ 50.00		
Petty Cash	Flag Sale				\$ 5.00		
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 375.75	\$ 66.73	\$ 4,886.33	\$ 55.00	\$ 7,707.09	\$ 2,207.84
Balance Carried Forward:		\$ 18,615.27	\$ 3,468.47	\$ 302,036.36	\$ 52.07	\$ 1,544.07	\$ 2,941.97

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MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairperson; Bob Nansel, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Jack Knobloch; Doug McRae.

Others Present: Kathy Knobloch, NRCS, Lame Deer Field Office; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Diane Stephenson, District Administrator.

Dennis Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Human Resources Building Conference room, Colstrip, Montana. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dan Watson, Rosebud County Commissioner, requested a correction to the April 28, 1999, minutes. The legislative bill which would allow reimbursements to counties affected by the sale of Montana Power Company was HB 174. Doug McRae moved to accept the minutes as corrected and to approve the May 19, 1999, special personnel meeting minutes as distributed. Bob Nansel seconded and the motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob moved to approve the Treasurer's report as distributed; Jack Knobloch seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed prior to the meeting. Questions were asked regarding the computer upgrade. Since MS Office 97 is not Y2K compatible, the software upgrade included a upgrade to MS Office 2000. Total cost of the upgrades is \$240, with the reimbursement from MACD the final cost is \$57. The software has been received and will be installed as soon as possible.

310: JOE KURKOWSKI, IRRIGATION DIVERSION & STREAM CROSSING, ROSEBUD CREEK, 99-02: The on-site inspection was conducted on May 6, 1999. Dave Davenport represented Rosebud Conservation District. Brad Schmitz, Fish, Wildlife & Parks, is denying the project for the following reasons: stream morphology alterations, fish passage barrier, and effects on stream flow. Following discussion, Jack moved to concur with the denial and the reasons provided. Dave seconded and the motion carried. Form 273 was signed by members present and will be forwarded to the applicant and FW&P.

WILLIAM CARREL, MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING DAM, TONGUE RIVER, 99-03:

Jack represented Rosebud Conservation District at the on-site inspection, conducted May 6. Brad Schmitz recommends approval as proposed. Dennis Nixon moved to approve the project; Dave seconded and the motion carried. Form 273 was signed and will be forwarded.

DICK FERGUSON, STREAM STABILIZATION, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-01: The Army Corps issued notice of Dick's project and received three negative comments, from Montana Audubon Society, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and Montana Historical Society. The comments from Audubon and FW&P are typical responses to any proposed stabilization project on the Yellowstone River. The comment from the Historical Society related to a suspected historical site nearby. Dick responded to the comments and is awaiting the Corps' approval of the 404 permit.

LOAN PROGRAM: JOE HOFER: The stockwater pipeline project Joe Hofer wanted to construct is located on CRP acres. When he was informed the loan funds could not be used for this purpose, he withdrew his request and said he would finance the project on his own.

DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES: Copies of an Attorney General's opinion regarding closing a public meeting to discuss loan applications was distributed. The board will continue to conduct business as in the past.

OLD BUSINESS:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The final MACD legislative update was mailed earlier.

MONITORING FOR SUCCESS: Twenty people attended the workshop on May 18, 1999, at the J.M. Nansel Ranch. Twelve monitoring kits were given away during the session. Bob Nansel reported it was a good session and suggested it be conducted on an annual basis, possibly with cooperation from the Rosebud County Range Committee. The Riparian Grant report will be submitted to DNRC when all of the bills are received; deadline for grant reporting is September 15.

CONSERVATION DAYS: The first scheduled session, on May 4 in Lame Deer, was rained out. The other two sessions at Sanders and Colstrip were conducted under extremely windy conditions. Since the Northern Cheyenne cultural resource instructor did not show up for any of the sessions, there were only five conservation sites. Comments from the teachers were favorable – other than the weather – and some suggested expanding the sites from six to eight. Thank you notes to the instructors will be written and mailed.

ROSEBUD CREEK EQIP PRIORITY AREA PROPOSAL: Copies of the EQIP priority area proposal were available. The Board discussed their concerns that an education program was not outlined and funded through the proposal. Kathy Knobloch discussed concerns that appropriate personnel will not be available to complete the proposed work.

TONGUE RIVER 319 PROJECT: Diane reported on the Big Horn Conservation District meeting she attended on May 6. While the BHCD Board supports the proposal, they were unable to discuss grant administration duties and responsibilities, due to time constraints during the meeting. They will most likely discuss this at their next meeting.

BUDGET: As requested during the special Budget meeting, an "expanded" budget was developed and was mailed to the Board members prior to the meeting. The expanded spreadsheet specified all sources of funds available for general operation expenditures. Following a lengthy discussion, Dave moved to approve the \$79,200 budget, with \$19,230 assigned to the loan program for additional loans, and to utilize the loan account interest accumulated from the past twelve months for additional loans. Doug seconded and the motion carried. Also, the Board will request the interest collected on the general operating account and the grant account be deposited into the general operating account. Diane will deliver the budget along with a letter of explanation to the County Commissions prior to the June 10, 1999, deadline.

COAL BOARD GRANT: The Coal-Bed Methane grant proposal was briefly discussed at the Big Horn Conservation District meeting. Like the Tongue River project, the BHCD Board supported the proposal, but did not have time to talk about administration duties. The final proposal will be presented to the Coal Board in August; draft copies were mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Suggested changes were: the project needs to address immediate concerns of water quality pollution, as well as long term affects of the methane development. The Board would like more information from Montana Bureau of Mines

and Geology through the duration of the project, such as periodic updates on the progress of the project and preliminary reports on the findings of the sampling. The consensus of the Board is to support the proposal and to assist with the administration as much as possible. Diane will inform John Wheaton of the Board's decision.

NEWSLETTER: Bob and Doug were reminded they have newsletter articles due for the next edition, which will feature issues relating to our Colstrip audience, such as Conservation Days, Colstrip Garden Club presentation, GPS education, etc. All 1065 Colstrip post office box holders will receive this edition.

INTENT TO SUE: The Notice of Intent to Sue, implemented by Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, to sue the Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Clean Water Action Plan was mailed out prior to the meeting. Since no clear direction has been provided by MACD and since future obligations toward the legal action are not known, the Board decided no action would be taken until further direction is provided by MACD.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS: Registration forms were mailed to four interested students.

MAY ANNUAL PLAN:

1. Promote the 1978 priority date through the district newsletter: An article will be in the next edition.
2. Select the Conservation Achievement Award recipient to be honored at the annual banquet: This item was tabled until the next meeting when NRCS and the District Technician can recommend cropland producers for the award.
3. Budget for workshops and special meetings for supervisors: Done.
4. Maintain accurate records of water reservations and distribute Water Users Annual Status Report to users: Will be done, ASAP.
5. Coordinate the annual Conservation Day activities with area schools and agencies: Done.
6. Develop mission statement: Tabled.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a report on activities for the previous period. She suggested the District sponsor a Lawn and Garden Workshop, similar to one given to the Colstrip Garden Club recently, in the Forsyth and Colstrip communities. Todd Yeager, Extension Agent, would conduct a portion of the session, which covers soil texturing, water consumption, fertilizer use, etc. The workshop would be conducted in two 1 ½ hour sessions on consecutive weeks. Dave moved to allocate up to \$500 for the four sessions; Dennis seconded and the motion carried.

NRCS: WHIP: Kathy Knobloch presented a WHIP plan for Newel Philbrick. The plan covers 12,000 acres and includes fencing, shallow wells, and shrub plantings. Dave moved to approve the plan; Bob seconded and the motion carried.

Information was distributed on livestock herding in relation to prescribed grazing.

NEW BUSINESS:

CROW WATER RIGHTS/COMPACT: Diane reported on the May 18, 1999, meeting she attended in Crow Agency on the proposed Water Compact between the State of Montana and the Crow Tribe. Legislative representatives were on hand to hear comments. A June special legislative session is planned to ratify a bill to settle the water rights and coal severance tax issues. While the State is presenting the bill as a fair settlement, members of the Crow Tribe expressed differing views during the meeting.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER MEETING: The next Yellowstone River meeting will be held on June 14 from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Forsyth Country Club. Alan Steinle, Army Corps of Engineers, Helena, has been invited to discuss recent legal action taken against the Corps. The plaintiffs, five different organizations, are suing the Corps to cease issuing 404 permits on the Yellowstone until a cumulative effects study has been completed on all stream stabilization projects on the river. Robert Heinle and Diane will attend the meeting; Steve Lackman will be contacted as well.

EPA GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW: Tom Pick, DEQ Liaison, forwarded an EPA grant proposal, originally submitted by the American Farmland Trust and the Nature Conservancy, for review and comment. Diane reported the proposal was to study critical biological and agricultural resources along the Yellowstone River basin, with an emphasis on the Billings area. According to reports, the Nature Conservancy has withdrawn their involvement in the project. Tom gathered comments from Districts that may be impacted by the study and implemented them into his response.

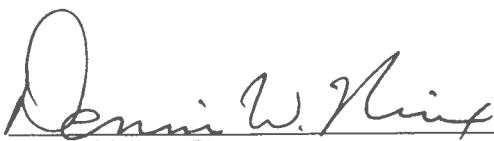
DEQ/AFO DRAFT: Copies of the draft Montana AFO document were distributed to interested members. Comments may be made to DEQ by July 30, 1999. Further discussion was tabled until the June meeting.

NEWSLETTERS: Copies of the MACD and DNRC newsletters were mailed previously.

OTHER BUSINESS: The latest "Luther's Letter", from MACD president Waterland, was distributed.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Treasure County CD, Yellowstone CD, Eastern Plains RC&D. Newsletters: Upper Musselshell CD, Musselshell Review, Lower Musselshell CD, District Leader, Plant Materials Today, Forestry Notes, CTIC Partners, Conservation Voices.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chair


Diane Stephenson, Administrator

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MAY 1999, TREASURER'S REPORT

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMEILLS
Balance Brought Forward:		\$ 18,615.27	\$ 3,468.47	\$ 302,036.36	\$ 52.07	\$ 1,544.07	\$ 2,941.97
Dave Davenport	Travel/EQIP mtg	\$ 62.40					
Doug McRae	Travel/EQIP mtg	\$ 61.12					
Diane Stephenson	Bonus (748.66)	\$ 1,000.00					
Trading Post	Cons. Days/Pop	\$ 41.86					
U.S. Postmaster	Monitoring Wksp	\$ 32.09					
U.S. West	Phone Service	\$ 42.45					
MCI	Long Distance Service	\$ 8.31					
Forestry Suppliers	Monitoring Wksp	\$ 3.08					
Clark Hardware	Monitoring Wksp	\$ 41.60					
Boss, Inc.	Supplies, Education	\$ 98.31					
Cellular One	Mobile Phone Service	\$ 219.32					
Kum & Go	Cons. Days/Ice	\$ 7.74					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP09 (938.20)					\$ 584.05	
Diane Stephenson	Travel/Big Horn mtg	\$ 31.50					
Rosebud County Plan	Medical (845.00)	\$ 460.00					
American Funds	Simple IRA (309.04)	\$ 75.08					
Jacks IGA	Monitoring Wksp	\$ 17.27					
Diane Stephenson	Monitor Wksp/Tapes	\$ 83.79					
Wendy Warren	Per diem/Garden, GPS	\$ 18.00					
Diane Stephenson	Travel/Crow Compact	\$ 54.83					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP10 (878.64)					\$ 541.86	
Diane Stephenson	Monitor Wksp/Tapes	\$ 95.76					
Loan Account	Transfer	\$ 8,000.00					
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP09 (961.60)			\$ 658.31			
Wendy Warren	Wages/PP10 (961.60)			\$ 658.31			
Wendy Warren	Wage Inc (161.84)			\$ 149.46			
Lincoln-Oakes Nurs.	Trees		\$ 50.65				
Jacks IGA	April mtg exp				\$ 6.68		
Jacks IGA	Cons Days				\$ 6.11		
Jacks IGA	Supplies				\$ 4.34		
Kum & Go	Monitor Wksp/Ice				\$ 3.87		
U.S. Postmaster	Postage				\$ 9.90		
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 10,454.51	\$ 50.65	\$ 1,466.08	\$ 30.90	\$ 1,125.91	\$ -

INCOME DEPARTMENT MONTH:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
County Budget	Phone/Nixon	\$ 24.40					
County Budget	Phone/Stephenson	\$ 21.76					
County Budget	Phone/Kenney	\$ 24.19					
County Budget	Phone/Warren	\$ 63.14					
County Budget	Reimb/MACDEO	\$ 94.65					
District Account	Bollinger/Trees		\$ 19.20				
District Account	Blanchard/Trees		\$ 31.70				
Loan Account	Interest			\$ 1,641.54			
Loan Account	Transfer/Co Budget			\$ 8,000.00			
Petty Cash	Flag Sales				\$ 10.00		
Petty Cash	Flag Sale/F. Nile				\$ 5.00		
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 228.14	\$ 50.90	\$ 9,641.54	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ -
Balance Carried Forward:		\$ 8,388.90	\$ 3,468.72	\$ 310,211.82	\$ 36.17	\$ 418.16	\$ 2,941.97

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PERSONNEL MEETING MAY 19, 1999, FORSYTH USDA BUILDING, FORSYTH, MONTANA

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chair; Bob Nansel, Vice Chair; Dave Davenport; Doug McRae.

Members Not Present: Jack Knobloch.

Others Present: Steve Lackman, Associate Member; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Diane Stephenson, District Administrator.

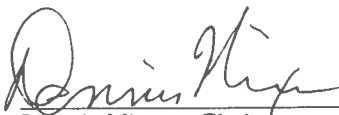
The special meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis Nixon at 7:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room. A quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns and/or problems with the evaluation process from both the employees' perspective and the Board members' perspective. Under the current system, there seems to be little information flowing between the employees and the board members. During the last evaluation, final follow-up with the employees was minimal and Board direction for the employees for upcoming period was vague. The Board felt the employees were unhappy with the outcome because their expectations were not met.

The consensus was that evaluations should promote opportunities for more dialog exchange between the employees and the supervisors, which the current system does not allow. To remedy the situation it was agreed to move the evaluations to July or August, 2000, so that fiscal year budgetary information will be available. Evaluations will be conducted under a previous system of separately interviewing the employees before the complete Board. Prior to beginning the process, the employees will present the Board with a list of their expectations regarding merit increases and/or bonuses along with justification for the request. In return the Board will make their decision and provide the employees with the reasons for their decision in writing.

At this time, no changes will be made to the Personnel Policy regarding the evaluation procedure changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chair


Diane Stephenson, Administrator

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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairperson; Bob Nansel, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Jack Knobloch; Doug McRae.

Others Present: Dennis Kenney, Associate Supervisor; Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor; Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Forsyth Field Office; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Diane Stephenson, District Administrator.

Dennis Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Jack Knobloch seconded and the motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob moved to approve the Treasurer's report as distributed; Doug McRae seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: No report was given.

310: JOE KURKOWSKI, IRRIGATION DIVERSION & STREAM CROSSING, ROSEBUD CREEK, 99-02: The board decided to contact three people to submit to the panel since Joe requested arbitration. Doug said he would contact Don Bailey, Jack will contact Art Hayes Jr., Dave will contact Mark Mees and Bob will contact Phil Fox. The supervisors will then contact Doug to let him know who would accept and Doug will notify the County Attorney.

BURLINGTON NORTHERN & SANTA FE RAILWAY, TOCK RIP RAP, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-05, 99-06, 99-07 : The board would like to attach letter asking BN to provide more permanent fix, follow up with on-site inspection to make sure these are emergency and could not have been prevented. Dave moved to deem all 3 projects and approved them. Bob seconded and the motion carried.

310 SURVEY REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORIZATION: Dennis moved to approve the reimbursement authorization. Dave seconded and the motion carried. This was sent to DNRC on the 6th of June, 1999 and the completion date is 10/1/99.

OLD BUSINESS:

GRANTS: John wanted to give a 15-minute presentation on all the projects at the July meeting and the board agreed. Diane talked to John on 6/24/99 to let him know.

RDGP GRANT: John is looking for stock ponds to sample for comparison data purposes and the board said that Garfield, Doug McRae and Kirby Kluver would be contacted. Diane talked to John on 6/24/99 to let him know.

319 ROSEBUD/ARMELLS GRANT: The USGS gauging station located on Larry Quinlan's is receiving water from the Yellowstone Irrigation Ditch, and therefore is unusable. Suggestions for a site further up the stream were Dick Decock and Bob Nansel.

WEST ARMELLS GRANT: Was mailed to DEQ on 6/24/99 and was agreed by the board to be June 30, 2000.

COAL BOARD GRANT: The pre-proposal was approved and carried on a motion and second from Jack and Dave. Members that volunteered to attend the Coal Board meeting when the pre-app is presented were Dave, Dennis and Jack.

FAIR ACTIVITIES: The fair is coming July 22 through 25. Below is the "booth sitter list".

Wednesday, July 21	Setup Booth	Wendy/Karen
Thursday, July 22	9:00 – 12:00	Wendy
	12:00 – 3:00	Wendy
	3:00 – 6:00	Karen
	6:00 – 8:00	Wendy
Friday, July 23	9:00 – 12:00	Karen
	12:00 – 3:00	Phil Fox
	3:00 – 6:00	Caprice Gregory
	6:00 – 8:00	Dave Davenport
Saturday, July 24	9:00 – 12:00	Dennis Nixon
	12:00 – 3:00	Dennis Kenney or CG
	3:00 – 6:00	Caprice Gregory or DK
	6:00 – 8:00	Bill Rose or Steve Lackman
Sunday, July 25	10:00 – 1:00	Judy Knapp
	1:00 – 3:00	Bob Nansel
	Clean up	Wendy

NEWSLETTER: (FYI) The new administrator will take over this.

CROW WATER RIGHTS/COMPACT: (FYI) The legislature approved the bill settling the water compact and coal severance tax issues between the State and the Crow Tribe.

DEQ/AFO DRAFT: If you want to comment on the draft AFO, you may do so until July 30. No action taken.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: The conservation achievement choice this year is Floyd Dahlman.

JUNE ANNUAL PLAN: Nothing planned.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a list of projects.

NRCS REPORT: CRP: Dick Ferguson plan was signed for 218.5 acres.
Jay Anderson contract and plan was signed for 34 acres.
Sun Coulee – from Paul Kanta to Donald John Cameron, transfer of contract was signed 300, 251, and 291 acres.
Todd Harmon – from Paul Kanta, transfer of contract was signed for 417 acres.

COMPLIANCE CHECKS: No one out of compliance.

BOOKS: Ordered

SAND CREEK: Irrigation management. Photos we shown of Areno Blanket – erosion control structure and Siser Milkvetch – Garfields planting.

SODBUSTING: Allan Ballensky, class 4 soils 40 acres. Dave moved to approve and Jack seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

WEST ARMELLS 319 CONTRACT EXTENSION: Since the termination date for this grant project is September 14, 1999, we need to request an extension to June 30, 2000, to coincide with the Rosebud/East Armells assessment project ending date. Action: Done – see Grants.

INSURANCE QUOTE: Information was mailed out regarding MACD's requested property and casualty insurance quotes from Western States Insurance, of Kalispell. The coverage is more inclusive than our current insurance offers. Our annual premium with Western States would be \$1827; MACo costs \$895 and is due on August 16, 1999 for FY 2000. No Action. Diane called Shari and Western States Ins. About the Boards decision. 6/24/99

DISTRICT DIRECTORIES: Are available for Supervisors.

CARBON OFFSET COALITION CONFERENCE: (FYI) In Missoula on October 26 – 28. Agendas and registration will come out in July.

OTHER BUSINESS: JOB OPENING: 7/13 was set to meet to review applications
7/15-17 for interviews

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Big Horn CD, Treasure County CD, Yellowstone CD. Newsletters: Pondera County CD, McCone CD, Ag in Montana Schools, Ag in the Classroom, Forestry Notes, Water Lines, District Leader, Conservation Voices, The Steward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chair


Wendy Warren, Technician
From Diane Stephenson's notes.

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JUNE 1999, TREASURY REPORT

Balance Brought Forward:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
		\$ 8,388.90	\$ 3,468.72	\$ 310,211.82	\$ 36.17	\$ 418.16	\$ 2,941.97
Cellular One	Mobile Phone Service	201.37					
VOID	VOID	-					
Yellowstone Pharmacy	Film	12.60					
Peterson Typewriter	Maintenance	150.00					
Rosebud-Treasure Fair	Booth Rental	20.00					
Diane Stephenson	Travel/Colstrip	22.05					
IRS	Dpst/PP9,10,bon(1064.84)	339.42					
Carter County Range	MT Range Days	30.00					
Diane Stephenson	Travel/Lewistown	153.56					
Rosebud County Plan	Medical (845.00)	460.00					
VOID	VOID	-					
Diane Stephenson	Flex/Medical (116.00)	-					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP11 (866.40)					\$ 418.00	\$ 112.56
Montana Tech	RDGP Project					\$ 2,902.56	\$ 3,084.81
Montana Tech	Rosebud 319 Project						
U.S. West	Phone Service	42.57					
Rosebud County Press	Monitoring Wksp	25.00					
Independent Enterprise	Monitoring Wksp	45.00					
Selby's	Blueprint Machine Maint	143.00					
Don Pontius	Conservation Days	150.00					
American Funds	Simple IRA (313.17)	79.21					
MCI	Long Distance Service	8.37					
Montana Tech	West Armells 319 Project						
VOID	VOID	-					
Amazon.com	Books	131.35					
Forsyth Hardware	Hitch Ball	8.99					
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	66.00					
Dennis Nixon	Special Meeting	21.35					
Bob Nansel	Special Meeting	30.75					
Dave Davenport	Special Meeting	37.05					
Diane Stephenson	Travel/Colstrip	31.50					
Robert Heinle	Yellowstone River mtg	42.33					
Diane Stephenson	Monitoring Wksp/Refresh	42.00					
Wendy Warren	Lawn Wksp/Refresh	27.12					
Top That Eatery	Lawn Wksp/Refresh	35.00					
Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP12 (706.73)	1,110.18					
Diane Stephenson	Flex/Medical (116.00)	-					
American Funds	Simple IRA (313.17)	79.21					

Expenditure	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
continued						
IRS	\$ 262.75					
State Fund	\$ 153.70					
Dept. of Revenue	\$ 55.20					
Extension Range	\$ 300.00					
Employee Paid Withholdings, PP06 thru PP12	\$ 4,792.45					
Wendy Warren			\$ 658.31			
Computerland			\$ 240.00			
Abe Yoder			\$ 35,000.00			
Wendy Warren			\$ 658.31			
Jacks IGA				\$ 6.88		
Clerk & Recorder				\$ 6.00		
U.S. Postmaster				\$ 4.30		
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 9,109.08	\$ -	\$ 36,556.62	\$ 17.18	\$ 3,320.56	\$ 4,522.45
INCOME DURING MONTH:						
County Budget	\$ 21.76					
County Budget	\$ 30.06					
County Budget	\$ 21.76					
County Budget	\$ 71.28					
County Budget	\$ 8,000.00					
County Budget	\$ 41.01					
County Budget	\$ 151.56					
County Budget	\$ 183.00					
RDGP Grant					\$ 2,974.14	\$ 3,305.07
Rosebud 319 Grant						\$ 1,137.20
West Armells 319 Grant						
Loan Account			\$ 300.00			
Loan Account			\$ 1,050.00			
Loan Account			\$ 2,200.00			
Loan Account			\$ 1,920.00			
Loan Account			\$ 2,598.00			
Loan Account			\$ 2,650.00			
Loan Account			\$ 1,180.35			
District Account		\$ 4.26				
District Account		\$ 5.00				
Petty Cash				\$ 11.97		
Petty Cash				\$ 5.00		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 8,520.43	\$ 9.26	\$ 11,898.35	\$ 16.97	\$ 2,974.14	\$ 4,442.27
Balance Carried Forward:	\$ 7,800.25	\$ 3,477.98	\$ 285,553.55	\$ 35.96	\$ 71.74	\$ 2,861.79

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairperson; Bob Nansel, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Jack Knobloch; Doug McRae.

Others Present: John Wheaton, MT Bureau of Mines and Geology, Warren Phillips, Assistant to John Wheaton, Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Forsyth Field Office; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Tami Kimball, District Administrator.

Dennis Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: A correction to change the date of the minutes sent out to read June 23, 1999 was made. This noted, Jack Knobloch moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Dave Davenport seconded and the motion carried. Dave Davenport moved to accept the minutes from the special hiring meeting on July 15, 1999. Dennis Nixon seconded and the motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room. It was also mentioned that the September meeting be moved to September 29, 1999 so that members could attend the Coal Methane meeting in Colstrip, September 22, 1999.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no Treasurer's report because I have not been here long enough to learn how this is done. I will try to have both July and August reports for the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: No report at this time.

310: JOE KURKOWSKI, IRRIGATION DIVERSION & STREAM CROSSING, ROSEBUD CREEK, 99-02: Joe was in July 21, 1999 and told us that he will be dropping any further action.

DEAN SLEAFORD/NEAL SHELDON, BANK STABILIZATION & FLOOD PROTECTION, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-08: Dean & Neal would like to do some work on the riverbank to decrease erosion. As the river is going now, they stand to lose 170 acres. The board decided that each person should have their own 310 permit. Bob moved to approve the project, Dave seconded and the motion carried. Dave will contact Dean to let him know how to proceed.

310 REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORIZATION: DNRC has grant funds available to reimburse Districts for completed 310 applications for 1998. Each application is worth \$36.83. The information we received said we had a total of 6 apps in 1998 for a total of \$220.93. It was decided that we actually had 9 applications in 1998 and should receive a total of \$331.47.

OLD BUSINESS:

MONITORING FOR SUCCESS/RIPARIAN GRANT: We received the requested funds for this. It was \$924.71. Dennis signed the termination agreement. —

GRANTS: John Wheaton, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology and his assistant, Warren Phillips gave us an update on the following projects.

RDGP GRANT: John is looking for stock ponds to sample. If there is one located near Colstrip, They would like to place semi-permanent equipment. Doug said he had several, also Bob And Dave. The project is scheduled to be finished March, 2000. They had a Beginning budget of \$150,000 and had approximately \$72,000 left. They have Discovered that they have underestimated the travel expenses. They have been working The most on the Peabody Pond and Western Energy #151.

319 ROSEBUD/ARMELLS GRANT: The USGS gauging station located on Larry Quinlan's is receiving water from the Yellowstone River and is therefore unusable. It was decided to try moving 1 mile south to DeCock's. John and Bob will go out and talk with Dick. This project is scheduled to be finished June, 2000.

FAIR ACTIVITIES: The fair booth was a great success. We had 12 winners in the bird identification contest. They were – Bill Schwarzkopf, Lance Moreland, Stan Watson, Ginger Hoppert, Sharon Keyes, Kevin Kunkel, Colleen Hoppert, Ed Jarvis, Laura Fox, Nick Haag, Randy Arnold, And Rod Mogen. Each of them will receive a cap. Wendy said that she received many Compliments on the booth.

NEWSLETTER: It was started already and I will continue to work on it. Wendy said she could help out when needed. Supervisors were reminded to submit their articles by August 15th.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: The conservation achievement choice this year declined the award. At the hiring meeting, Dave nominated Steve Lackman. Bob seconded and the motion carried.

JULY ANNUAL PLAN:

1. Sponsor fair booth with conservation education related to activities. DONE
2. Select the Conservation Achievement Award recipient to be honored at the annual banquet: DONE
3. Budget for workshops and special meetings for supervisors: No action.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a report on the lawn and garden workshops that were held in Forsyth and Colstrip. There were 9 people in attendance on the first night and 3 the second night in Colstrip. The Forsyth workshop was the greatest success. There were door prizes given away. She is thinking about doing it again next year with different topics. She also reported on the fair booth. She and Karen Morales from Treasure County Conservation District put it together. They had a bird identification contest with 30 birds and had 12 winners. They had many donations from local flower shops as well as individual people for flower decorations.

NRCS: Rocky reported on the Heinle project. The barbs are working well and he thought it was money well spent. They are doing range inventory work all over. He also stated that they might have a new employee in August but didn't have any details.

NEW BUSINESS:

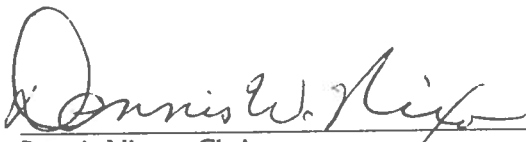
CARBON OFFSET COALITION CONFERENCE: This conference is in Missoula on October 26 – 28. Agendas will be sent out later. Everyone thought it would be a good conference to attend But would have to check their schedules.

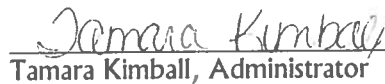
COAL METHANE: The meetings for the proposal to establish the Powder River Basin Controlled Ground Water Area are scheduled at various places. The meeting in Colstrip is on Wednesday, September 22, 7PM in the Human Services Building. Dennis and Dave will be attending.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE CD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: They are sending out a survey to irrigated producers along the Yellowstone River to determine any interest in Pick/Sloan power. The supervisors had some questions concerning the letter which I will find out the answers and revise the letter. They thought it should be sent to some area producers.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Treasure County CD, Yellowstone CD Newsletters: Lewis & Clark CD, Garfield CD, Big Horn, Cascade, Missoula, Ag in Montana Schools, Ag in the Classroom, Forestry Notes, Water Lines, District Leader, Conservation Voices, The Steward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chair


Tamara Kimball, Administrator

END OF FISCAL YEAR, 1999, TREASURERS REPORT

	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
Balance Brought Forward:	\$ 7,800.25	\$ 3,477.98	\$ 285,553.55	\$ 35.96	\$ 71.74	\$ 2,861.79
4665 Dennis Nixon	FY99 mileage	\$ 207.55				
4666 Layton Salsbery	FY99 mileage	\$ 25.60				
4667 Dave Davenport	FY99 mileage	\$ 200.55				
4668 Robert Heinle	FY99 mileage	\$ 69.74				
4669 Jack Knobloch	FY99 mileage	\$ 339.10				
4670 Doug McRae	FY99 mileage	\$ 218.22				
4671 Bob Nansel	FY99 mileage	\$ 76.95				
4672 Steve Lackman	FY99 mileage	\$ 48.25				
4673 Top That Eatery	Lawn Wksp/Refresh	\$ 17.50				
4674 ML Schuman	Lawn Wksp/Refresh	\$ 134.69				
4675 Diane Stephenson	Wages/PP13	\$ 538.79				
4676 Diane Stephenson	SL payout	\$ 650.13				
4677 Diane Stephenson	AL payout	\$ 3,651.23				
4678 Independent Enterprise	Ad/job,lawn wksp	\$ 44.75				
4679 Rosebud County Press	Ad/ lawn wksp	\$ 13.00				
PC Jack's IGA	Lawn Wksp/Refresh			\$ 7.23		
881 M&M Pizza	June meeting exp	\$ 50.40				
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 6,236.05	\$ 50.40	\$ -	\$ 7.23	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME DURING MONTH:						
County Budget	Phone/Nixon	\$ 94.00				
Loan Account	Pmt/Giesick					
District Account	interest	\$ 4.13	\$ 1,100.00			
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 94.00	\$ 4.13	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Balance Carried Forward:	\$ 1,658.20	\$ 3,431.71	\$ 286,653.55	\$ 28.73	\$ 71.74	\$ 2,861.79

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT JULY 1999, TREASURER'S REPORT

Revised

	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
Balance Brought Forward:	\$ 59,970.00	\$ 3,431.71	\$ 286,653.55	\$ 28.73	\$ 71.74	\$ 2,861.79
4680 Cellular One	mobile service					
4681 Top That Eatery	Lawn wksp/refresh					
4682 Miles City Star	ad/job					
4683 Independent Enterprise	Supplies/letterhear					
4684 Jack's IGA	Lawn wksp/refresh					
4685 Rosebud County Plan	Medical					
4686 MACo/JPIA	E&O insurance					
4687 KKRY	Commercials					
4688 Forsyth Hardware	Lawn wksp/supplies					
4689 Boss Inc.	Office supplies					
4690 Clarke Hardware	Lawn wksp/supplies					
4691 Yellowstone Pharmacy	Office supplies					
4692 KIKC	Ad/job, wksp					
4693 US West	Phone					
4694 MCI	Long distance					
4695 Wendy Warren	Fair booth/wksp supplies					
165 Wendy Warren	Wages/PP 13 (961.60)					
166 Wendy Warren	Wages/PP 14 (976.80)					
Loan account	April int correction					
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 1,859.17	\$ -	\$ 1,052.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME DURING MONTH:						
County Budget	phone/Stephenson					
County Budget	phone/Kenney					
Loan Account	Pmt/Wagner					
Loan Account	Pmt/Thompson					
Loan Account	May interest					
RDGP	St of MT					
Rosbud 319 Grant	St of MT					
West Armells Grant	St of MT					
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 48.63	\$ -	\$ 4,383.61	\$ -	\$ 5,586.18	\$ 2,161.01
Balance Carried Forward:	\$ 58,159.46	\$ 3,431.71	\$ 288,557.56	\$ 28.73	\$ 5,657.92	\$ 9,733.81

**KUSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 1999, TREASURER'S REPORT**

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
4696	Balance Brought Forward:	\$ 58,159.46	\$ 3,431.71	\$ 288,557.56	\$ 28.73	\$ 5,657.92	\$ 9,733.81
4697	Postmaster	19.20					
4698	Carolyn's Embroidery	\$ 60.00					
4699	Postmaster	\$ 33.00					
4700	Postmaster	\$ 4.23					
4701	US West	\$ 47.34					
4702	MCI	\$ 8.42					
4703	Yellowstone Pharmacy	\$ 11.70					
4704	Forsyth Hardware	\$ 7.07					
4705	Independent Enterprise	\$ 8.75					
4706	Rosebud Co Press	\$ 13.00					
4707	State Fund	\$ 194.16					
4708	Rosebud Co Plan	\$ 230.00					
4709	Cellular One	\$ 243.31					
4710	Range Telephone	\$ 3.50					
4711	IRS	\$ 370.27					\$ 3,091.77
167	Mont Tech						
168	Wendy Warren			\$ 669.59			
169	Tamara Kimball			\$ 163.85			
170	Wendy Warren			\$ 669.34			
171	Tamara Kimball			\$ 453.11			
172	Don Youngbauer			\$ 1,600.00			
173	IRS			\$ 361.04			
174	VOID						
175	Capital Guardian Trust			\$ 482.74			
PC	Clerk & Recorder			\$ 291.26	\$ 6.00		
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 1,253.95	\$ -	\$ 4,690.93	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ 3,091.77

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ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairperson; Bob Nansel, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Jack Knobloch; Doug McRae.

Others Present: Todd Yeager, Extension Agent, Don Youngbauer, Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Forsyth Field Office; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Tami Kimball, District Administrator.

Dennis Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Bob Nansel seconded and the motion carried

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave Davenport moved to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed. Jack Knobloch seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier and there were no questions.

310: DEAN SLEAFORD/NEAL SHELDON, BANK STABILIZATION & FLOOD PROTECTION, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-08: We have not heard anything back on this from Dean & Neal. Bob Heinle said he had talked to Dean and given him a name of an engineer. The board also thought that Crocker's might be interested in the project. Wendy will contact all three about coordinating the project and tell them that they will need three separate 310's.

RALPH E. BUKOWSKY, WIDEN EXISTING COW PATH, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-09
He is wanting to widen an existing cow path to the river from 6 ft to 20-30 ft. He says that the majority of the dirt moved is outside of the high water mark. It will be reseeded to minimized erosion. Ground will be gradually sloped and erosion will be less than the vertical bank as it is now. Jack moved that we accept this as a project. Bob seconded and the motion carried. The board would like to have Mr. Bukowsky attend the next meeting to give them some more information. Wendy will go take pictures and make some suggestions in the meantime.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 to discuss the following loans.

LOANS: BOYD SHAVER : They are wanting to defer payments again this year. All three payments were deferred last year and according the guidelines, this can only be done once. We will explain this to them and tell them that if the payments are not made on time, interest will start accruing beginning on the 31st day late.

W DIAMOND RANCH/DON YOUNGBAUER: They had done some additional work on the pipeline while the contractor was there. According to the guidelines, approval must happen prior to the work and this had not been done. Jack moved to approve the revision of the original plan (pending Rocky's review) and Dave seconded. The motion carried.

MARK HOLMES: He is requesting some work on a land level. He will be meeting with Wendy next week for a design.

The meeting was opened at 8:40.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none at this time.

NEWSLETTER: I have a few articles but not nearly enough. The deadline for articles is Sept. 1st. I will be getting this out the first part of September.

AUGUST ANNUAL PLAN:

1. To continue to provide funding for student scholarships to students interest in attending range and youth camps. **DONE.**

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a report on her month. She and Rocky have put together a new form that calculates the range inventories in the field. She reported on several projects she is working on. Also, had some ArcView training with Connie Williams at the State Office. She would also like to get some more training on this and will be looking into some more info on it. She and Bob Heinle will be meeting with Jim Larsen, Brian Bennett, Peewee Pasha and Don Holland on a possible irrigation project.

NRCS: Rocky reported on several projects. He has been busy with the Wacker inventory. Swanson-VOV are working on a plan. Ralph Haines, JR. is looking at some stockwater development. The Northern Cheyenne project has halted at this time. They are back to the beginning with no construction going on this fall. He had been to a meeting and the newly elected council had not been updated on the project..

NEW BUSINESS: PRIVATE LANDOWNER WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP: Todd Yeager came to tell board about a workshop they will be sponsoring. It will be held September 28th at a location to be determined. Gene Server and Jim Botter from Bozeman will be giving the workshop. Sweeny Creek was mentioned as a possible location. We will be putting a public service announcement on the radio announcing the workshop. Rocky, Wendy, Dave, Jack, Doug and Bob Nansel were all interested in attending. They will try to keep the workshop as small as possible.

UPCOMING MEETING: (FYI): COAL METHANE- Hearing set for Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, 7pm at the Human Services Bldg. in Colstrip.

GOVERNORS RANGE TOUR- Set for September 8th and 9th in Jordan. There are 2 days of tours scheduled. Registration is \$25 including meals, entertainment and transportation.

MONTANA CHAPTER OF THE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY- Annual conference Nov. 8 – 9 in Billings.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bob Heinle had a question about signing things on the Rosebud Conservation District's behalf being he is an associate member. The board members said that they approved of him continuing this because they had authorized him to do so.

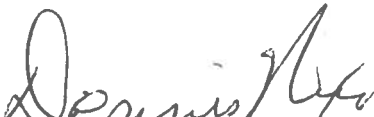
Doug had a question concerning nepotism. He is a cousin of Tami's husband. Tami will contact Laurie Zeller, DNRC-CD, to find out if there is a conflict.

Bob Nansel brought a letter he had received concerning a stream survey sponsored by MSU, Dept. of Biology. They were sent to the Rosebud Conservation District to be distributed according the legal description given. Tami sent them out but should have waited for board approval. The board would like to get some more information concerning the survey. We are requesting that Mr. Bob Bramblett come to a board meeting to discuss the survey.

Dave Davenport had some questions about a scanner. Wendy told the board that there are several things we could use a scanner for. The board discussed there possibilities. Dave moved and Bob N. seconded to purchase a scanner under \$300. Motion carried.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Treasure County CD, Newsletters: Conservation Briefs, Conservation Conversation, Tuesday Letter, Green Mountain Outlooks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chair


Tamara Kimball, Administrator

AUGUST 1999, TREASURER'S REPORT

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174	VOID						
175	IRS			\$ 482.74			
PC	Capital Guardian Trust			\$ 291.26			
	Clerk & Recorder				\$ 6.00		
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 1,253.95	\$ -	\$ 4,690.93	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ 3,091.77

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Bob Nansel, Vice Chairperson; Dave Davenport; Jack Knobloch.

Others Present: Mark Holmes, Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Forsyth Field Office; Wendy Warren, District Technician; Tami Kimball, District Administrator.

Bob Nansel called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Jack Knobloch seconded and the motion carried

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Knobloch moved to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed. Dave Davenport seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier. I have heard back from Bob Bramblett concerning his research project. He will not be able to come to meet with the Board until a later date. He had talked to Bob Nansel in the meantime.

310: DEAN SLEAFORD/NEAL SHELDON, BANK STABILIZATION & FLOOD PROTECTION, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-08: We have not heard anything back on this from Dean & Neal. Stew is going to look in to this.

RALPH E. BUKOWSKY, WIDEN EXISTING COW PATH, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-09

He is wanting to widen an existing cow path to the river from 6 ft to 20-30 ft. He says that the majority of the dirt moved is outside of the high water mark. It will be reseeded to minimized erosion. Ground will be gradually sloped and erosion will be less than the vertical bank as it is now. Wendy had been out and had pictures for the Board. He will be putting in a stock tank on top eventually and will alternate between the river and the tank. He has planted many trees along the bank

The meeting was closed at 7:30 to discuss the following loans.

LOANS: MARK HOLMES - He is wanting to do some land leveling. Wendy had been out there and had a design. There was some discussion as to where Mark had come up with his land values. The Board decided that the pasture land should be valued at no more then \$100 per acre. Mark was agreeable to this. Dave moved to approve the loan in the amount of \$13,000 and Jack seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened at 7:50.

OLD BUSINESS: I checked with Laurie Zeller concerning Doug's nepotism question. We are okay because he and I are not that closely related.

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter is ready for printing.

AUGUST ANNUAL PLAN: Nothing planned.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a report on her month. She and John Wheaton have submitted a grant to ESRI (the company that makes ArcView). This grant is for software that retails for \$10,000 with all the extensions and we may get it free with the grant. All we will have to do is report after 12 months on how it is being used. We will find out in early November about the grant. She also reported that there may be some training on ArcView in the near future. She requested permission to attend this if it happened to be before the next meeting. Jack made the motion for Wendy to attend training if it occurs before the next meeting. Dave seconded and the motion carried. Wendy also had pictures of the new flume and ditch lining at Genie Mae Garfields. She has been out in the field most of the month.

NRCS: Rocky reported on several projects. He has been busy with status reviews on the following – Paul Hofer, Eli Spannagel, Scott Giesick, Buzz Thompson, Neil Shelton and Joe Hofer. The Bennett WHIP was finally funded. There will be another CRP signup some time in January. He didn't know any details yet. He thought there would be a need to increase the CRP acres in the county because we are right at the 25% mark. He also told the Board that they have a new employee, Stuart Lomax.

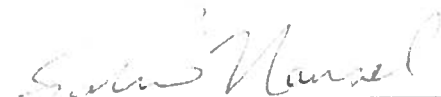
NEW BUSINESS: YELLOWSTONE RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COUNCIL: We need to submit the name of our representative to this council. Robert Heinle has been our representative on this before. The Board would like him to continue this

UPCOMING MEETING: (FYI): COAL METHANE- There was a meeting in Colstrip September 22, 1999 on this concerning the proposed Powder River Basin Controlled Ground Water Area. Dave, Dennis and Bob had attended this meeting and came away with some concerns. Dave thought we needed to support this but encourage other agencies to help with the rule making decisions. He asked that Bob come up with a resolution to present to the MACD Area 4 meeting in Harlowton.

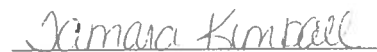
MACo - They are having a seminar to review coverage's and services in Forsyth, Oct. 5th. Jack and I are scheduled to attend.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Treasure County CD, Big Horn CD. Newsletters: Forestry Notes, Gulfwatch, USDA News, Conservation Conversation, Buffer Notes, Custer County Conservation Update.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Robert Nansel, Vice Chair



Tamara Kimball, Administrator

NOVEMBER 1999, TREASURER'S REPORT

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
4712	Balance Brought Forward:	\$ 57,915.73	\$ 3,441.24	\$ 287,869.25	\$ 22.73	\$ 5,657.92	\$ 6,642.04
4713	Dave Davenport	\$ 87.17					
4714	Bob Nansel	\$ 129.62					
4715	JM Nansel	\$ 83.30					
4716	Jack Knobloch	\$ 40.75					
4717	Caprici Gregory	\$ 25.00					
4718	Steve Lackman	\$ 40.75					
4719	Dennis Nixon	\$ 72.05					
4720	Tami Kimball	\$ 97.62					
4721	Fred Pryor Seminars	\$ 79.00					
4722	Valley Auto	\$ 6.07					
4723	MACD	\$ 30.00					
4724	Wendy Warren	\$ 78.65					
4725	Wendy Warren	\$ 279.99					
4726	MSE-HKM	\$ 22.50					
4727	Independent Enterprise	\$ 12.00					
4728	Marquis Awards	\$ 253.49					
4728	Cellular One	\$ 357.16					
4730	MT Tech					\$ 5,451.74	\$ 2,017.00
4731	MT Tech						
4732	US West	\$ 53.35					
4733	MCI	\$ 12.63					
4733	Star Printing	\$ 134.79					
4734	Postmaster	\$ 33.00					
4735	Wendy Warren	\$ 7.44					
4736	Tamara Kimball	\$ 62.80					
4737	Carolyn's Embroidery	\$ 60.00					
4738	MT Tech					\$ 5,675.11	
4739	Postmaster	\$ 11.75					
4740	Tami Kimball	\$ 50.00					
882	Upper Musselshell CD		\$ 20.00				
176	Wendy Warren			\$ 669.34			
177	Tamara Kimball			\$ 453.11			
178	Don Youngbauer			\$ 4,500.00			
179	Rosebud Co Plan			\$ 505.00			
180	Wendy Warren			\$ 669.34			
181	Tamara Kimball			\$ 453.11			

183	Capital Guardian Trust	IRA						
184	Wendy Warren	wages/pp 19 (976.80)			\$	145.63		
185	Tamara Kimball	wages/pp 19 (560.00)			\$	669.34		
						453.11		
PC	Jack's	July meeting exp						
PC	Clerk & Recorder	release/Greenleaf L & L			\$	3.99		
PC	Jack's	August meeting exp			\$	6.00		
					\$	5.41		
	TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 2,120.88	\$ 20.00	\$	9,103.68	\$ 15.40	\$ 11,126.85
								\$ 2,017.00

INCOME DURING MONTH:								
District Account	August int							
District Account	Sept int			\$ 4.38				
County Budget	phone/Nixon	\$ 155.82		\$ 4.39				
County Budget	phone/Nansei	\$ 53.36						
County Budget	phone/Kenney	\$ 27.57						
County Budget	St of MT/310 reimb	\$ 225.30						
County Budget	phone/Warren	\$ 43.46						
County Budget	St of MT/RDGP Grant					\$ 5,815.06		
Petty cash								
Petty cash					\$ 3.50			
Loan account	pmt/Hathaway Ranch				\$ 50.00			
Loan account	pmt/Hein Cattle Co							
Loan account	pmt/Spannagel							
Loan account	pmt/Greenleaf L & L							
Loan account	interest - August							
Loan account	adm fees/Youngbauer							
Loan account	adm fees/Youngbauer							
Loan account	pmt/Rolston							
Loan account	pmt/Greenleaf L & L							
Loan account	pmt/Nile							
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 505.51	\$ 8.77	\$	\$ 36,983.25	\$ 53.50	\$ 5,815.06	\$ -
Balance Carried Forward:		\$ 56,300.36	\$ 3,430.01	\$	\$ 315,748.82	\$ 60.83	\$ 346.13	\$ 4,625.04

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairman, Bob Nansel, Vice Chairman, Jack Knobloch, Doug McRae.

Others Present: Steve Lackman, Associate Supervisor, Robert Heinle, Associate Supervisor, Wendy Warren, District Technician; Tami Kimball, District Administrator.

Dennis Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Doug McRae moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Dennis Nixon seconded and the motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Nixon moved to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed. Doug McRae seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier. I was wondering about a credit card for the District. It will be used mainly for making reservations. The Board thought it might be a good idea so I will contact MasterCard, Visa and American Express to find out what they offer. I also wondered if it would be alright to change IRA companies. Both Wendy and I have IRA's with different companies and would like to just make the contributions directly to them. The Board thought this would be ok. There were no other questions.

310: DEAN SLEAFORD/NEAL SHELDON, BANK STABILIZATION & FLOOD PROTECTION, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-08: We have not heard anything back on this from Dean & Neal. Wendy is going to contact them to see if they have contacted a consultant yet.

HUPPERT BROS CONSTRUCTION, INC., KELLEN MOEN, OWNER, RIP RAP, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-10: They are wanting to do some rip rap along a backwater of the river. An inspection was done Monday, Oct. 25th, with Brad Schmitz, FWP, Robert Heinle, Rosebud Conservation District Supervisor and Fred Huppert representing the owner. Brad was concerned about the amount of rip rap they were talking about. After much discussion at the inspection, Brad, Robert and Fred all decided that a few barbs would be more useful at the top of the project and some rip rap near the bottom of the project. Bob Nansel made the motion to accept this as a project pending approval of the modifications to the original application. Jack seconded and the motion passed. A letter will be sent to Fred Huppert notifying him of the decision.

LOANS: MARK HOLMES - He has completed his land level and Wendy is waiting for the bills.

BOYD SHAVER - Bruce Shaver had been in and made 2 of the payments. He is aware of the payment due in November.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter was mailed October 20th.

OCTOBER ANNUAL PLAN:

1. Attend annual weed district meeting and provide report to the Board members on the projects, programs undertaken by the weed district.
2. Invite the Weed Board Coordinator to attend a regular meeting to provide update on activities.
3. Sponsor project tours and workshops which define the District's objectives.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a report on her month. She and Todd Yeager, County Extension Agent, were invited to Colstrip grade school to explain how to plant bulbs and determine water needs. The kids got to see how much water travels through the soils with an indoor project involving 16 oz. water bottles and 3 types of soils. They planned how the bulbs were to be planted and each kid got to plant 2 bulbs. The teacher was very pleased with the presentation. She had been out and taken pictures of our Conservation Achievement Award winner for this year. She had been trying to get a copy of Land Improve thru NRCS and was not successful. As discussed at the last meeting, she would like to purchase the program for her use. Jack Knobloch made the motion to purchase Land Improve and Doug McRae seconded. The motion passed.

NRCS: Rocky was not present at this meeting. Stuart Lomax is no longer here.

NEW BUSINESS:

We had sent a revised version of the Coal Board Grant. Gloria Menke, Big Horn CD administrator, had found out the Coal Board will be meeting in Billings, Nov. 12, 1999. Since this is during the MACD convention, she was hoping to get a good turnout for the presentation. Bob Nansel said he would try to make it.

UPCOMING MEETING: (FYI):

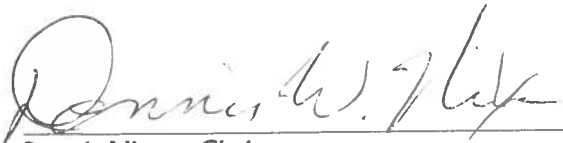
MACD Convention – November 10 – 12 in Billings. Bob, Tami and Wendy will be attending.

OTHER BUSINESS:

We will wait on the Colstrip representation until they have their city government settled. Dennis had talked to them at one time with no response from them.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Treasure County CD, Big Horn CD. Newsletters: Forestry Notes, Gulfwatch, USDA News, Conservation Conversation, Buffer Notes, Custer County Conservation Update.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chairman


Tamara Kimball, Administrator

**ROSEBUD CONSOLIDATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 1999 TREASURER'S REPORT**

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
Balance Brought Forward:		\$ 56,300.36	\$ 3,430.01	\$ 315,748.82	\$ 60.83	\$ 346.13	\$ 4,625.04
4741 Postmaster	Box rent	\$ 44.00					
4742 US West	Phone	\$ 61.86					
4743 MCI	long distance	\$ 9.18					
4744 Cellular One	Phone	\$ 130.11					
4745 Rosebud Co Plan	Wendy's med (505.00)	\$ 230.00					\$ 3,708.91
4746 Mont Tech	Rosebud/Armells 319						
4747 VOID							
4748 Wendy Warren	Wages PP20 (669.34)	\$ 976.80					
4749 Tamara Kimball	Wages PP20(453.11)	\$ 560.00					
4750 Capital Guardian Trust	IRA (145.63)	\$ 41.67					
4751 MACD	Convention registration	\$ 459.00					
4752 Holiday Inn	Room deposit	\$ 124.80					
4753 Postmaster	Postage / soil survey	\$ 8.32					
4754 Postmaster	Postage	\$ 4.32					
4755 Independent Enterprise	Ad / historical	\$ 12.00					
4756 Postmaster	newsletter	\$ 152.40					
4757 Wendy Warren	Wages PP21(669.34)	\$ 976.80					
4758 Wendy Warren	Per diem - Colstrip Ed	\$ 6.00					
4759 Tamara Kimball	Wages PP21 (453.11)	\$ 560.00					
4760 Tamara Kimball	mileage - Colstrip	\$ 29.61					
4761 IRS	Deposit (586.20)	\$ 214.10					
4762 Valley Auto	UPS overnight - CB Grant	\$ 11.75					
883 Upper Musselshell CD	Auction item	\$ 32.22					
186 IRS	Deposit - PP 19			\$ 293.10			
187 IRS	Deposit			\$ 4.65			
188 Dept of Revenue	Deposit - UI & ST Tax			\$ 567.04			
PC Clerk & Recorder	Release - Stokke			\$ 6.00			
PC V Store	office supplies			\$ 4.47			
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 4,612.72	\$ 32.22	\$ 864.79	\$ 10.47	\$ -	\$ 3,708.91

INCOME DURING MONTH:									
County Budget	Phone - Kenney	\$	21.60						
County Budget	NRCS Reimbursement	\$	14.85						
County Budget	Phone - Warren	\$	48.69						
County Budget	Phone - Nansel	\$	36.99						
County Budget	St of MT - Rosebud 319								\$ 3,973.73
Petty cash									
Loan account	pmt - Payer	\$			290.00	\$ 5.00			
Loan account	pmt - Stokke	\$			13,300.00				
Loan account	Interest - September	\$			1,341.95				
Loan account	pmt - Shaver	\$			1,006.86				
Loan account	pmt - Shaver	\$			250.00				
TOTAL INCOME:		\$	122.13	\$ -	\$ 16,188.81	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 3,973.73	
Balance Carried Forward:		\$ 51,809.77	\$ 3,397.79	\$ 331,072.84	\$ 55.36	\$ 346.13	\$ 4,889.86		

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 1999, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Nixon, Chairman, Bob Nansel, Vice Chairman, Dave Davenport, Doug McRae.

Others Present: Steve Lackman, Associate Supervisor, Robert Heinle, Associate Supervisor, Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Wendy Warren, District Technician; Tami Kimball, District Administrator.

Dennis Nixon called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference Room. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Bob Nansel seconded and the motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Forsyth USDA Conference room

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Nixon moved to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed. Bob Nansel seconded and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier. I was wondering about paying Diane for helping me earlier this fall. We will pay her for her time at the rate she was receiving when she left. I will also look into getting an appreciation plaque for her and ask her to come to the annual banquet.

310:

KELLEN MOEN, OWNER, RIP RAP, YELLOWSTONE RIVER, 99-10: The Board looked over the revisions and had some questions about some of the barbs and their placement. We have sent the plans to Interfluve for them to look over. The Board decided to wait to hear from Interfluve to see if they thought the plans would work. The Board would like to meet with the Interfluve representative and Mr. Moen's engineer to review the plans once more before making a final decision. The Board appointed a committee to do this. They are as follows – Bob Nansel, Robert Heinle and Steve Lackman. If this committee approves the plan, the rest of the Board will be notified and the final decision will be made.

FELTON ANGUS, BRIDGE, TONGUE RIVER, 97-06: Mr. Felton was asking for an extension of his 310. Dave made the motion to extend the permit to 9/16/00. This will co-inside the the Army permit. Bob Nansel Seconded and the motion carried.

LOANS:

MARK HOLMES - He received \$12,900 for his completed land level.

STEVE SELEG - He received \$11,900 for his completed land level project.

FRED WACKER - His loan was approved 9/98 and we have received no information from him concerning his project. Robert Heinle will contact Fred to see if he has any plans to use the money. If we don't hear from him soon, we will let him know that he will have to re-apply for any loan funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

MACD CONVENTION - Bob Nansel, Wendy Warren and I had all attended. Bob gave a report on the resolutions that had been presented and if they had passed or failed. Wendy discussed the meetings that she had attended. She had an extra session with the GIS representative. I reported on those meeting that I attended.

COAL BOARD GRANT - Jack Knobloch, Dave Davenport, Wendy Warren and I all attended the Coal Board meeting concerning our grant efforts with Big Horn CD. John Wheaton did a presentation during this meeting. There was quite a few people in attendance at this meeting and they voiced their concerns. We found out that we passed the first hurdle and will have a final presentation some time early next year.

401 PERMIT FOR BN - We had sent a letter to Jeff Ryan, DEQ, stating that we were also concerned with BN using emergency permits instead of planning ahead. I received no response from them. Bob Nansel had heard about a meeting that had been in Helena earlier this month concerning this same issue. I will contact LaVerne Ivey, Yellowstone CD to find out what happened.

NEWSLETTER: The next newsletter will go out early in Jan, 2000. We are going to change the look of the newsletter somewhat. The Board members were asked to write a couple articles. The deadline is Dec. 22 to get the articles in.

NOVEMBER ANNUAL PLAN: Nothing planned

DECEMBER ANNUAL PLAN: The Board looked through the plan and decided that all had been accomplished.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Wendy provided a report on her month. She reported on the Hathaway project. They need to do some soil testing to see if the irrigation project will even be feasible. They are looking at all the permits that will be required. We received word that we got the grant for the ArcView software but we have not received it yet. She is also taking a Water Monitoring training on the internet and is studying for the final exam. She has spent a lot of time in the field this month and also presented GPS to the vo-ag class in Hysham. She will also be looking for any hydrology training that she could attend.

NRCS: Rocky reported that the status reviews were going ok and he had completed Workload 2000. CRP 20 signup begins Jan. 18 through Feb. 11. GLCI grant funding is available through 3-00. Some possible programs would be herding workshops and livestock low stress management. There are 2 student volunteers in the office now. They alternate afternoons and one comes every day for about 40 minutes. He also asked if the Board of Supervisors would be interested in a grass study demonstration plot at Dick Ferguson's. It would contain 20 acres. Each acre would be planted with a different grass. This would be a multi-year project with visible results in 3 - 5 years. The Board was very interested in the study and would be willing to fund some of the costs. Rocky did not know exactly how much the project will cost. He hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMPLOYEE EVALUATION - The evaluation form had been sent out. The Board decided to meet at 6:30 on Jan. 26th before the regular meeting. Each member is to bring their completed form and the Board will put together their final evaluation.

ANNUAL BANQUET - The banquet will be held February 6, 2000 at the Forsyth County Club. We will be having a prime rib dinner. The Board looked over a list of possible guest speakers and decided they would like to have Floyd Dahlman. Dave will ask him and get back to me. If he does not want to speak, we have 4 other possible speakers that I will contact.

IRA - We are currently contributing 2% a month towards Wendy's IRA. This amounts to \$500.04 per year. At her current salary, 2% would increase the contribution to \$507.94 per year. Dave Davenport moved that we continue the 2% contribution this year and Doug McRae seconded. The motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: (FYI)

WINTER GRAZING SEMINAR - Feb. 3 - 4 in Miles City. The cost will be \$20 in advance. They have some very good speakers lined up and it should be a good seminar. Dave Davenport, Bob Nansel, Doug McRae, Steve Lackman, Wendy Warren and Tami Kimball will be attending.

NACD ANNUAL MEETING - Jan. 30 - Feb. 3 in Colorado Springs.

RANGE BEEF COW SYMPOSIUM - Dec. 14 - 16 in Greeley, CO.

OTHER BUSINESS:

OPEN HOUSE - Board of Oil and Gas was Dec. 3rd in Billings. Dave, Bob and Doug had attended. They thought that some sort of public meeting should be held to let people know more about coal methane production. It was decided that maybe a public service could be done on the radio. John Wheaton, MBMG, said he would be available for any thing the Board wanted to do. I will contact him to see if he would do this.

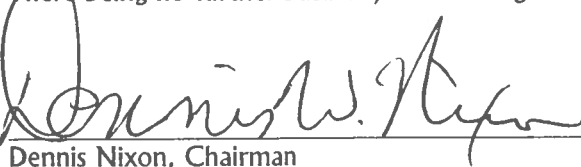
YELLOWSTONE RIVER COUNCIL - Robert Heinle attended the meeting in Billings Dec. 6th. The YRC is working with the Consensus Council. The Consensus Council will conduct a situation assessment, provide facilitation services and help design a process to seek common understanding in the Yellowstone River watershed. He will continue to attend these meeting and keep the rest of the Board informed.

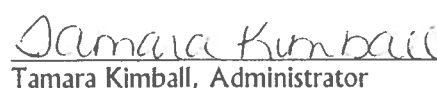
MAYOR JOHN WILLIAMS, COLSTRIP - Mayor Williams had called and wanted a letter from the District asking the City of Colstrip to appoint someone to the Board of Supervisors. Dennis Nixon hand delivered this letter to the Mayor. Colstrip has 1 interested person. His name is Jim Rogers. He would fill one position and Dennis would take the other position. We should know more by the next meeting.

CREDIT CARD - I had written to a couple companies with no response from them. The Board suggested that I contact Darrell Grogan, First State Bank, to see if he could help.

INFO RECEIVED: Minutes: Treasure County CD, Big Horn CD, Yellowstone River Council. Newsletters: District Leader, South Eastern Montana Development Corp., Musselshell Review, Green Mtn Outlooks, Forestry Notes, McCone County CD Resource Review and Garfield County CD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Dennis Nixon, Chairman


Tamara Kimball, Administrator

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 2000 TREASURE REPORT

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.	RDGP GRANT	319/ARMELLS
Balance Brought Forward:		\$ 44,721.66	\$ 3,406.22	\$ 320,019.31	\$ 35.58	\$ 346.13	\$ 4,889.86
Doug Mc Rae	mileage - mtgs	\$ 72.45					
Bob Nansel	mileage - mtgs	\$ 126.00					
Dave Davenport	mileage - mtgs	\$ 192.78					
Wendy Warren	wages PP 25 (669.34)	\$ 976.80					
Tamara Kimball	wages PP 25 (453.11)	\$ 560.00					
IRS	deposit (616.22)	\$ 224.61					
Tamara Kimball	mileage - mtgs	\$ 53.25					
Bob Nansel	Sp mtgs	\$ 150.00					
Robert Heinle	Sp mtg, 310 ins, YRC	\$ 220.22					
Postmaster	stamps	\$ 33.00					
Wendy Warren	wages PP26 (669.34)	\$ 976.80					
Tamara Kimball	wages PP26 (453.11)	\$ 560.00					
IRS	deposit PP26 (293.10)	\$ 107.05					
AAL	Wendy's IRA (145.67)	\$ 41.67					
IRS	penalty - late deposits	\$ 140.68					
Rosebud Co Plan	Wendy's medical (505.00)	\$ 230.00					
US West	phone	\$ 56.68					
MCI	long distance	\$ 9.00					
Cellular One	mobile service	\$ 231.67					
Custer Co CD	winter grazing seminar	\$ 140.00					
Wendy Warren	wages - PP01 (611.45)	\$ 976.80					
Dept of Revenue	deposit - UI, st tax	\$ 50.20					
Tamara Kimball	wages - PP01 (461.31)	\$ 560.00					
Tamara Kimball	mileage & supplies	\$ 74.02					
IRS	deposit PP01 (325.32)	\$ 102.66					
Mont Tech	Rosebud 319						\$ 4,002.31
JE: Correct deposit	48.98 to 42.98	\$ 6.00					
Marquis Awards	achievement awards		\$ 114.55				
Rosebud CD	reimb for caps		\$ 178.00				
A B Consulting Co	Land Improve program			\$ 749.25			
J M Nansel	loan			\$ 9,700.00			
Petty Cash	Jan. meeting exp				\$ 7.69		
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 6,872.34	\$ 292.55	\$ 10,449.25	\$ 7.69	\$ -	\$ 4,002.31

