

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2020

5:15 PM

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

Meeting called to order by Doug McRae @ 5:16 pm.

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Board Members Present:

Rocky Schwagler, Dave Davenport, Jason Brewer, Doug McRae, Alan Mereness

Board Members Absent:

Don Youngbauer

Others Present:

Heather Nenninger, Monica Boyer, Dennis Kenney, Danny Pratt

Guests:

Keri Bilbo

Treasurer's Report:

- Jason made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report,
- Rocky seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting Minutes:

December 5, 2019 draft minutes in your packet.

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

Expense Vouchers: keep me updated on any travel you do for the district

Administrator Report: binder

Admin assistant report: binder

Outreach & Education:

Meeting Schedule:

February 6, 2020 at 5PM-divisional bb this day

March 5th 5pm

Meetings and travel:

Keep Bobbi updated on meetings and events that you attend. If you need the van for the Billings soil health, I will make sure its gassed and ready to go.

Don NACD- soil health workshops in Billings for Jason

Program reports:

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA:

No-Interest Loans:

Close meeting-DF update

- Alan made a motion to send out a letter that states if paid in full all interest will be forgiven and we will encourage payment in full,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

USDA office concerns:

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Closed meeting-address several areas of concern the board would like to discuss with staff

(Meeting with NRCS to follow)

~***Danny Pratt*** requested a meeting with the cd board of supervisors (an email invitation was sent out to NRCS and SWCDM to attend)

Discussion: There was really no resolution achieved. Keri stated that NRCS will deal with their employees and the district will deal with the district employees. See how things play out over the next couple of months.

Keri Bilbro NRCS-agreement and NRCS work unit expectations

310- Permit Applications:

Bill Schwartzkoph- Yellowstone River side channel, crossing, site visit with FWP & ACE on Jan 2nd. Application is in your packet- the materials are not approved for placement in Montana waters.

- Alan made a motion to approve with the conditions that the Army Corps require are met,
- Rocky seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Carson Kluver is planning a bridge and has requested a team site visit before submitting the application. We will set that up the first week of February.

AIS~ Aquatic Invasive Species: Monica Boyer

Grant submitted for next 18 months of the program. Should hear back in March Monica has the MATE show coming up and there will be a meeting in February hosted by the cd.

Coal Seam Fire Suppression Planning Grant:

Going to start planning the first meetings throughout the project area, starting in Forsyth. Dave or Doug if you are willing to take lead with Bobbi on this.

Doug and Jason will be kept informed and we will try to schedule the first meeting at the Forsyth library.

Soil Health Initiative:

No-Till Drill:

We have had several producers who are already getting their names on the calendar for this spring.

Trackfiller:

Alan & Jason

Newsletter: Monica

New Business-

YRDC request us to hire for irrigation planning grants:

Dan Rostad has requested the cd hire Rocky Schwagler and Dave Jewel, the retired NRCS that are working on the planning grants. It is quite costly for the individual to obtain the requirements of a licensed contractor. There will be additional cost to the district for increased number of employees and taxes. tabled

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Annual Plan: review for 2020

Supervisors board positions:

Dave Davenport is the only supervisor up for re-election: he will need to do oath of office and I will order him an updated state id.

- Jason made the motion to appoint Dave by acclimation,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Annual plan: updated for programs, AIS, Coal Seam Fires.

MOA & Statement of Work between Districts and NRCS: Keri Biilbro

There is an approved copy that is going through DCs on the 29th. Hopefully a copy available at the board meeting.

NRCS- Danny Pratt

5 pivots for Hathaway-no new on non-irrigated. April deadline for TIPS, Hiring a CET in Forsyth. Danae is moving to Forsyth office. There are also new tools through the conservation desktop.

RCD Business:

Reg Hoff Scholarship:

Last year we approved 3 for \$750 and one of the recipients did not fulfill the scholarship requirements. We need to look at considering what we would like to do for this year and get the information to the school counselors.

Filling urban supervisor position:

Waiting for response to city of Colstrip on ad for urban supervisor they placed.

CD Van- Alan has visited with Todd at the Heberle Ford. Todd will keep a look out for a reasonable priced suburban, we will trade in the van when the time comes.

Upcoming Events:

Soil Health Innovations (MSU Bozeman) March 30-31, 2020

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

Next Meeting:

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ADJOURN: 8:14pm

8 pm: