

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2018

5:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order by Dave Davenport @_____ pm.

5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Alan Mereness, Jason Brewer, Bonnie Prince, Dave Davenport, Reg Hoff, Dennis Kenney

Board Members Absent:

Doug McRae, Don Youngbauer

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer, Heather Nenninger, Kami Kilwine

Guests:

Duane Claypool, DNRC

Treasure Report:

Through February 28, 2018 in your packets

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

Meeting Minutes:

February draft minutes in your packet

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

Expense Vouchers:

Let me know if you have anything that needs to be added to your voucher.

Administrator Report: at the meeting

Admin assistant report: at the meeting

Outreach & Education:

~conservation days has been confirmed with all three schools and we are still using the Castle Rock Lake for an alternative site.

Meeting Schedule:

April 5th

7pm

Loans:

310- Permit Applications:

Reserved Water:

Vision Enterprise reserved water has been put out for public notice and comment. March 15th Duane Claypool will attend the cd meeting with his recommendation to the board.

We have received the preliminary determination to grant a change to our CD reserved water right to include the area south of the interstate near Hathaway.

-the project is in the flood zone and the applicant did sign paper work acknowledging the flood zone and that the district is not responsible if the pivot is lost to the river.

The project does meet all the criteria, and is not a change because it had already been identified by the district.

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❖ *Duane Claypool recommended that the district approve the reserved water for Vision Enterprises as presented.*

- Alan made a motion to approve the reserved water,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- Al in favor and the motion passed.

New Business:

AIS Grant application:

Completed and received by DNRC, they should make determinations by the end of March.

Forestry Grants:

Andy Miller is busy putting contracts together for both programs. The EMFR payments will have priority over the FIF due to the project deadline.

There is a summit in Butte May 8-10. It is for all partners and administrators who work with the Forestry programs. I will have more information by the meeting.

Soil Health Initiative:

No-Till Drill:

~calendar is already filling up for this spring

~we did receive a call back on a person interested in buying the drill for \$42K.

He was informed that the status of the drill and selling it would be reevaluated in June.

Newsletter: please submit articles by the week of May 15 if you have an article or want to see something in the newsletter.

NRCS: Kami Kilwine~

Spread pretty thin since Rocky and several other NRCS employees retired.

There are some workshops coming up- 3-28- Invasive and noxious plant id- crow agency

3-22- pollinator workshop in Gallatin County

The board would like a letter sent to our representatives,

Gianforte, Daines, and Purdue expressing the need to fill the vacancies in the NRCS offices across the state.

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

Upcoming Events:

~2018 Range Forum- May 9&10 Billings

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

~Supervisor Summit- Helena August 30-31st

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

Bobbi will write a letter to schools about scholarships available to kids who would like to attend the summer range and natural resource camps. See what we have for interest and collect information on the cost of registering for the various range camps across Montana. Visit with the FFA Advisors for Montana Range Days.

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA:

Requested minutes and policy on stipend & cost of living increase.

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A copy of both pages is in your packets. The minutes from September 12, 2012, and the handbook I received when I started working at the district.

~there are several items in the policy handbook that are really outdated and do need to be updated. For instance, districts are not allowed to use NRCS vehicles for business.

Table-insurance cost and taxes.

Next meeting Agenda:

How much for range camp and how many kids might go so that the board can decide how much to offer for scholarships for the range camps & days.

Open Mike Board Members:

7 pm:

Public Comments:

SGL is hiring a tech for Heather for the summer in our office to help her with inventories.

Heather is planning to go to the Colstrip school 4th grade classrooms and needs materials so that the kids can make their own butter. She requested \$25 from the cd.

- Alan made a motion to allow \$50 for heather for education,
- Reg seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN:

7:33pm Reg moved to adjourn,

Jason seconded,

All in favor and the motion passed.