

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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January 2, 2014

7:00 PM

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

**7:00 pm:** Meeting called to order by Doug McRae, RCD Chair @ 7:02 pm.

**Board Members Present:**

Don Youngbauer, Doug McRae, Dennis Kenney, Dave Davenport, Alan Mereness, Steve Lackman

**Board Members Absent:**

**Bonnie Prince**

**Others Present:**

Rocky Schwagler, Bobbi Vannattan

**Guests:**

**Treasure Report:**

Treasure Report will be available at the meeting.

- Dave made a motion to approve the treasure report,
- Steve second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes:**

The draft minutes from the November 7, 2013 meeting were in your December packet.

- Dave made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting,
- Don second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**8:00 pm:**

**Expense Vouchers:**

Keep Bobbi informed of your travel.

**Administrator Report:** Included in your packet

**Outreach & Education:**

Tentative Days are April 29 through May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, it will depend on what the schools have planned.

**Meeting Schedule:**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Rocky has a basketball game and Don will be in California, we may have to look at another date.

- February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm, bobbi will call and remind everyone

**Loans:**

**ROM's:**

**310- Permit Applications:**

**Reserved Water:**

Some reports have been returned and second notices have been sent. The yearly report is due the end of December. Bill Schwartzkoph has requested a one year extension on his completion of his reserved water.

- Steve made a motion to extend the completion one year,
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**New Business:**

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- We are hosting the Rosebud Treasure Annual meeting in 2014. I did find a dvd set for Dr. Don Huber on line for sale.
  - Steve made a motion to purchase the DVD set from the Grass fed Workshop in Bismarck this fall,
  - Dave second the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Ideas: Country Club on March 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Mike Balensky Test plot- need to find out information and who did the test plot
  - Grass budding for the lady at fort keough
  - Bart Icopini- soil health and cover cropping
  - Other soil health and cover cropping
  - Speak to H.S Kids Speech & Drama, about doing entertainment again.
- Options in the event of a shutdown in January.
- Bobbi & Don attended MACD convention in November. We had two resolutions pass MACD- Mitigation Banks and Fuels Mitigation. There were some excellent workshops
- EPA-regulating all waterways vs navigable waterways, using the clean water act to gain control over all water. Should we send a letter?
  - Alan made a motion to send a letter to MT DEQ, in Helena, to our congressmen and to the Army Corp of Engineers,
  - Don second the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Review Annual Plan
- Election of Board Members
  - Alan made a motion to appoint by acclamation,
  - Don second the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
- YRCDC has asked that I help out YRCD and take minutes on Thursday January 30, 2014. Carol is not able to attend and they will pay my wages, travel and expenses for the meeting.
  - Alan made a motion to allow bobbi to help YRCDC,
  - Steve second the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Cooperative Working agreement between RCD and NRCS- draft is in your packet
  - Rocky will take back to state office with questions regarding extra room for staffing for cd staff and access to the office during shutdown.
- Upcoming workshops
  - Winter Grazing Seminar- January 29-30 Miles City MT-Dave wants to go and Doug may want to go the second day.

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- New Trends in Agriculture-January 7 Shelby MT
- Supervisor training-January 15 Miles City MT- Steve and Alai would like to attend if it fits their schedules
- Grant Writing workshop-February 20-21 Billings MT
  - Alan made a motion for Bobbi to attend the grant writing workshop,
  - Dennis second the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
- DNRC is looking for a conservation District to Host the Montana Youth Range Camp in 2014.
  - We may be interested, bobbi can get some more information together, past agenda's of the event.
- Both of our resolutions will be going to NACD convention- Fuels Mitigation and Mitigation Banks

## **Soil Health Initiative:**

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

Hopefully Cover is here soon. David is looking into it again.

I have been visiting with Beaverhead CD and thought it might be a good time to review the contract and make some changes. Require a return date and enforce a late charge for not contacting the cd when it will not be returned on time.

Alan will order a cover when he orders his.

**Newsletter:** the next deadline is March 15, 2014.

### **YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

Tac- meeting- on the business end of everything.

Writing BMP- hire a guys to write these things, need to keep the findings on a voluntary incentive based- not made into regulation.

### **NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:**

Soil Health- January 23- Bismrack on dayh

Harding- soil Helth- Ken Miller February 19

CSP signup open

### **Range Committee: Dave Davenport**

### **CBMPA: Doug McRae:**

### **Southeast MT Fuels Reduction Grant: Chris Pilesky & Any Miller:**

Chris report available at the meeting. Rucker 6 project is underway, we will need to be prepared to make that payment in the near future.

### **Ten Minute Training:**

None

### **Next meeting Agenda:**

Review annual plan

Purchase a vehicle for the Cd

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*Open Mike Board Members:*

*Public Comments:*

*ADJOURN: Motion by Doug @9:30PM*

*9:00 pm:*