

MINUTES OF ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD FEBRUARY 27, 1974

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by chairman Kent Montgomery. Those members present were: Kent Montgomery, J. M. Nansel, Harlin Steiger, Omer Erickson, and Everett Redeen. Others present were: Dick White (BIA) Lane Deer, Herb Beckers, SCS, Billings, and Roy Houser, acting secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

1. Discussion on lath and stakes. Lath is hard to get. Have contacted Forsyth, Miles City, Hysham and Billings. Located 35 bundles at Saunders Lumber, Billings. Have some on order with Midland Lumber but have no idea when they can deliver. Motion made by Redeen, seconded by Erickson that the district purchase stakes and lath not to exceed \$500.00.

2. Review and approval of claims as follows:

Johannes (salary & per diem)	\$181.32
Setera " " " "	151.92
Social Security (employee & employer)	14.48
Soil Conservation Society of America	20.00
Supt. of Documents (14 subscriptions)	49.00
200 Cartoon books on Conservation (Each 5th Grader in County)	

3. Election discussed. Joe Nansel's term is up. Petition for Joe submitted with more than enough signatures. Redeen to contact R. Borer to see if he will act as polling superintendent at a date between 3/18 and 3/26. Just so it is carried out prior to next meeting 3/27/'74. It was suggested that the voting take place in the entry of the USDA building so as to catch as many rural people as possible. Notice will be put in local paper two weeks in advance of election including issues for 3/7 and 3/14. Notice to be the normal notice of election and also asking for any additional petitions to be in by 3/18. Ballot to carry names of all nominees alphabetically plus space for write ins. It is hoped that Extension office can prepare the ballots for us as they have in the past.

4. Recreation survey of county. Discussion held and decision made to wait until we get further information from M.A.C.D.'s.

5. Dick White, Range Conservationist with BIA at Northern Cheyenne Agency was here to represent that agency and to advise the board on their desires to be included in the county wide soil survey. They have budgeted for \$9,000.00 this current season to participate. After much discussion of the existing cooperative agreements it was decided that a BIA state office representative will have to meet with Ave Linford to work out the possibilities. It was noted that approximately 25,000 acres were mapped in fall of 1973, particularly on lands leased by Peabody Coal Company.

6. Houser reported to the board on the planned "weather modification" research project that will be located in Montana, North Dakota or South Dakota. Only four locations in Montana fit the criteria for the project and they are Billings, Great Falls, Glasgow and Miles City.

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7. Mansel and Houser reported on the hearing conducted by the Department of Natural Resources in regard to the proposed water pipeline and power line to supply water to the steam generation plants at Colstrip. Montana Power Co. has filed on 8,250 gallons per minute from the Yellowstone River to be transmitted by pipeline to a surge pond located near the plants 30 miles to the South. The preferred route is along Armells Creek and the route and alternates were discussed. There were no people testifying against the pipeline. Ranchers along the line who want stockwater may have 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tap each. The line is 36 inches in diameter and will be under 300-500 pounds per square inch pressure.

8. Entry blanks and instructions on the "Speech Contest" have been mailed out to the four high schools in the county plus the Forsyth Vo-Ag department.

9. The board approved the purchase of conservation cartoon books for each 5th grader in the county. Also they approved the renewal of 14 subscriptions to the Soil Conservation magazine to our libraries, barber shops, Vo-Ag department, doctor offices, etc. Send letter to each advising them who is providing the magazine!

10. Correspondence from the D.N.R. was read by the chairman requesting our 1973 Annual Report and 1974 Work Plan for the District.

11. Herb Beckers talked about current limits and problems of SCS in regard to monetary and personnel ceilings. 1975 Presidential budget has no funds earmarked for the Great Plains program. Rural Environmental Conservation Program is getting started probably in late March or early April. SCS is still up against a personnel ceiling even though Congress passed an expanded budget for us this fiscal year.

12. Letter referred to in January minutes concerning the personnel ceilings was sent to Office of Management and Budget and Office of the President, with copies to our congressional delegation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Roy Houser, acting secretary

MINUTES OF THE ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD JANUARY 30, 1974

The Board journeyed to Miles City to attend a meeting concerning the new Montana water law and legislation. After the program and discussion we adjourned to the Country Kitchen and had our meeting.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Mr. Montgomery with all members present and acting secretary Roy Houser.

1. Notice was given that Joe Nansel's term has expired. Everett offered to circulate a petition in Joe's behalf. Other petitions may be circulated for candidates also. Election will be held in conjunction with some other activity where a large number of voters can be reached. Question - can we have election by mail? Yes, but quite expensive at 16-20¢ per letter or ballot.

2. Some discussion was held in regard to trying to have an annual meeting. Our last two attempts were not successful. Feeling of board was to not plan for it.

3. Channelmaster said they didn't receive our warrant for repair and conditioning of 2-way units. Roy has written them asking them to check their records again as warrant was sent with order. A check with Clerk & Recorders office showed warrant not back.

4. Everett signed claims for the following thru January:

a) Salaries & Per Diem	Johannes	\$298.80
	Setera	445.80
	Social Security	36.20
	State & National Dues	250.00
1st Quarter Workman's Compensation		10.86

Payment on Plant Materials 1974 dues (\$25.00) will be covered by Districts own check! Everett signed same. Letter will be sent to Mrs. Hippe designating distribution of funds -

Dues to MACD	218.00
MACD	32.00
	250.00

Motion by Steiger and with second to cover above expenditures.

5. The matter of leave earnings for District employees was taken up. County employees earn $1\frac{1}{2}$ days per month annual leave and 1 day per month sick leave. SCS employees earn 1 day each four weeks of annual leave and 1 day each four weeks of sick leave. Cooperative agreement on the soil survey states that part time or full time district employees will receive same benefits as SCS so that rate will prevail. Dave Lind has worked for the district 1180 hours so should have 7.4 days annual leave and 59 hours sick leave accumulated, these balances are as of January 10, 1974. This was agreeable with the board!

6. Discussion was held in regard to SCS staking work at request of cooperator but contractor not meeting our specifications. If cooperator pays for work we have no way to make the contractor do a quality job. Not much of this is going on but hope no more will occur.

7. Discussion was held in regard to USDA and SCS "Head Count"! Congress has appropriated a good budget for us, in excess of prior years! Yet SCS cannot use the funds for technicians because of service wide personnel ceilings. This ceiling has been placed on the service by the Office & Management & Budget & Office of the President! It in effect is an impoundment of funds and is very disappointing when more, not less, SCS technicians are needed! It was agreed that a letter to Roy Ash, OMB and President Nixon be written requesting the lifting or raising of personnel limits so we can get going on the conservation job. Copies to be sent to all members of the Montana delegation in Congress. Letter to be signed by all board members.

8. Speech contest was discussed. Entry forms and all necessary information will be forwarded to all the high schools in the county, also direct to the Vo-Ag department of Forsyth.

9. Recreation Survey - Have not received code and computer forms to complete survey from State coordinator. May be able to use 1967 Survey if not too much change in recent years.

10. Checking account balance as of 12/20/73 was \$138.93.

11. District Agreements were approved for the following:

Mrs. Lilian Viall	3400 acres
Western Energy Company	

12. Roy advised board that Ole Ueland had called on business and had thanked them for the "Get Well Card" and book sent to him while in hospital.

Meeting adjourned and returned to Forsyth.

Roy Houser, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING HELD MAY 1, 1974

The meeting was called to order by the chairman Kent Montgomery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

I. Correspondence.

a. Letter read from Secretary of Agriculture Butz's office in answer to our letter concerning personnel ceilings for SCS.

b. Letter from Ole Ueland forwarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Natural Resources. Agreement signed.

c. Letter and material from J. Vanisko of the MASCD on legislation pertaining to resources.

d. Letter from the Environmental Quality Council asking the district to respond to an inquiry on land use. Several pages were reviewed, discussed and tentatively answered. Tabled until next meeting to complete.

e. Letter back from Superintendent of Documents in regard to subscriptions for "Soil Conservation" magazine. Now are \$5.65 each instead of \$3.50 as thought. Decided to use the \$49.00 already processed and order only 8 subscriptions, including the libraries in the district and the two banks.

f. District agreements for the following cooperators were approved:

1. Donald Watson	8,000 acres
2. Rocker 6 Cattle Co.	29,649 "
3. Angela Coop. State Grazing District	18,572 "
4. Malcolm Philbrick Est.	29,000 "

g. Contacts to be made with larger ditch companies irrigating out of Yellowstone River. Joe has contacted Rancher Ditch people in Treasure County. Need to talk to Carterville Ditch, Hammond and Baringer project people. Will make personal contacts &/or phone calls. Bureau of Reclamation will be making measurements of these diversions.

h. Call from Don Anderson at Sidney. Is available to assist in preparation of Long Range Plan & Range Resource Program. Would like to meet with the board at next meeting on this if board is willing. O.K. to go ahead. Will contact.

II Miscellaneous

a. Houser reported on program of Soil Survey. Expect two more men to be hired and stationed at Miles City.

b. Joe and Roy reported on the 2nd Range Resource Committee meeting held April 15. Feel we have sufficient interest to form a committee and will send a list of names to Pete Jackson. It was decided to plan for a range tour in early July. Also will try to get tours arranged with schools before end of session. Bob Thiesen wants a "State Grass" plant to display in the bank.

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c. Roy reported on REAP (73) and RECP (74) programs. Workload looks large and are very busy.

d. Fish and Game is calling a meeting Friday at 9:30 a.m. in regard to harvest of cottonwood trees along the Yellowstone River and wildlife values. Others invited are Extension, County Planning Board, and SCS.

e. Johannes has built up a few days annual leave while working on district payroll (county). Is wondering if he can be paid for it in cash now that he is a permanent SCS employee. Will check with Clerk & Recorder office to see how to handle this.

f. Claim from Forsyth Independent for notice of Election-\$10.00 - approved.

g. Joe brought up Range Youth Camp to be held at Glendive June 17-20. District should encourage and perhaps sponsor several to this. Range Resource Program activity.

h. Board held a reorganization. Results as follows:

Chairman:	Joe Nansel
Vice Chairman:	Omer Erickson
Treasurer:	Everett Redeen

i. Be thinking about 1975 budget request. Should prepare at next meeting and get ready to submit to commissioners.

j. Next meeting will be May 22, 1974 at 8:00 p.m. Conflict on regular date.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Roy Houser, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING HELD, May 23, 1974

Regular meeting this date. Members present: Joe Nansel, Omer Erickson, Harlin Steiger, Everett Redeen. Others present were: Herb Beckers, Don Anderson, Yugo Nayematsu, Eldon Rice and Roy Houser, acting secretary.

Meeting opened up at 8:00 P.M..

I. 1975 Budget

Discussion held in regard to next fiscal year budget. Everett volunteered to meet with County Commissioners to discuss same. Others will too if able.

<u>1974 Fiscal Year</u>		Spent 5-1-'74	<i>Proposed!</i> <u>1975 Fiscal Year</u>
A. Conservation Aid, Stakes & Clerical	\$3200	\$2471	Clerical \$200.00 Tech. Assist. & Stakes 3000.00
B. Education	150	69	Education 200.00
C. Supervisors Exp.	300	89	Sup. Exp. 200.00
D. State & Nat'l Dues	250	250	1. Dues 300.00 2. Annual assessment for Exec. V.P. MACD 300.00
E. Postage & Printing	100	61	Postage & Printing 100.00
F. Soils Survey	5500	1807	Soils Survey 5616.00
	<u>9500</u>	<u>4747</u>	per agreement <u>9916.00</u>

Yugo Nayematsu presented a proposal by the Montana Association of Conservation Districts. It is to hire an Executive V.P. on a per day basis to handle legislative contacts, keep districts informed on bills, work with districts on any problems etc. Would be officed in same building as League of Cities & Towns. Budget is proposed at \$27,000 to cover man, secretary, office and supplies. Board agreed to submit in 1975 budget and will discuss with County Commissioners. (Motion was by Redeen, 2nd by Steiger, passed)

II. Board approved claim by R. Johannes for 1 day earned annual leave. Is permanent SCS employee now.

III. Hook Ranch with State Land Department have requested land leveling tech. assistance on 300 acres. Question is - how much time should we give to them, what priorities, if any etc. Decided to service them as time permits but not to neglect or put off other land users requests!

IV. Discussion was held on status of Treasure County Conservation District and pro-rating technical help to them fairly. Board will have to come up with some cost share finances in order to receive part of the available manpower. The Treasure County Board met with their County Commissioners May 22 and it seems the county is willing to levy a small millage provided the Conservation District submits a budget. The two boards will probably have to meet soon and work out some details.

V. Don Anderson spoke in regard to updating the districts Long Range Plan. Reasons for doing, suggested method, part of inventories already done, value to board and others. Old plan was done in 1965 and does not identify problems such as coal development and reclamation, air pollution hazards, feedlot enterprises, irrigation (sprinkle) development and increased demand and need for services by large influx of people. Hope to get inventories completed and plan outlined by winter 1974.

VI. Eldon spoke in regard to Planning Board activity and 701 Funding, Secretary for his office, District activities, etc.

VII. LeRoy Vossler, County Agent has resigned to go into private enterprise in Canada. Eldon will fill in as ~~possible~~ ^{requested} until replacement is selected.

VIII. Environmental Quality Council questionnaire completed to be in mail by May 31.

IX. Water Management Study being conducted by Bureau of Reclamation. All large ditch companies notified of water measurement effort and seem ready to cooperate. YID and Rancho ditch have both requested SCS assistance to install permanent measuring devices.

X. Herb Beckers talked about SCS manpower problems, personnel ceilings, servicing two counties with people at Forsyth field office, Treasure County Conservation District status, etc.

XI. Discussion (general) was held on taxes, tax base, valuation, net proceeds tax, land values, strikes, welfare and unions.

XII. Mention made of Range ^{Committee} ~~Commission~~ organization, membership, plans for 1974 season. Range Youth Camp at Glendive, etc. Will contact 4-H and Vo Ag. students to attend. District can assist with expenses.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Roy Houser, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SCD MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 1974

Members present were: Joe Nansel, ^{OMER}~~Erk~~ Erickson and Everett Redeem. Others present were: Eldon Rice, Les Criswell, Roy Houser and Beecher Warner.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

1. Discussion held on range tour. Range committee recommends tour on Joe Nansel ranch and to include range sites, soils, plant identification, burned areas, stockwater pipelines, cross-fences, etc. Motion made and passed to furnish refreshments. Date set for July 16 at 1:00 p.m. Eldon Rice, Joe Nansel and Beecher Warner will make the arrangements.

2. Received \$400 from T. Kallen for flags. It was deposited to the SCD account.

3. The bank statement balance was \$113.03.

4. Letter from State Forester on Clark-McNary program. District will send a letter to him in support of program, tie in reclamation effort with trees!

5. Letter has already been dictated.

6. Everett Redeem reported on meeting with the county commissioners in regard to 1975 fiscal year SCD budget. Eldon Rice and Roy Houser met with the group also. The estimated land valuation taxable for SCD purposes is \$4,667,000. This times 1.5 mills - \$7,000.50. It is believed the requested budget will be acted on favorably.

7. Motion made by Everett Redeem, seconded by ^{OMER}~~Erk~~ Erickson to approve salary for Dave Lind as follows:

June 9-21 (80 hours x \$3.46)	\$276.80
June 24-July 6 (80 hours x \$3.46)	276.80
July 8-19 (80 hours x \$3.46)	276.80

Warrants were signed to cover SS, State and Federal withholding on Lind salary

Approved claim from SCS for salaries & Personnel costs ^{one}

Soil Survey activities → \$3,663.74

8. Beecher Warner reported on Range Youth Camp at Glendive. He provided transportation for Barbara Warner and Tom Nansel. About 30-35 were in attendance.

9. Received a coupon refund from the Superintendent of Documents for \$3.00. Will have to order something from them in order to use the money.

10. Board approved the extension of cooperative agreements executed last year in regard to the Soil Survey effort.

1. B.L.M.; S.C.S. and S.C.D.
2. County, S.C.D. and S.C.S.

11. A letter from A. B. Linford was read in regard to technical assistance and personnel costs to all districts in the state.

12. Schedule of assistance to Rosebud Conservation District was reviewed. Man years scheduled for 1975 fiscal year = 9.5. Six man years are assigned for the on going soil survey.

13. Governor Judge is to be in Forsyth Friday at 7:30 p.m. for a public forum. Joe Nansel will attend and speak a little in reference to the Rangeland Resource Program.

14. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Roy Houser, acting secretary

ROSEBUD COUNTY
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FORSYTH, MONTANA

June 28, 1974

Mr. Gareth Moon, administrator
Division of Forestry
2705 Spurgin Road
Missoula, Montana 59801

Dear Gary:

We, as a Soil Conservation District board who are familiar with the Clarke-McNary nursery program, wish to go on record as supporting the intent and effort of the program in all respects.

We know from experience that it has helped rural people in many ways ie; prevent soil blowing and loss, conserve moisture by reducing wind velocities, protect livestock and buildings, provide homes and haven for wildlife species and improve the livability of many farms and ranches in Montana. We know too that the job is not done! There remains many shelterbelts to plant, field windbreaks to establish and all the other many uses for trees, both deciduous and conifer.

We feel that without an assist from the Clark-McNary tree program the progress to date on these efforts would be much less and the job remaining nearly insurmountable.

We want to emphasize too that because many rural people have had success in establishing trees this has stimulated their desires for more trees and private nurseries have thus benefited.

We trust that this short letter will prove of some value in showing the great need for the "Clarke-McNary" tree program.

Yours truly,

Joe Nansel, Chairman
Everett Redeen
Omer Erickson
Harlin Steiger
Kent Montgomery

cc: SCD file
SCS-Beckers

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT - September 4, 1974

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M.

Members present: Nansel, Montgomery, Redeen, Erickson.

Others: Houser, Hoff (CEA), Lew Daniels (Soil Survey Party Chief)

1. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
2. Correspondence:
 - a.) Letter from State Forest Nursery Super. (G. Moon) in regard to response given for Clarke-McNary program.
 - b.) Letter from Ole Meland on reorganization DMRC. Change in responsibilities assigned to his office, etc. Now has Range Res. Prog., State Cons. Districts' program, Grass Cons. Dists. program. Chuck Hitch will work out of Billings on these things.
 - c.) Letter concerning KEEP session at MSU.
3. Verbal request from Darlene Buffington for \$ assistance from District for Expenses incurred in connection with taking 4-H members to Conservation Camp. County Agent, Reg Hoff, discussed matter also. He talked to Custer Co. and they won't help. Rosebud 4-H Council might. Motion by Montgomery, seconded and passed to pay Mrs. Buffington \$35.
4. Approved district cooperative agreement with John Johnson and son - 4481 ac.
5. Approval given for salary Dave Lind for pay periods as follows:

July 22 to Aug 2 (80 hours x \$3.46) = \$276.80	
Aug. 5 to Aug 16	" "
Aug. 19 to 30	" "
Sept. 2-13	" "
6. Check with ASCS to determine if Program Services funds are available for salaries. If so, try to put Lind on and use up.
7. Treasurer reports little activity this past month. Present bank balance \$125.03.
8. Discussed purchasing lath and stakes.
 - a.) Some lath available at Hysham. Tentatively has asked for 15 bdl. to be set aside. ASCS may pay for this.
 - b.) 7 bundles available at Midland. Will order. ASCS may pay for these also.
 - c.) Midland is going to cut 15-20 bdls. of stakes for us. ASCS may buy.
 - d.) Lath is real hard to find. Have asked Midland to be sure and save part of their supply for us. If they get more!
 - e.) Dave Lind is still sawing some for our use but not quite enough to supply our needs during fall rush.
9. Soil Survey- (Report by Lew Daniels)- Access and permission problems in upper Rosebud Creek area (McRae, Baileys, Broadus, Egan, Golder, etc.). Coal activity, Govt. agency environmental studies, BLM land survey, core drilling, BNRR, Seismographing, and other people pressures have these ranchers to the point they are just fed up and are saying NO! They are not hostile to SCS or it isn't that they don't understand what we are trying to do. They have said, though, that "The less others know about my place, the better!" or: Others (Coal Companies, BNRR, Govt. Agencies, Planning Boards) will benefit from the survey much more than they will. They already have a pretty good idea what they have for resources and limitations.

Board discussed this and other possible permission problems in the Colstrip area. General feeling was that we should go easy for awhile and contact them individually on a soft-sell, no pressure basis. Board members will talk with neighbors as opportunity presents itself. Suggested SCS approach Flying X Ranch direct and take our chances on permission. Didn't feel they as ranchers would have any better luck than we would.

Joe asked about soils survey advantages so they would be prepared for questions, discussion or argument. The following were listed:

1. Resource inventory of soil indicating potentials, capabilities, and hazards in managing same;
 2. Valuable data for either purchase or sale of land;
 3. Land uses and planning - some soils not suitable for agriculture, housing, drain fields, construction of dams, and other projects, or have other hazards such as flooding, overflow, gravels, bog, etc.
 4. Indicates what is there prior to mining or other land disturbance, and helps with reclamation efforts.
 5. Is a part of the national effort to inventory all soils under leadership of SCS.
6. Identify suitability for higher levels of production, ie., sprinkler irrigation.
10. Decided to send letter to Ole Meland reporting on the range tour conducted in July.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Roy Houser
Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD DECEMBER 17, 1974

Members present were: Joe Nansel, Kent Montgomery, Harlin Steiger, Omer Erickson. Others present were: Eldon Rice, Reg Hoff, and Roy Houser.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by chairman Joe Nansel. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

1. Treasurers report - Bank checking account ballance: \$125.03
The following claims were discussed and approved for payment: Motion made by Erickson and seconded by Steiger.

9-25	Dave Lind (salary)	\$311.45
	Withholding Tax	34.40
	Workmens Compensation	7.70
	Social Security	43.92
10-2	Workmens Compensation	9.04
11-1	Big Horn Conservation District Area	
	IV Meeting costs	25.30
	Dave Lind (salary)	83.75
	Social Security	7.05
12-9	Blackburn Mfg. Co. (flags)	102.78

2. Discussion was held concerning D.M.R.C. hearing to be conducted at the courthouse on Wednesday 12-18-'74. Public statements and testimony are to be received in regard to Colstrip plants 3 and 4 and the associated facilities. It was decided that the board would read a statement opposing the construction of these plants and giving several reasons for this decision. Kent Montgomery will read the statement. Main reasons for opposing approval are as follows:

1. Withdrawal of large units of water from the Yellowstone River effecting adversely all irrigation agriculture below the pumping station.
2. Air quality and emission problems. (Lets wait and see what plants 1 and 2 do to the environment first)
3. Large and sudden influxes of people and associated problems i.e., water, sewer, law enforcement, roads, schools, without adequate tax base to handle quickly enough. Always a lag in actual tax payment of from 1-2 years. High impact which present local tax base will have to cover before new plants and equipment will come onto tax rolls. (Better to burn coal elsewhere!)
4. Disruption of 5500 acres of surface area and the resulting effect on groundwater supplies both quantity and quality.
5. Rural areas, such as Rosebud County are much less able to assimilate large numbers of people than a more populated area where most of electricity is to be consumed anyway. Urban areas already have the facilities as mentioned above and 2-4,000 more people would not be that much of a change, i.e., schools, adequate roads, water, sewer, law enforcement, medical facilities plus recreation and a ~~rarity~~ variety of social outlets.

3. County mill levy budget balances as of 12-15-'74.

A. Clerical & Eng. Tech.	budgeted - \$3200	Remaining - \$3097.22
B. Education	" 200	" 116.80
C. Supervisors Expense	" 200	" 174.70
D. State & Nat'l Dues	" 300	" 300.00
E. Postage & Printing	" 100	" 100.00
F. Soil Survey	" 5616	" 3946.83

4. Letter received from E.P.A. in regard to a lagoon project to be put in by the St. Labre Indian Mission at Ashland. No comments required.
5. A training meeting on the N.A.C.D.'s Recreation Inventory will be scheduled for 1-14-'75. Supervisors and SCS people to attend.
6. It was noted that Harlin Steiger's term is up soon. Harlin was encouraged and asked if he would run again and he said he would. He is the boards representation on the County Planning Board.
7. It was felt that letters should be sent to Jack Bailey and Nick Golder, thanking them for allowing access across their lands to soil survey other ownerships. Secretary will do.
8. Further discussion was held in regard to access problems for the countywide soil survey effort. Crew has been turned down in a few instances and want boards suggestions as to approach with these people. Possibilities are: 1. Skip them and hope later they will change their minds. 2. Maybe not get at all. 3. Meet with them individually or in a group and discuss all aspects. 4. SCD board members might have more success, as it would be rancher to rancher contact.
9. Rosebud-Treasure Rangeland Resource Committee will sponsor a Range Wintering & Nutrition meeting 1-6-'75 at the ~~courthouse~~ ^{LIBRARY}. Roger Brownson Extension Livestock Specialist and Chuck Hitch, DNRC, Range Program coordinator will be on the agenda.
10. Next regular meeting will be January 29, 1975. Must decide on election, and annual program? @ 7.30
11. Houser discussed secretarial needs of SCS office. Suggested part time clerk. This person can be trained to do such as the following: a. typing b. filing c. map work d. receptionist e. assist with records and reports such as timekeeping, computer land leveling input, tracing of designs, plans, etc. Would release technical help for field work and farmer, rancher assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Roy Houser, Acting Secretary

Statement made to DNRC attached!

MINUTES OF THE ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 1974

The meeting was called to order by the vice-chairman Joe Nansel at 7:30 p.m.

Board members present were: Omer Erickson, Harlin Steiger and LeRoy Vossler, secretary. Others present were: Eldon Rice, Roy Houser, Bob Theisen, William Gillin, Keith Kimball, Les Criswell and Beecher Warner.

Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved with minor corrections.

1. First portion of meeting was a review and discussion of Rangeland Resource Program in Montana but particularly what it is intended to do locally in our counties, how it can be activated and shall we do it?

a. Beecher Warner and Roy Houser showed slide presentation on Program objectives and goals.

b. Discussion was held by all as to importance of range; livestock industry, aesthetic, recreational and watershed values.

c. Group decided to meet again on April 15, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. in the USDA building and try to get other people in also. Contact previous list.

2. A 1973 annual report must be prepared to satisfy memorandum of understanding with USDA. In addition, Ole Ueland is requesting a 1974 Work Plan.

3. Correspondence

a. Letter from Ole Ueland on water management meetings to be held in Miles City April 2, at 1:00 p.m.

b. Letter from Ole Ueland with latest personnel list of Fish and Game (Keith Seaburg at Miles City).

c. Mike Mansfield in reply to our letter on personnel ceilings.

d. Schools at Forsyth and St. Labre in regard to "Soil Conservation" magazine subscription. Thank you's!

4. County wide soil survey

a. Claims for per diem and salaries will be made in SCS state office and come through the Board for approval. Probably each 2 months.

b. J. B. Geago scheduled to be transferred here to work on survey. Experienced man from Polson.

c. Birney area still #1 priority. Area North of Northern Cheyenne Reservation will be done by two experienced soil scientists working part time out of Circle.

5. Election - Canvas ballots and check procedure. Joe Nansel elected for three year term and signed oath of office.

6. Cancel Stanley Sloan agreement - sold to W. Hayes
Approve cooperative agreement - I. Seward
Approve Plant Materials Center planting stock and seed request for Western Energy for Spoil seedings and trials.

7. Discussion held on REAP and REAP programs. Money allocations, priorities, 5% transfer funds, program services.

8. Claims for payment:

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| a. Saunders Lumber (20 bd1. lath x \$4.50) | \$90.00 |
| b. Stamps (200x.10=\$20.00; \$5.00 to Extension Service for mimeo of election forms. \$10.00 petty cash fund. | 35.00 |
| c. Mileage and expenses for Eldon Rice to return interseeder to Dawson Dist. | 15.00 |
| d. Workman's Compensation - (Jan, Feb, March) | 4.64 |

9. Bank statement shows balance of \$138.03

10. Discussion in regard to difficulty of purchasing lath. Question: Will you buy quality lath from Dave Lind at market price? (\$4.00 - \$4.25/bd1). Approval given.

11. If workload develops as is indicated, will you put Lind on district payroll as of June 17? His allotment of days on SCS payroll runs out about that time. Approval given.

12. Discussed March 1 water supply outlook.

13. Don Anderson, Resource Conservationist with the 18 county Eastern Montana Association is available to assist with preparation of District Long Range Plan.

14. Roy Houser described ^{Committee}Community for Rural Development effort to coordinate situation statements in the five county coal impact area; Rosebud, Treasure, Big Horn, Powder River and Custer. Will update ours anyway!

15. Great Plains program not in Presidents 1975 F.Y. budget. As of now no money is available for contracts or administration after July 1. This could change if proper contacts made and Congress acts favorably.

16. Conservation cartoon books delivered to all 5th graders in Rosebud County also 14 subscriptions to "Soil Conservation" magazine was renewed for Banks, Dr's offices, schools, Vo-Ag class, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.