

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2014

7:00 PM

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

7:00 pm: Meeting called to order by _____, RCD _____ @ _____ pm.

Board Members Present:

Doug McRae, Bonnie Prince, Dave Davenport, Steve Lackman, Don Youngbauer, Dennis Kenney

Board Members Absent:

7:15pm Alan Mereness

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan, Rocky Schwagler

Guests:

Treasure Report:

Treasure Report will be available at the meeting. Do we want to transfer the remaining funds from the county account to the first state bank account before the end of the fiscal year?

Meeting Minutes:

The draft minutes from the April 3, 2014 meeting are in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of the April Meeting,
- Steve second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Expense Vouchers:

Keep Bobbi informed of your travel.

Administrator Report: Included in your packet

8:00 PM

Outreach & Education:

Conservation Days- May 6th-8th

Fishing days is scheduled for May 13th

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2014.

Loans:

ROM's:

310- Permit Applications:

Reserved Water:

Arlene Ham Reserved water application for change~transfer from Arlene Ham to Ham Investment, LLC.

- Dave made a motion to approve the transfer of ownership on the Arlene Ham Reserved water,
- Steve second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

❖ Bobbi will find out about using reserved water for off stream storage.

New Business:

- Intern Application Review and selection for interviews~
 - Monday, May 5 @ 7:00 pm.

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- The conservation district needs to appoint a board of adjustments, it is required by law if we have an ordinance- our board apparently expired in 2010. Laurie said that she can find three names for the board or the board can select three members they would like.
 - Laurie Zeller can recommend
- Yellowstone River Advisory Council is hosting a meeting in Forsyth May 13th at the Rosebud County Library Basement- The Yellowstone Basin Advisory Council has completed a draft report of recommendations that it will forward to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) at the end of May.
 - Don made a motion for Steve to attend,
 - Bonnie second,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Montana Youth Range Camp 2015, their sponsor fell through so we are up if we would like to host next summer. A copy of the 2014 poster is in the office and Heidi has provided a list of what a host would need to do.
 - Steve made a motion to host the 2015 Montana Youth Range Camp,
 - Don second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Workshop Meeting, when would we like to plan our workshop that we had planned for the annual meeting? GMO's.
 - Looking at putting on a workshop on a larger scale, similar to the grass fed beef workshop that was held in Bismark in 2013.
 - Contact Don Huber see when he would be available, look into speakers like Gabe Brown, Jo Archelletta, Jerry Doan, Howard Buffet, Burke Teishure and look into a representative from Monsano.
 - Looking at the fairgrounds for a possible venue.
- Fair Booth- the traeger grill is the same cost no matter where we go in Rosebud County, I did ask the Hardware store if they would be willing to lend us a patio set to use at the fair and we would purchase the grill from, them.
 - We need to order pens and something for the fair to hand out. Any ideas or preferences. Last year we had pens and mini stadium cups.

Soil Health Initiative:

2014- sign ups

No-Till Drill:

Very busy since we have gotten up and running.

Newsletter: Next deadline is July 15th

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

Shareholders meeting with State FWP, Fed FWP-ACE,

The council supports the fish passage as it is and the core it going to build and turn the maintenance over to the irrigators.

The study is getting completed.

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

Waiting on Farmbill- it is going to be late on getting contracts

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Range Grazing Cover Crop Tour

½ Day June 26th.

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: Doug McRae:

Some representatives from the group met with the governor asking for his support and requesting that he stop the funds being taken out of the CBM funding.

Southeast MT Fuels Reduction Grant: Chris Pilesky & Andy Miller:

Chris & Andy will have a report ready for the meeting.

Ten Minute Training: AGAIN NTD VIDE segment

How To use your NO Till Drill! We will watch a segment on the DVD we purchased.

Next meeting Agenda:

2015 Budget

Employee Review

Open Mike Board Members:

Vehicle they are still looking.

Public Comments:

9:00 pm:

ADJOURN: Motion by Steve Lackman @10:22 PM