

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2018

7:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order by Doug McRae @7:09 pm.

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Board Members Present:

Dave Davenport, Jason Brewer, Doug McRae, Don Youngbauer, Alan Mereness

Board Members Absent:

Bonnie Prince

Others Present:

Kathy Knobloch, Dennis Kenney, Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer

Guests:

Dan Casey, Coordinator with Northern Great Plains Joint Venture

Handed out several handouts and presented a power point presentation about the Northern Great Plains Join Venture

Birds-Grants-working lands wildlife- strong connections with NRCS programs.

They hold the annual meeting min Miles City. They have projects in Blaine, Philips and Valley Counties on lands that are retiring CRP. Pine encroachments and Rangelands. They will be at the MACD convention in Billings in November.

Treasurer's Report:

September & October

- Alan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for September,
- Dave seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.
- Dave made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for October,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting Minutes:

August 2, 2018 draft minutes in your September packet.

- Alan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting,
- Dave seconded the monition,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Expense Vouchers:

Please let Bobbi know if you plan to attend a meeting, workshop, or tour on behalf of the Conservation District.

Administrator Report: in your packet

Admin assistant report: in your packet

Outreach & Education:

*Working on ordering everything needed for the sandbox and plan to have it in schools by the end of September for test runs.

*there are other grant opportunities for hoop house, community garden and pollinators plantings. Visiting with NRCS there may also be another round of funding next year for these projects.

Meeting Schedule:

November 1, 2018

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Loans:

310- Permit Applications:

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Roger Lothspeich through Terracon is applying for a stabilization project on the Yellowstone near Hathaway. He had a dike that washed out along with the road and now into the fields with pivot on them.

- Dave made a motion to approve the 310 application as proposed and designed,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Kim Nile 310 application for Stabilization on the Yellowstone

- Alan made a motion to approve the application as proposed,
- Dave seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Davis-work on the Yellowstone banks repairing dike, have not received his application yet.

Still have not received a completed application

Helen Woods on the Tongue river. Barbs and stabilization- in your meeting packet

- Alan made a motion to approve the application,
- Dave seconded the motion with modification that the district recommend that they do not disturb the wetlands near the site,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Reserved Water:

New Business:

Conservationist of the year:

The RCD is also hosting the banquet this year.

Pat & Christy Lohof.

- Alan made motion to honor Pat & Christy Lohoff for their conservation efforts at the 2019 Rosebud, Treasure cd's annual banquet,
- Don seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

ARC GIS training for Bobbi & Monica-

NRCS does have the programs but have not provided it to districts over the years. With Jeff as the only NRCS employee, producers have had to wait for him to get maps. If we could print maps and have the training for the program it would help Jeff.

Reg Hoff Memorial Scholarship:

His family is currently in Washington DC accepting a Reclamation Award that Reg was awarded shortly before passing. Bobbi has been asked to call later in the next week to visit with Lana. His girls are sharing the news with her and are very honored. Details will come following the Oct. meeting.

Forestry Programs:

FIF 17 Payments are going out and project finishing up. Deadline December 31, 2018.

WUI 2019- we made the state level and our application is going to be presented at the regional level. Bobbi is working with Andy Miller and the DNRC Forestry

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Division office in Missoula and refining the application to make it more appealing to reviewers.

There is a small pot of funds from DNRC in Helena to assist landowners who have been impacted by the 2017 & 2018 Fire seasons.

AIS~ Aquatic Invasive Species:

Monica will update.

Workshop in Huntley on the 24th of October. Bobbi and Monica will both be there that afternoon.

Augmented Reality Sandbox:

Ordering supplies and working with other cds on the projects

Soil Health Initiative:

No-Till Drill:

Still busy

Newsletter:

Monica-starting a cd spotlight, first spotlight on Gloria Menke who is retiring from Big Horn CD after 40+ years of service.

MACD DUES:

MACD denied our request for exception on the remainder of our dues. They have requested the remainder of our dues if we want to have a vote in the MACD business. Email is in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to pay the remainder of our dues to keep Don in good standing on boards,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

NRCS: Kathy Knobloch~

Priority for Local working group,

- Jason made a motion to change the focus from Dryland to Rangeland,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

Meeting will be held the last day of Convention, they are looking for corporate sponsors.

Wildlife Ramps & Forsyth FFA:

How can we work with the Forsyth FFA to help them benefit from the ramps and we assist with the ordering process?

Bobbi has visited with Jan and she said that they are very interested, but that if we could provide the materials and pay them for putting the ramps together that would work best. Thoughts and ideas are appreciated.

- Dave made a motion to support materials for the Forsyth FFA to build the ramps,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the Motion passed.

Filling vacancy on the board:

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Rocky Schwagler has expressed interest in being on the board as an urban supervisor. We would fill Reg's position with Jason and send a recommendation to the city of Colstrip to appoint Rocky.

Bring nominations to the meeting.

Alan will talk to John about Bonnie

Upcoming Events:

~Area 4 meeting in Roundup on September 17, 2018

~September 19 YRCDC Regional Open house at the Rosebud County Library @ 6pm. YRCDC has requested that the district host the dinner prior to the event.

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

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA:

Employee Reviews:

Tabled Bobbi's and will need to do Monica's.

Next meeting Agenda:

Pay increase for employees

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN:

9 pm: