

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA

September 7, 2017

7:00 PM

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

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Doug McRae @ 7:12 pm.

Board Members Present:

Alan Mereness, Reg Hoff, Doug McRae, Don Youngbauer,

Board Members Absent:

Jason Brewer, Bonnie, Dave Davenport, Dennis Kenney

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan, Heather Nenninger, Monica Boyer, Rocky Schwagler

Guests:

Treasure Report:

Available at the meeting,

Meeting Minutes:

Monica reviewed the treasure report for the board.

- Alan made a motion to approve the treasure report,
- Don 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: Report in packet

Admin assistant report: Report with Administrator report in packet.

Outreach & Education:

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017.

Loans:

310- Permit Applications:

Reserved Water:

RS-025-YL-Bryan Bennet, Public notices will go out for the week of September 14th & 21st. Duane will set up a meeting during our regular rcd board meeting to review with you and give recommendations regarding

- Duane Claypool will attend the November board meeting to review the application with the board and make a recommendation.

New Business:

Area IV Meeting:

Hosted by Upper Musselshell in Harlowton on September 22, 2017.

Hats/coats:

Monica is working on ordering, if we don't have your sizes call, or we will guess☺

Vest or coat is ok with Alan.

Display/flyers:

We are working with the company to put the first display together, plan to have at our area meeting in Harlowton.

Supervisor Summit: hosted by Cascade CD in Great Falls- flyer is in your packet. Cascade is working on scholarships to help cover the costs for cds.

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This is a great opportunity for new and seasoned supervisors and staff. I encourage at least one supervisor to attend this event. Preferably more.

New projects the district may be interested in working on:

AG Expo in Hysham with Treasure CD

Recycling programs-Monica will continue to research the best options.

If you have any ideas or thoughts on programs, please bring them to the meeting.

- 3 places in the state of Montana and need to find out if they are willing to take the product if we started a program.

Track filler:

Alan will check on more information/the old one needs to be replaced. Any thoughts on this.

- Need to check in and out just like the no till drill

RCD Local Soil Health Tour:

September 8th, starting at the Forsyth USDA Center then BBQ at the park. North 40 Ag is helping with tour and providing refreshments and food!

Forestry Grants:

Ready go! Currently 3 producers have applied and one is in the works. There are still a few funds available.

Will be requesting an extension for the FIF 17. The grant currently expires December 31, 2017. The request for extension will be June 30, 2018.

Soil Health Initiative:

No-Till Drill: probably time to decide what to do with the existing drill

- Update and revise the contract for cleaning cost associated with producers using the drill and returning it or passing it on to the next producer when it has not been cleaned properly.
- We will list the drill for sale for \$45k. Advertise in Newsletter and on website, and in various avenues.

Newsletter: Monica has put out the summer newsletter and the next one is scheduled for November.

Reg has attended the Local Weed Board meetings, and would like to see the district work more with Amy on getting information out.

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

No mention on jobs-Dave Pratt- the circle office and other vacant offices throughout the state.

Budget is the same as last year.

ECP right now- needs for fire, basically replacing fences. There will be money for 2018, October 1st, for tanks, grazing and fences.

State Conservationist Lisa Coverdale is retiring the end of October

YRDC: Don Youngbauer:

Meeting with the Council and Dan Rostad, they are cutting budget, looking for funding, would like to get funding from somewhere other than the government.

CMZ-work groups and getting people in the field.

Next meeting is Friday September 8, 2017.

Upcoming Events: for more information ask Bobbi or Monica

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Soil Health Buss Tour September 12-14

MACD Board Conference Call, September 11, 8 am

Soil Health Series Webinar, September 12, 12pm-1pm

Musselshell Watershed Tour, September 18-20, Harlowton

Jim Gerrish Sustainable Grazing Workshop, September 19, Dodson MT

****Supervisors Summit, October 31-November 2, Great Falls****

MACD Annual Convention, November 14-16, Bozeman

Soil Health Workshops, Brendon Rockey, Steve Kenyon, Wendy Taheri, & Derek Axten, Jan 16-19, various locations from around the state.

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA:

Possible Claims

Next meeting Agenda:

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

Heather is interested in hosting a workshop.

9 pm:

As far as the 223 grant for the riparian systems. She is done on the eastern mt. sights and maybe one more to do.

ADJOURN: 8:51 pm