

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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August 11, 2016

7:00 PM

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

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Meeting called to order by Doug McRae RCD Chair @ 8:06 pm.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Bonnie Prince, Jason Brewer

**Others Present:**

**Guests:** John Hughes-USFWP

**Treasure Report:**

Available at the meeting.

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

The draft minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be available in your meeting packet.

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

**Expense Vouchers:**

Let me know what you have going on, FY supervisor travel checks at meeting.

**Administrator Report:** Report included in your packet.

**Outreach & Education:**

**Meeting Schedule:**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2016

**September 8th**

**Loans:**

Land Value Calculations-Bonnie has done some research and Bobbi will continue to gather information for the meeting.

**The Consensus of the board is to keep the current calculations for real estate values**

**310- Permit Applications:**

**Reserved Water:**

Yellowstone conservation district will hold a meeting with Kim Overcast in November

**New Business:**

**Black footed Ferret/Prairie Dogs~**

John Hughes USFWP would like to visit with the cd about some incentives available for loss due to prairie dogs.

Black footed ferret-1979 the ferret was supposedly extinct, in 1981 there were 700 in the world, and they are all from 7 individuals. USFWP- is interested in compensating landowners for allowing them to put the black footed ferret on

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their prairie dog towns for a period of 3 years and \$18/ acre- allowing the reintroduction of the ferret.

FY18 in MT paid to monitor and introduce, can still graze the land. No poisoning, or hunting of the core area.

500,000 acres across 12 states, through the incentive they could get the ferret off of endangers species list.

They are looking for situations to benefit landowners. Right now it is up to NRCS state Conservationist to decide if they want to put EQIP dollars towards the ferret.

## ***Area IV Meeting:***

We are hosting the area IV meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Exhibition hall at the fairgrounds. Speakers, tours?

***Resolutions:*** Included in your packet is a resolution proposed by Lewis & Clark, ***“Local Work Group Defined Priorities and Funding***

Cascade us also submitting a few resolutions, copies are provided in your packet.

All resolutions have to be in to MACD By September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Proposed a resolution regarding the districts stance on the current Reserved Water and FWP.**

**Contact the Iron Horse to cater the event.**

## ***2016 Soil Health Workshop:***

Brendon Rockey & Jay Fuhrer, Jill Clapperton, Gregg Simonds, and Jimmy Clemmons are all available. Draft flyer is in progress and should be ready for the meeting.

***Part time employee proposal:*** a short draft job description for a part time employee is in your packets.

**Bobbi will run and add and interviews at next meeting.**

## ***Soil Health Initiative:***

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

Going good, ordered logos, and cover.

### ***Newsletter: still behind***

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

Duane Claypool approaches to implement ideas on water management.

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

EQIP in Rosebud & Treasure

Tech. assistance on Projects and the SHWS

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

### ***CBMPA:***

### ***Forests in Focus:***

Some minor amendments on the Custer County project, and the remaining projects are nearing completion.

***Employee Review:*** tabled from June & July.

### ***Next meeting Agenda:***

Soil health 2016

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*Open Mike Board Members:*

*Public Comments:*

*ADJOURN: Motion by Reg @ 9:45 PM*

*9 pm:*