

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2019

5:00 PM

USDA Service Center, 270 Prospect, Forsyth, MT 59327

Meeting called to order by Doug McRae @ 5:15 pm.

5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Rocky Schwagler, Dennis Kenney, Alan Mereness, Dave Davenport, Doug McRae

Board Members Absent:

Jason Brewer, Don Youngbauer

Others Present:

Heather Nenninger, Bobbi Vannattan, Danny Pratt

Guests:

Treasurer's Report:

In your packet

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

Meeting Minutes:

November 7, 2019 draft minutes in your packet.

- Alan made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting,
- Rocky seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Expense Vouchers: keep me updated on any travel you do for the district

Administrator Report: in Packet

Admin assistant report: in packet

Outreach & Education:

Colstrip Schools wants the rolling rivers trailer- Alan or one of the supervisors may be able to pick up the trailer in Glendive or Terry.

Meeting Schedule:

January 9, 2020 at 5:15PM

Public meeting for 310 rule change on January 9 at 5 pm RCD board meeting directly following the public meeting.

Close meeting-Loans: Invoices out to producers to pay by the 15th of January.

Hein Cattle has requested the district subordinate to the First State Bank.

- Alan Made a motion to grant the subordination,
- Rocky seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed.

310- Permit Applications:

We need to update our model rules to reflect changes in the law HB383 changing supervisor decision from 15 days to 30 days (Bobbi has started getting the public notice together for a public meeting before our January board meeting if there are no other changes the board would like to make)

- Alan made a motion to make the changes,
- Dave seconded the motion,

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- Public meeting will be held on January 9 at 5pm.
- All in favor and the motion passed.

AIS~ Aquatic Invasive Species:

Monica is in Helena for the AIS state meetings. The next round of applications for AIS is now open until January 23, 2020 at 5pm. Monica and I will be working on the next grant application.

Soil Health Initiative:

- Alan made a motion to move \$250 from administration to SHI,
- Dave 2nd the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

No-Till Drill:

We have had several producers who are already getting their names on the calendar for this spring.

Trackfiller:

Alan & Jason

Newsletter: Monica

New Business-

MOA & Statement of Work between Districts and NRCS: as of now we are still waiting on the approved drafts from NRCS and DNRC.

Filling urban supervisor position:

I contacted Mayor Williams and sent him the information that DNRC has for supervisor roles.

MACD: Don Youngbauer-

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

NRCS: Danny Pratt-

Wildlife Ramps & Forsyth FFA:

Still waiting on Jan to get invoice to us and then she can bill producers.

Sage Grouse Fence Markers:

CD Van- tabled from our last meeting, not an urgent issue, our van is great in the summer, but terrible in the fall, winter and spring. A suburban or similar has the 3rd row seating and is available in 4wd. Clearance is also an important factor when going in the field or on-site visits.

Meetings and travel:

December 12- Coal Board Meetings in Billings-DNRC has requested that Bobbi attend as a possible source of funding projects in the future

December 13- Area 4 Administrator meeting-held quarterly in Billings

Upcoming Events:

AIS Meeting Helena-December (Monica will be attending 2 days)

CBMPA-Conference call now scheduled for the 12th of December at 10 am

HID meeting in Forsyth for the Planning grant on December 11th at the Forsyth USDA center

Coal Board meeting in Billings on December 12th. Bobbi has been invited to attend by DNRC

28th Annual National No-tillage conference in St Louis Missouri January 7-10, 2020

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Ranching for Profit in Billings Jan 12-18, 2020.

Soil Health Symposium in Billings (SWCDMI-NRCS) February 4-5, 2020.

Soil Health Innovations (MSU Bozeman) March 30-31, 2020

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: conference call on the 12th

Annual Plan: Updated with new programs, HID Project.

Open Mike Board Members:

8 ***pm:*** ***Public Comments:***

Next Meeting:

Board officers

Annual plan

310 Model rules update

ADJOURN: