

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2019

7:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order by David Davenport @ 7 pm.

7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Rocky Schwagler, Jason Brewer, Dave Davenport, Don Youngbauer, Alan Mereness

Board Members Absent:

Doug McRae

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer, Heather Nenninger, Kerri Bilbo, Danny Pratt, John Hofer & Joseph Hofer

Guests:

_Keri Bilbo, Bozeman NRCS

John Hofer-310

Treasurer's Report:

available at meeting.

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

Meeting Minutes:

January 3, 2019 draft minutes were in your March packet and are in your binder.

- 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:

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

Administrator Report: available at meeting.

Admin assistant report: available at meeting

Employee Pay & Benefits:

Tabled

Outreach & Education:

Conservation Days May 6 & 9, 2019. Waiting to hear back from St. Labre & Hysham.

Meeting Schedule:

May 2, 2019 @ 7pm

Loans:

Update on DF delinquent.

310- Permit Applications:

Hammond Valley Colony after starting a project on the Yellowstone have submitted a joint application for the portions completed and the stabilization that will come. Copies of application and pictures are in your packet. A site visit will be scheduled for

- -Alan made a motion to approve the 310 application,

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- Don seconded the motion
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Rosebud Treasure County Annual Banquet:

Payment to FFA for catering.

- Jason made a motion to pay the Forsyth FFA chapter \$1,000 for catering the event,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Reg Hoff Memorial Scholarship:

2 x \$750.

Forestry Programs:

FIF Billing. \$50k, \$5k administrative \$45K program reimbursement. The final report is pending photos of completed projects. There is a tour of projects taking place on June 4th. It would be great if one of the cd supervisors was available to attend. 3-29- I requested permission to bill and submit final without the final pictures and was approved by DNRC.

AIS~ Aquatic Invasive Species:

Monica will update.

Check with cds in the region for interest in people who would be willing to do monitoring along the Yellowstone River reach and the Big Horn watershed area. Will be sending out mailers to entities that would be affected by the introduction of the mussels in our waters.

Augmented Reality Sandbox:

Working on the calibration of the unit.

Soil Health Initiative:

No-Till Drill:

Trackfiller:

Alan-

Newsletter:

New Business-

Local Working Group Meeting:

MACD Dues: \$5,322.78

Supervisor ID:

If I don't already have your info, I will get it at the meeting. Cards can be used for state rate hotel rooms and other events.

Gardening workshop April 12, 2019:

Partnering with Treasure County CD, MSU Extension-Wayne & Connie Burleson-Bucket Composting, tree tour, arborists and Master Gardner's speaking.

Weather stations in Rosebud County:

We have had inquiries to check into weather stations in Rosebud County. It would include going after grants and seeking local interest and investments. Contact Kevin Hide. Montana Climate Center may have stations in our area as well.

NRCS: Danny Pratt~

EQIP will be ranked by the end of April.

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YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

Meeting in June and will be looking at irrigation efficiency on the Yellowstone.

Wildlife Ramps & Forsyth FFA:

20 extra have been ordered to keep on hand at the cd office. Jan has been super busy and they plan to get on the ramps as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events:

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA:

Rosebud County Flood Plain Administrator:

Annual Plan:

Open Mike Board Members:

9 *pm*:

- Jason made a motion to pursue a 223 grant to fund the development of a long-range plan for the Hammond Irrigation District,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: 9:34 pm