

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 23, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chm., Duane Martens, V.Chm., Robert Heinle, Jack Knobloch, and Keith Lockie.

Not Present: Joe Nansel, Tom Wimer, excused.

Others Present: Duane Claypool, DNRC, Tammy DeCock, SCS, and Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman, Dennis Kenney at 2:00 p.m. Minutes of the 11/28/90 meeting were approved as written. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 27th at 2:00 p.m. The Annual Banquet is scheduled for February 26th at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

	COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN	ACC'T.	P.
Balances Brought Forward:	38122.81	1784.13	912.75	209331.75		64.
1645 DNRC Extension/Watson	25.00					
1646 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P. 23 (604.36)	701.60					
1647 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P. 23 (588.13)	781.60					
1648 Caprice Gregory RC&D mtg/Glendive	67.58					
1649 US West Phone Service/Calls	64.30					
1650 Independent Ent Ads/RC&D	42.65					
1651 Dennis Kenney MACD Mtg Expenses	62.34					
1652 Duane Martens MACD Mtg Expenses	74.70					
1653 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P. 24 (604.36)	701.60					
1654 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P. 24 (588.13)	781.60					
1655 Jeanne LaBree Reserved Water Mtg/MiCY	21.40					
1656 IRS(wh-480.92)& Matching Benefits(PP23&24)	226.94					
1657 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P. 25 (604.36)	701.60					
1658 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P. 25 (588.13)	781.60					
1659 Clark's Hardware Supplies/pressure gauge	6.30					
1660 Unemployment Ins. 4th Quarter	15.57					
1661 Yellowstone Phar Film Development	14.86					
1662 Caprice Gregory RC&D Mtg/Glendive	72.93					
1663 Selby's Maintenance Agr./Armonia	294.01					
1664 Matt Kurkowski Wages/P.P. 26 (608.99)	701.60					
1665 Jeanne LaBree Wages/P.P. 26 (590.64)	781.60					
1666 AMS Dues	100.00					
1667 Robert Heinle Reserved Water Mtg.	11.50					
1668 State Treasurer 4th Qtr. Withholding(351.75)						
1669 State Fund 4th Qtr Payroll Tax	29.07					
1670 IRS (WH=240.47) Matching Benefits P.P. 25	113.46					
1671 US West Phone Service/calls	51.96					
1672 U.S. Post Office Stamps/Mail Package	28.40					
1673 N A C D Dues	550.00					
1674 U.S. Post Office Bulk Permit Annual Fee	60.00					
1675 Star Printing Supplies	10.44					
1676 St Compensation 4th Qtr Workmen's Comp	62.97					
1673 1st State Bank Fax to Mi Cy AO		10.00				
P.C. Jack's IGA Meeting Expenses						7.
P.C. Range Telephone Blue Print Aerial						3.
TOTALS	7939.18	10.00	-0-	-0-		11.

INCOME:					
Loan Account	Payments: Ferguson, Nile, Payer			4410.00	
	McDaniels, Kanta, and Batey			4620.00	
	Interest (October & November)			1404.34	
District Account:	Interest	23.28			
	Insurance Fee/MACD BLUE Cross	96.00			
Petty Cash:	Blue Print/L.O. Maps Dupont				10.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:	COUNTY	DISTRICT	C R P	LOAN ACCOUNT	
CARRIED FORWARD:	\$30183.63	1893.41	912.75	219766.09	71

Duane made a motion to accept the financial statement. Robert seconded and motion carried.

WATER RESERVATIONS: Duane Claypool gave a report on the Yellowstone River Basin Reserved Water. The supervisors were reminded that out of the 87003 acre feet of water granted, 491.6 ac/ft. has been allocated for seven projects. Tim Patrick's request (RS-011-YL) is pending verification of land ownership. Both the upper and lower Yellowstone Basins are behind in their planned schedules to allocate reserved water, probably due to adverse financial conditions for agriculture and the lateness in getting the reserved water application process started. Powder River CD in the Lower Basin, however, is close to schedule in their allocations.

Pick Sloan Mtg. in Billings was attended by Dennis Kenney and Robert Heinle and Duane Claypool. Duane gave a report on the meeting and said representatives from Mid Yellowstone Electric, MPC, WAPA, Bureau of Reclamation, and Baucus' office attended. All Montana's delegates were invited to be represented. The Hammond, Hathaway, and Haidle Irrigation Districts are being considered for Pick Sloan power but individual districts must get firm wheeling costs and find out whether or not Pick Sloan power can be obtained at these sites. The LYODDC will be drafting legislation which someone from the Montana delegation will submit. At this time, it looks feasible for Hammond and Haidle Irr. Districts to utilize this power, but Hathaway Irr. is finding that it may not be an advantage.

Dennis Kenney and Jeanne LaBree attended the reserved water meeting in Miles City on Dec. 12th. Copies of the issues discussed were given to each supervisor and Dennis reported on the meeting. It was noted that after the meeting, letters were sent to districts informing them that the Ad Hoc Committee was recommending the issuance of water right permits to people who developed reserved water, after five years of use, and reducing the districts water reservation proportionally. Dennis noted that this time frame was not discussed at the meeting and the only conservation district that seemed to be for such a transfer was Powder River CD. The board opposed the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations but discussed the possibility of relinquishing the Water User's Annual Report to cut down on paperwork for the water user. Dennis cited several reasons, and the board concurred, for keeping the reserved water as is: 1) If the water user is issued a water right permit, and he abandons it, the water could be reallocated for other uses. 2) The water user could sell or lease this water right away from the land and agricultural use, and 3) BNRC will no doubt revoke all remaining unallocated water after a certain period, leaving no assurance that agriculture will have water for future use. Robert made a motion to send letters to all Board of Natural Resource members, and notifying MACD and Ray Beck's office, that the district is opposed to the suggested legislation. Keith seconded and motion unanimously carried by voice vote. It was noted that the Ad Hoc Committee should be informed that the district would like to see a change in rules relinquishing the need for the Annual Water User's Report after a period of time (3-5 years).

RC & D: It was noted that Caprice Gregory is attending an Eastern Plains RC&D meeting in Glendive at this time. Dennis mentioned that he and Caprice met with commissioner Hank Stokke and discussed the need for \$300/county for RC&D expenses. Hank agreed that the county would pay half but would need a claim form signed by the RC&D. Diane McLean officially represents the county according to Hank. Duane made a motion to pay \$150 to the RC&D. Jack seconded and motion carried. A letter was sent to Senator Weeding and Representative McCaffree, as well as Monty Sealey, supporting Judith Basin Conservation District's request for a grant to fund up to 4 new RC&Ds.

ADDITION TO ROSEBUD CD: Laurie Zellar, Conservation Districts Bureau, sent a petition form so that Dennis Kenney's property, within the city limits of Forsyth, could be added to the Rosebud Conservation district. Keith made a motion to accept the request to annex the Kenney property. Robert seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried by voice vote. The petition will be forwarded to DNRC and a public hearing will be scheduled, probably at the next regular meeting.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: An invoice for \$12,836.69 was received for expenses incurred from 01/01/90 through 12/31/90. Duane made a motion to submit the invoice to the Coal Board for payment. Robert seconded and motion carried.

OF ENGINEERS FEE HIKE: Received request from MACD to send letters protesting this fee hike of \$10 to \$500 for noncommercial activity, etc. We had already sent letters to our congressmen and to the Corps protesting this hike. Only received letter from Max Baucus' to date.

LOAN PROGRAM: Herb Mobley: After discussing Herb's request to release his mortgage, with supervisors by phone, it was decided that because of the urgency of this release a full board should discuss the request. Herb was notified that it would be more expedient for him to pay off the amount due, which is only \$3,720 at this time, rather than waiting for a board meeting. As yet there has been no word from Herb.

Sivert Mysse: Sivert requests a \$35,000 loan to do some waterspreading on approximately 540 a. It was noted that his land description did not coincide with the acres he offered and therefore the board did not take any action at this time. Sivert will be notified that he will need to clear up this discrepancy and probably should offer more collateral.

SCS UPDATE: It was noted that Terry Johnson has officially agreed to come to Forsyth and will be here by the 1st of June. Roy also informed the board about the Wetland Inventory which SCS will be conducting. Initially, the wetlands will be determined through infra red photography and will be delineated on maps here in the office.

ANNUAL BANQUET: The banquet is scheduled for February 26th at the Multi Purpose room in Hysham High School. Bob Ross will be the speaker and Rosebud CD will help with the cost of his fee. Treasure is selling tickets for \$8.00/individual. Ads will be placed in both newspapers and invitations will be sent those that are usually invited.

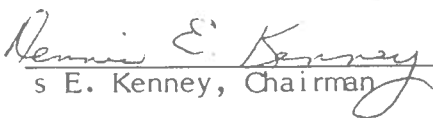
A L PLAN FOR 1991: Priorities were discussed. Prairie dog control was added to the list of major concerns and special emphasis will be made on getting the newsletter out every two months. The plan should be ready for signing at next meeting.

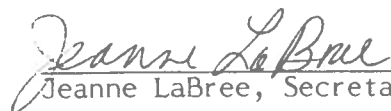
ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman: Dennis Kenney nominated Duane Martens. Duane declined and nominated Dennis Kenney. Robert Heinle moved that nominations cease. Keith seconded the motion and motion carried. There being no other nominees, Dennis was unanimously elected Chairman. Vice Chairman: Jack Knobloch nominated Duane Martens for Vice Chairman. Keith moved that nominations cease. Robert Heinle seconded and motion carried. There being no other nominees, Duane was unanimously elected Vice Chairman. Secretary-Treasurer: Keith Lockie made a motion that Jeanne LaBree continue to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Duane seconded and motion carried.

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK is April 28 through May 5th. Theme is "As you Sow", and Jeanne LaBree is authorized to order whatever material the schools, churches, etc. may want.

NOTES FROM RAY BECK were handed to each supervisor.

There being no further business, Duane made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chairman; Joe Nansel, Jack Knobloch, Tom Wimer, Caprice Gregory.
Not Present: Duane Martens, Keith Lockie, Robert Heinle.
Others Present: Roy Hall, DC; Shirley Bollinger, SC; Tammy DeCock; Darrel Grogan, FmHA Co.Director

The meeting was brought to order at 2:00 p.m. in the SCS meeting room. Minutes of the January 23rd meeting were approved as read. The next meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on March 27th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT.	F
Balances brought forward:			\$30,183.63	1893.41	912.75	219766.09	71
2677	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 01	701.60				
2678	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 01	781.60				
2679	Universal Awards	Plaque/Bloxham	57.73				
2680	IRS (w.h.) +	Matching Benefits	226.94				
2681	Caprice Gregory	RC&D expenses	74.00				
2682	Eastern Plains RC&D	Dues	150.00				
2683	U.S. Post Office	Bulk Mailing	31.53				
2684	M A C D	Dues/PMC	4025.00				
2685	Clerk & Recorder	Mortgage Release/Mobley	5.00				
2686	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 02	701.60				
2687	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 02	781.60				
2688	U.S. West	Phone Service	55.51				
2689	Blackburn Mfg.	2000 marking flags	84.46				
2690	N A C D	Dist Cups/Awards	92.25				
2691	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 03	701.60				
2692	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 03	781.60				
2693	IRS	Matching Benefits	226.94				
2694	MT School of Mines	Water Monitoring Project	12836.69				
764	Clerk & Recorder	Mortgage Release/Schiffer		5.00			
765	Rosebud Library	Rental:Soils & Canola Mtgs.		20.00			
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expenses					8
TOTAL EXPENSES			22,315.65	25.00	-0-	-0-	8

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY BUDGET	Coal Board	12836.69					
LOAN ACCOUNT	Mobley loan Pay off					\$3,720.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Schiffer Loan payoff					25,980.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Bradley/Weight Payments					890.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Interest for December					480.16	
TOTAL INCOME		12836.69	-0-	-0-		31,070.16	
CARRIED FORWARD:		\$20,704.67	\$1,868.41	912.75		\$250,836.25	6

Jack Knobloch made a motion to accept the financial statement. Tom seconded and motion carried.

LEGISLATION: HB437 and SB247, bills to provide funding to conservation districts, were tabled in committee. The district wrote letters to the committee and their legislators, supporting these bills and Peggy Parmelee, MACD Executive Vice President, says there is hope in getting these bills revived. SB314, dealing with reserved water, passed the Senate. The board wrote in opposition of this bill because it called for the transfer of district authorizations to individual permits after five years of use AND proportionally decrease the districts reserved water. I informed Jeanne that this was taken out of the bill because of the discord between districts and lack of time districts had to address it. SB212, giving individuals the right to sell, lease, change use, etc., did not make it out of committee. The district also wrote letters opposing this bill.

ADDITION TO DISTRICT: Our next meeting, March 27th at 2:00 p.m., will be public noticed for three weeks. Also Public Notices will be placed in the courthouse, postoffice, USDA building, and County Library. After the public meeting, the supervisors will sign the application to

Additional territory to the district, and send to Laurie Zellar, Adm. Assistant, Conservation Bureau.

US FOREST SERVICE SALE POLICY: Judith Basin CD would like the district to write letters opposing the US Forest Service' sale policy and "resultant destruction of small diameter timber". Dennis agreed that, in the West part of the state, there seemed to be a lot destruction of trees that were salvageable. After a discussion as to what the forest policy is and why, it was decided that Judith Basin would be sent a letter saying we would visit with local Forest Service personnel.

WATER RESERVATIONS: Tim Patrick (RS-011-YL). Duane Claypool called to inform us that Tim Patrick terminated his application for reserved water. He asked that we send a letter to the Water Rights Bureau, terminating our application for change. This was done on 2/20/91. A refund of our \$50 should be forthcoming.

EASTERN PLAINS RC&D: Mike Carlson sent his thanks for our \$150 contribution and said he would be available to talk to our board or our local RC&D members. It was decided that we would not request his services at this time. Dennis asked Caprice if she knew whether or not the County had paid their \$150. Caprice informed the board that a claim had been sent to the county and she assumed they would be paying this soon.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS RATE HIKE: Received a letter from Pat Williams, and copy of his letter to Corps, stating his objections to the "exhorbitant" rate hike because he felt the public should continue helping with the costs as the regulations necessitating permits are designed to protect public interests.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: The Quarterly Report was received from the Bureau of Mines & Geology. It was also sent to the Coal Board. Wayne Van Voast's cover letter states that they are still working busy on the project and hope to try to install the data base and graphics on the district's computer in about a month.

LOAN PROGRAM: Cash: \$250,836.25 Approved: \$35,000 Obligated: \$63,600 Balance: \$152,236 The amount obligated was reduced by Schiffer's and Mobley's payment of entire loan. Sivert Myse loan request: A new security information sheet was received. Myse's offer first mortgage on 1192 acres of rangeland. Water and road is available. It was noted that the waterspreading project may not come to \$35,000. Joe made a motion to approve the loan. Jack seconded and motion carried.

Schiffer Ranch Co.: Schiffer's requested a mortgage release so they could complete a purchase of the Galt place. Their lender would not accept second position and therefore the district mortgage of \$35,000 had to be released. This had to be done by the next day. After talking this over with several supervisors, it was decided that a release, and then coming back in with second position behind a substantial increase under the first mortgage, would have to be a board decision. The \$25,980 owing was then paid off. Schiffer now requests the district take whatever actions necessary to regain the loan. The pros and cons were discussed at length and it was decided that no action should be taken without a complete update of security information, i.e., revised amount of land and debt. Whether or not to re-execute loan for practices completed will be decided at full board meeting and with the above information at hand.

Gatewood: Dennis informed the board that he had visited with John Forsythe, County Attorney, and Forsythe suggested that he find out what Gatewood's financial situation is before making a decision on the action needed to be taken. Forsythe's secretary informed Jeanne that they would have to check through Dun and Bradstreet and because they were not a member it would cost \$60.00 through a credit card only. Jack made a motion that this credit check be done and the district would reimburse Dennis for the use of his credit card. Tom seconded and motion carried.

Connie Bell: Connie has not made the December payment which was agreed upon when renegotiating his loan. Connie stopped in the office and said he was having a hard time coming up with any money and was informed that action could be taken through his promissory notes. He later came in and said a payment would be forthcoming in a few days. Dennis Kenney asked the board if he should visit with Connie, informing him of the action that could be taken. The board agreed that this may be a good idea. Darrel Grogan from FmHA discussed Connie's predicament and also

PLAINS APPLICATIONS: Jack Ferguson, Jr. requests a Great Plains contract on 10 sections he recently purchased from Jack Galt. SCS gives this application a #1 priority. Tammy explained that the place is in need of water development. Galt's had a GP contract on the place and the money left when it was completed could be utilized by Jack. Joe made a motion to concur with SCS priority. Jack seconded and motion carried.

Frank LaBree requests a Great Plains contract on approximately 6720 acres. This is also given a #1 priority. Frank plans crossfencing, water development, stockwater pipeline, brush control, and waterspreading. Tom made a motion to concur with the #1 priority. Joe seconded and motion carried.

Tammy explained the priority system to the board. A #1 priority is given when 50% of the financial and technical assistance provides protection from wind and water erosion, including the improvement of poor and fair condition rangeland. Priority #2 is: the need is less than #1 and enhancement of water quality and supplies is considered the primary reasons that contract is needed. Priority #3 is used for operating units whose primary needs are to promote long term economic stability and/or enhance fish, wildlife, and recreation sources.

COOPERATORS AGREEMENT: Frank and Jeanne LaBree request a cooperators agreement on the 6720 acres which they are purchasing and leasing. Jack made a motion to accept the LaBree's as cooperators. Tom seconded and motion carried.

SCS UPDATE: Roy informed the board that he would be moving to Michigan. His last day, here, is March 22nd. He also mentioned that CRP signups begin March 4th and noted that several categories for eligibility have been added. Earlier, Joe questioned the wetland inventory mentioned in the January minutes, and stated his concern that these wetlands would be determined by photography. Roy assured Joe, and the other board members, that the photography was only the starting phase and "ground truthing" would take place on 20% of the delineations. After mapping is complete, they will go to ASCS and the landowners will have a chance to review them. If they disagree with the wetland determinations, SCS will do on-site investigations. The supervisors were concerned over the wetland determinations and their effect on practices such as springs. It was decided that a public meeting would be held, but probably after the map delineations. It was brought to the board's attention that any wetland development, including springs, will need a 404 permit application. Roy stated that, after talking with Lee, he was to look for Cheyenne Indian Reservation candidates to work out of Lane Deer. Their title would be soil conservationist and their duties would be both technical and planning. Dennis Kenney mentioned that he visited with Lee Jones at the Annual Banquet in Hysham and was assured, by Lee, that Terry Johnson would be coming to Forsyth.

6TH GRADE CONSERVATION DAY: The board decided that this would continue to be an annual event with help from Shirley and Tammy.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP: Mick Melin and his wife request that the district sponsor their attendance to the Environmental Workshop in Red Lodge. The board annually sponsors two teachers or youth leaders to attend this workshop. It was decided that the board would sponsor one (\$70) tuition at this time. If there were no requests from other schools that have not utilized the program, then both tuitions would be sponsored.

DNRC/CDB: A letter was received from Scott Kaiser asking that the district nominate a person or persons with knowledge of the district to provide an oral history of the soil and water conservation movement in the county. Interviews are to be completed by May 1st so that a report can be published in time for the MACD annual meeting next fall. The board nominated Joe Nansel who has served the district for 27 years. Joe suggested that John Barringer, who worked with the district some years ago, could be of help. Art Polich might also contribute as he was on the original board in 1942 and served through 1952. The district minutes and annual reports would also be available.

NACD: A letter was received asking the districts to support a FY92 increase in funding for SCS's conservation technical assistance. The \$265 million increase would be used to fund 6,000 new staff positions at the district level. They request the district write to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees before March 31st and tell them of the workload we are facing. NACD also sent out the 1990 Farm Bill Conservation Provisions which were given to each supervisor. NACD's strategic plan (copies) were given to each supervisor. The plan

Conservation Booklets: "Water in Your Hands" (100 booklets) were ordered for the 6th grade at F in answer to a request by Stephanie Grogan, 6th grade teacher.

GOODYEAR AWARDS PROGRAM: The district did not apply for the 1990 goodyear award. However, the Annual Plan for 1991 will be sent in as soon as all the board has signed it. Jim Yedlicka Area IV Director, gave the district a video on the Goodyear Award Program to view at this meeting. However, because of the lateness in preparation for the meeting and the lack of a full board, the video will not be viewed at this time. Individual viewing will be arranged prior to Treasure CD's regular board meeting on the second Tuesday in March. The video will be sent to them for that meeting as per Jim's request.

CONSERVATION FARM PROGRAM: NACD sent a packet on this program which invites districts to select and recognize a farm or ranch where outstanding conservation practices are being followed. A district designs its own program. The Goodyear program will last three years and honor at least 1,000 farms each year. It is a recognition program to bring public attention to a farm or ranch that uses outstanding soil and water conservation practices and it is not to compete with other conservation award programs that honor individual farmers or ranchers.

MACD NEWSLETTER: The February newsletter was received and called attention to several funding bills.

CANOLA MEETING: The canola information meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the Rosebud County Library. The district helped sponsor this meeting by providing newspaper ads, public service announcements, and renting the library. Cookies and coffee will be provided.

SALINE SEEP MEETING : This meeting will be held in Billings at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Duane Martens is planning to attend as he will be in Billings for ASCS meetings. Franny Nile will attend as the Yellowstone Irrigation District is having saline seep problems. Stew and Matt Kurkowski will be attending to be updated on available technical and financial assistance programs to aid both Treasure and Rosebud Counties' salinity problems.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Assistant

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, CHm., Duane Martens, V.Chm., Tom Wimer, Jack Knobloch, Robert Heinle. Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor.

Not Present: Keith Lockie, Joe Nansel.

Others Present: Scott Kaiser, DNRC Conservation Districts Bureau, Miles City; Lee Jones, Area Conservationist; Shirley Bollinger, Soil Conservationist; Tammy DeCock, Soil Con; Gary Schaff, County Extension Agent.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman, Dennis Kenney, at 2:15 p.m. in the SCS office meeting room. Minutes of the February 28th meeting were approved as written. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on April 24th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT	P
Balances brought forward:			\$20,704.67	1868.41	912.75	250,836.25	6
2695	Dennis Kenney	Reimb./Gatewood /	60.00				
2696	Env. Education Works.	Fee/Mick Melin	75.00				
2697	Fair Board	Booth Rental	10.00				
2698	U.S. Post Office	Stamps	29.00				
2699	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 04	701.60				
2700	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 04	781.60				
2701	Treasure CD	Annual Banquet	363.75				
	NACD	Soil Stewardship Material	44.82				
	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 05	701.60				
2704	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 05	781.60				
2705	IRS (W.H. 470.94) +	Matching Benefits	226.94				
2706	U.S. West	Move phone/service	130.20				
2707	Independent Enter.	Ads	88.90				
2708	Custom Art	Plaque/Roy	20.00				
2709	Jeanne LaBree	Reimb/Riggs/Plaque Eng.	13.85				
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting (2) Expenses					1
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$4028.86	-0-	-0-	-0-	1

INCOME DURING MONTH:

District Account	Flags/Nile	5.00					
District Account	Interest (Dec 20-Mar 20)	34.70					
Loan Account	Payment/Wimer					880.00	
Loan Account	Interest/January + .07					1785.71	
Petty Cash	L.O. Map/Cook						
Petty Cash	Plant Book/Pfaffinger						
TOTAL INCOME:			0	39.70	0	2665.64	1
Carried Forward:			\$16,675.81	\$1908.11	\$912.75	\$253501.96	\$6

Duane Martens made a motion to accept the financial statement. Tom seconded and motion carried.

LEGISLATION: HB866 - This is the bill that reorganizes the Dept. of State Lands, DNRC, DHES, and puts conservation districts under the Dept. of State Lands. Earlier Jeanne discussed this bill with Pegi and was informed that MACD did not oppose this bill IF DNRC attorney would still be available for CDs and if there was adequate funding for districts under the DSL. Dawson CD clerk called on the day bill was to be addressed in Natural Resource Committee and said that Peggy would like districts to be in objections. This call was made, objecting to the bill as it now reads, stating the above reasons plus the fact that these depts. seem to run smoothly now so why change. We would like time to study ramifications of this bill. **The person taking this message said she could not get it all on her piece of paper but would do her best. Scott Kaiser informed the board that, last he heard, conservation districts will remain under DNRC at least for the time being as they are taking a closer look at this reorganization.

WATER RIGHTS COMPACT COMMISSION: Jim Madden called to ask if a meeting could be setup in Forsyth on April 3, at 7:30 p.m., for Rosebud, Custer, and Big Horn CD supervisors to review the commission's recommendations on the water rights settlement with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. The public meetings will take place later on in April but this meeting will give the supervisors a chance to comment prior to the public meetings. All supervisors are urged to attend and cards will be sent to remind Rosebud CD supervisors as well as Custer and Big Horn's.

FOREST SERVICE POLICY: A letter was written, as per last meeting motion, to Judith Basin CD stating that this district would visit with local Forest Service personnel prior to taking a stand on Forest Service policy. It was noted that the FAC meeting will be held in Forsyth on April 9th and someone from the Forest Service will probably be attending. This subject will be brought up at that time by either a district supervisor, Shirley Bollinger, Acting DC, or Jeanne LaBree.

ERRORS & OMISSION INSURANCE : Lower Musselshell CD sent some information on legislation (SB 154...clarifying legislative immunity) which may make it necessary to carry this insurance. A policy costs the districts between \$3000-\$4000 annually and is very unclear as to what it will cover. Duane made a motion that the Rosebud Conservation District oppose this bill. Robert seconded and motion carried. Jeanne LaBree will write a letter for the district asking our delegation to oppose it. Also mentioned was HB 328....State Single Audit Act which could cause CD's to have an audit if they received over \$100,000/year or \$25,000/year in federal financial assistance. Audits can cost a lot of money (\$3000 average). *The \$100,000 limit has been raised to \$250,000. HB 437 allocating a portion of the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund receipts to fund certain conservation district operation and projects was also mentioned and CDs were asked to call their legislators informing them why CD's need these funds. *Earlier, letters were written asking our legislators to support CD funding bills.

310 REQUEST : 1-91 - US WEST - Application to bury fiber optic cable on Rosebud Creek. After reviewing the application, Jack Knobloch made a motion that the activity constituted a project. Tom seconded and motion carried. Jeanne LaBree mentioned that she had talked with Phil Stewart in an attempt to coordinate any on-sites with Custer CD's on-sites by FW&P. Phil said he was not requiring any on-sites because this activity would be minimal...especially on the Rosebud where fish are not a factor. The application copy and team report will be forwarded to FW&P as usual for written comment and approval will be made at next regular meeting. A letter will be sent to DuBray (agent for U.S. We) informing them that it is a project but on-sites are not planned.

404 RATE HIKE: Answers to the districts letters opposing the 404 fee rate hike were received from Senator Burns and Representative Marlenee. Marlenee was adamant about keeping this rate hike down but Burns was not too committed. All four legislators have answered their letters from the district. Also, the district received a letter from the Corps of Engineers stating that the Billings office is closed because of personnel transfers and it probably won't be reopened. Duane made a motion to send letters to the Corps in Omaha informing them that lack of personnel in the Billings office will cause a hardship on landowners applying for permits...especially now that "wetlands" are going to necessitate Corps permits on springs, etc. Robert seconded the motion and motion carried.

LOAN PROGRAM: Cash = \$253,501.96 Loans Approved: \$70,000 Committed: \$63,600 Available=\$119,

Application: Tom Allen requests \$12,000 to put in a buried mainline for irrigation. He has a Contract for Deed with Keith Stensvad and owes \$54,000 against 200 acres which he values at \$71,000. This acreage is in Rosebud County BUT is in Musselshell Conservation District. After review of district loan guidelines, Tom made a motion to disapprove the application because it involves land in Musselshell CD. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Gatewood: Received Dun and Bradstreet report on Gatewood. Rates Gatewood 2R3 which states annual fee from pallet company between \$50,000 to \$124,999, and fair credit. Also states financial condition is good. John Forsythe asks if the district would like a "personal" check on credit status (\$15.00). Duane made a motion to request this information through the county attorney. Robert seconded and motion carried. Dennis Kenney reminded the board, again, that Forsythe is not charging for attorney fees but only the incidental costs to him.

↓ PROGRAM, cont'd:

Connie Bell: Connie has not yet made a payment on his no-interest loan. He is also delinquent to FmI and they are now starting foreclosure proceedings. Darrell Grogan, FmHA director, informed the board that it will be 6 months before actual foreclosure takes place, and reminded them that the district is second to their mortgage. Connie's gated pipe, pipe trailer, and pumps can be sold by the district and FmHA would like to purchase these to keep them with the place. The district could also take action on Connie's promissory notes. Scott Kaiser will ask the DNRC attorney to give them, in writing, various options for collecting on delinquent loans. It is the district's understanding, from a previous conversation with a DNRC attorney, that action can be taken against a loan applicant up to 8 years after the last payment was due. Scott will also have the DNRC attorney clarify this in writing.

WATER RESERVATIONS: The district received approval for the extension, to 11/30/93, on the reserved water authorization granted to Ed Watson.

An application for reserved water to irrigate approximately 1.5 acres was received from Art Gregory. He wishes to use this water for a truck farm. Duane Martens met with Duane Claypool earlier on the day of this meeting and was asked to have the board decide whether or not they felt this could be designated an "agricultural use". Art plans to plant mexican potatoes, and possibly other vegetables, to sell as well as fruit trees. Duane made a motion to accept the application as an agricultural use. Robert seconded and motion carried. Duane Claypool will be notified of the board's decision so that he can set up an appointment with Art.

Robert attended the LYCDDC meetings in Terry. The last meeting, March 7th, Larry Hill accompanied him to represent Hammond Irrigation District. This meeting was held to approve the proposed legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the Dept. of Energy, to () available Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project pumping power to non-federal irrigation projects (Haidle Irrigation Project and Hammond Irrigation District) in the State of Montana. All LYCDDC members are encouraged to contact the Montana Congressional delegates urging their support on this act. Duane Martens said Claypool thought it would be a good idea if someone from the CD, or Hammond Irrigation District, attended a fund raiser which Conrad Burns will be attending. Dennis felt that there probably would be little chance to visit with Burns at this type of event.

NANSEL RESIGNS: Joe Nansel sent the district a letter of resignation, effective immediately. He said that his son Jay would be interested in being appointed to fill this position if the board wished. The supervisors regretted Joe's resignation but Dennis made a motion to accept it. Duane seconded and will visit with Jay about his appointment as supervisor. If he is interested the board will then send a letter formally making the appointment. Motion carried.

NO-TILL DRILL: Virginia Sprague has asked to use the no-till drill to plant crested wheat, alfalfa and barley or oats. She was informed that this drill would probably plant too deep for the grasses but she could rent it at \$1.50/acre if she wished. She said she would visit with the person planning to do this and call again if they wanted to rent the drill. Duane mentioned that Harold Sorenson also wishes to rent the drill.

SCS UPDATE: A GP application from Killen Land & Livestock was given a #1 priority on 38720 ac. Jack made a motion to concur with this priority. Tom seconded and motion carried. An application from Gene Ashenhurst was also given a #1 priority on approximately 39,160 acres. Tom made a motion to concur with this priority. Duane seconded and motion carried.

Terry Johnson, the new soil conservation technician, stopped by the office. He plans on moving to () th as soon as school is out. Lee Jones asked the supervisors if they were agreeable to Matt's () ding a workshop on May 10th - May 12th. This will be a "camp out" and training will be on soils, range, etc. There will be no cost to the district. The supervisors agreed that Matt should attend.

Shirley Bollinger, Acting DC, informed the board that Sixth Grade Conservation Day would be held on May 8th, and anyone wishing to help would be welcome.

UPDATE, cont'd.: Lee discussed the budget, referring to the Tuesday Letter which each supervisor receives, informed the board that Shirley Bollinger is Acting DC until Roy's replacement arrives (a panel should be chosen by the 1st or 2nd week in May), and listed SCS priorities as FSAcleaning up some tract problems in the computer, 5% quality reviews, and the wetland inventory must be completed by December 31, 1991.

RC&D UPDATE: Caprice attended the last RC&D meeting in Wibaux on March 19th. She mentioned the Eastern RC&D's involvement in entering into a "Micro-Business Marketing Alliance" which creates a marketing network to bring products, made by local people, to urban marketplaces. North Dakota is successfully utilizing this program for rural America. It is promoted by Basin Electric Power Coopeatives and member systems. She also mentioned that Sidney wants the future Montana women's correctional facility, and letters need to be sent prior to April 1 on their behalf. Both Caprice and Jeanne wrote letters on behalf of Sidney and supervisors are urged to also write. Working together, for each county, city or community within the Eastern Plains RC&D, is what RC&D is really about.

BUDGET: The following are balances in each budget item: SALARIES: \$10,383.20 BENEFITS: \$1,144.2
CONS. EDUCATION: \$660.80 DUES: -100.00 OFFICE SUPPLIES: 415.84 FIELD SUPPLIES: \$659.24
WATER RESERVATIONS: \$42.10 SECURITY BOND: \$70.00 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS: \$205.99
NEWSLETTER: \$723.63 ANNUAL REPORTS: \$100 SUPERVISORS EXPENSES: \$1891.18 EMP. WORKS: \$479.60
TOTAL BALANCE: \$16,675.81

As discussed earlier, the purchase of a Zerox machine to replace the Ozalid Print-Vac was looked into. Selby's quote the trade-in price for our Ozalid at \$1100. This includes the stand. The Zerox machine is \$5,820, with stand, so the district would have to pay \$4,720. The paper is a little cheaper but toner is used in the Zerox. Unless SCS would need twice the copies they have been getting, the machine would not equal out. The district does not want to make a profit but they would like to come close to being even. Upkeep, etc., will be checked into as well as projected need, prior to making a commitment purchase.

Lath: Jeanne LaBree checked with ELC Lumber and was quoted \$11.50/bundle of 50. Hysham Lumber Company will sell bundles of 50 for \$8.75. ELC says they cannot possibly go lower. It was decided to get some bundles through ELC to check on their quality and to do business in Rosebud County.

Rodentorch: Duane looked into this for controlling prairie dogs in the county. The warnings listed in the literature make it questionable for the district to purchase, and rent. However, Duane visited with Mark Pinkerton, County Commissioner, and was told the county's predator controller could operate it and be covered under their liability. Duane also mentioned that a "demonstration" could be arranged, and the board asked Duane to set this up.

District Jackets: Jeanne LaBree wondered if the district were interested in purchasing CD Jackets, custom embroidered. Wearguard Company is offering a special with half price on custom art and embroidery and 25% off jackets. Robert made a motion to order jackets. Duane seconded and motion carried.

ANNUAL PLAN : The supervisors attending signed the Annual Plan. Most of the items in the Annual Plan were transferred to a large county map which district and SCS personnel label as their "Visions" for the county. The supervisors were asked to add, subtract, or comment on these visions which were pictured on the map. Dennis Kenney added a grain receiving plant. Others questioned the "hunter's welcome" pictured on the map and it was explained that this meant a good relationship between landowners and hunters. Tammy DeCock suggested that the supervisors donate trees to replenish the "forest" at Rock Springs, as a first step in getting "more trees" on the north side as depicted in the map. Keith Lockie will be asked to take care of this

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: Wayne Van Voast called to set up a time to set up their computer water quantity and quality monitoring program in our computer. A color graphics monitor is needed as well as a graphics printer. SCS' computers has color graphics and Wayne will try it out on one of those to see if it is compatible before the district makes plans to purchase any equipment.

FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS URBAN & RURAL GREENWAYS WORKSHOP: This workshop will provide training on "greenway" issues. A fee of \$25 is required. The workshop will be held in Helena on April 1-5. No supervisor will be attending.

Notes from Ray were received and made available to each supervisor. It was noted that 223 applications are due May 10th, and the conservation districts bureau is sponsoring a writing workshop in Miles City on May 9th. Jeanne LaBree is planning to attend.

MACD NEWSLETTER was received. The letter updated supervisors on legislation affecting CD's, reminding them of the Northern Plains Regional meeting, June 23-26, in Grand Island, Nebraska, and mentions that every CD should have info on the 1991 National Conservation Poster Contest. (This district has not received this information.) Posters are to be in the MACD office by May 24th.

The supervisors were again reminded of the Water Rights Compact Commission meeting on April 3rd.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chm; Duane Martens, V.Chm.; Robert Heinle, Jack Knobloch; Tom Wimer; Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor.

Not Present: Keith Lockie, excused.

Others Present: Shirley Bollinger, Acting DC; Duane Claypool, Irr. Specialist, DNRC; Gary Schaff, Extension Agent; Art Gregory, Reserved Water Applicant; Jeanne LaBree, CD Adm. Ass't.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Kenney, at 7:00 p.m. in the SCS meeting room. Minutes of the March 27, 1991 meeting were approved as written. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT.	P
Balances brought forward:			\$16675.81	\$1908.11	912.75	253501.96	62
2710	Robert Heinle	LYCDDC Mtg. Expense	65.80				
2711	Caprice Gregory	RC&D Mtg./Wibaux Exp.	81.12				
2712	Rosebud Insurance	Security Bond	100.00				
2713	Peterson Typewriter Supplies		88.55				
2714	VOID						
2715	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 06	701.60				
2716	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 06	781.60				
2717	American Finance	Credit Check/Gatewood pers.	15.00				
2718	U.S. Post Office	Mailing Newsletters	113.87				
2719	William Bott	Newsletter/I.D. Contest	10.00				
2720	US West	Phone calls/service	54.39				
2721	Unemployment Ins.	1st Quarter	13.35				
2722	State Fund	Payroll Tax	24.92				
2723	State Treasurer	Withholding (288.66)Tax					
2724	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/p.p. 07	701.60				
2725	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 07	781.60				
2726	Independent Ent.	Public Notice/Res.Water App	18.00				
2727	Soil & Water Soc.	100 Booklets (Water in Hand)	21.00				
2728	Tammy DeCock	Reimb/Display supplies	34.57				
2729	IRS (W.H., FICA=470.92)	Matching Benefits	226.94				
766	U.S. Post Office	100 Post Cards		19.00			
767	Forsyth Country C.	Going Away Dinner/Roy		49.00			
768	Rosebud Library	Mtg/Res.Water Compact Comm.		5.00			
769	WearGuard	CD Jackets (12)		496.12			
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expenses					
Total Expenses			\$3833.91	569.12	-0-	-0-	6

INCOME DURING MONTH:

County Budget	DNRC/Returned Res.Water/Davis	50.00					
District Account	Joe Nansel/Reimb. Roy's Dinner		14.00				
Loan Account	Payer/Pament					330.00	
Loan Account	Walter/Payment					1280.00	
Loan Account	Payment/Schwend					370.00	
Total Income		50.00	14.00	-0-		\$1980.00	
Balances Carried Forward:		\$12,891.90	\$1,352.99	\$912.75	\$255,481.96	\$55	

Duane Martens made a motion to approve the financial statement. Robert seconded and motion carried.

WATER RESERVATIONS:

13-YL - Art Gregory: Mr. Gregory applied for 4 acre feet to irrigate 1.5 acres of vegetables, fruit and alfalfa. At the 3/27/91 meeting, the board agreed that a "truck farm" was an agricultural use and public noticed Art's application in the Independent Enterprise. The district received an objection from Don and Paula Seliski, Art's neighbors to the west. Mr. Seliski was invited to attend the 4/24/91 meeting whereat the application was to be addressed but said he could not attend as he would be out of town. He did submit a written objection. Mr. Gregory was informed of the objection and was invited to attend the meeting to answer any questions or present evidence. The board of supervisors reviewed the criteria for approving an application of reserved water. The Detail Development Plan Checklist was reviewed while going through the Gregory Detailed Development Plan. Seliski's objection was then read by Jeanne LaBree. The Seliskis object because they feel that the use would not be a legitimate, economically viable, agricultural use, especially since much of it is in the city limits. They also mention that a roadway involved "appears to have been preserved for citizens use forever as noted in abstracts dating back to the turn of the century". The Seliskis request that "any relative of Gregorys should remove themselves from any decision making during the process". Duane Claypool informed the board that he contacted the city clerk and was told that there were no ordinances or laws, to their knowledge that prohibited the use of river water on city property and, in fact, several residents pump water for their grass and gardens. Art Gregory explained, to the board, his plans to plant mexican potatoes, other vegetables and fruit to sell, and that he wants to plant alfalfa to stabilize the dike area and to prohibit weed growth by "haying" the area. As to the roadway, Art said he purchased this property from Burlington Northern years ago and disputes Seliski's statement that it was preserved for citizens use.... The board informed Mr. Gregory that this was not an issue at this time, but, if this piece of property did have to go back to a roadway it would be subtracted from the reserved water plan and the acre-feet authorized would be reduced accordingly. Prior to action on the application, Dennis Kenney (brother-in-law of Gregory's) asked the board if they would like him to refrain from voting on the application and the board felt it was not necessary as the review criteria negates any conflict of interest. Duane Claypool asked the board draw up a definition of "agricultural use" and add it to their list of definitions in the Administrative Section of the General Reserved Water Plan. After some discussion on wording, Duane Martens made a motion that agricultural use would be defined as "the growing of an agricultural product for commercial use". Robert seconded and motion carried. The definition will be added to the Administrative Section and Claypool will be sent a copy with the addition. After the board's consideration of Seliski's objection and Gregory's application, Robert made a motion to approve Authorization #RS-01 YL. Jack seconded and motion unanimously carried. The authorization will be sent to the Board of Natural Resources for their approval at their next regular meeting.

RESERVED WATER COMPACT COMMISSION: It was noted that after receiving approval, by phone, from the supervisors, a letter was faxed to the Senate Natural Resource Committee on behalf of SB472 (the settlement of Tribal Water Rights in the Tongue River Basin, Rosebud Creek Basin, and Big Horn Reservoir) and SB 473 which provides funding for repair and enlargement of the Tongue River Dam. In checking on these bills, it was found that SB 472 was being held up because of concern over other indian claims. Duane Claypool informed the board that wording in the bill was changed and there should be no problems in getting it passed. The funding bill looks like it will pass also.

STAFFING/CORPS OF ENGINEERS: A letter was written to the Corps in Omaha, requesting the Billing office be staffed and, if not, Fort Peck as well as Helena should be staffed to provide service to both ends of the state. Also, Jeanne LaBree visited with the Helena office and was told that landusers should apply for a permit on every pit or spring although most would fall under nationwide and would need only an approval letter. FW&P was contacted and they said the only time they should be contacted would be to consult them on any "problem" or "questionable" areas.

310 APPLICATION: US West 1-91-YL - A team report from Phil Stewart of FW&P was received. He states that the board approve the 310 with modifications stating the streambed be returned to its approximate original contour. Also it was noted that the legal description states Township 5N rather than 6N and Jeanne LaBree had written to US West concerning this. They were to write if they disagree with the change to 6N and since nothing has been heard from them the change was made on the forms with Jeanne LaBree initialing. Tom made a motion to approve the application with the modification requested by FW&P. Duane seconded and motion carried.

PROGRAM: Cash: \$255481.96 Loans Approved: \$70,000 Committed: \$63,600 Available: \$121,8

Judy Candee: Judy requests that the district forego the need for the "Consent and Agreement" form being signed. Stated that she has one payment left but Price will not sign the form. The 1st Bank of Sidney wrote a letter stating that she added the payment in her 1991 operating loan but it doesn't stipulate anything else. The Contract for Deed with Price states that "no lien will be placed on the property while a balance is owing". Jeanne called Judy and informed her that because of this statement the supervisors would have to have a signed Consent form and one that addresses the lien clause. Judy then requested the board hold the money for her until November at which time she will have the place paid off. Duane Martens made a motion to deny the loan without a signed Consent form but to hold the money until November 30, 1991. Tom seconded and motion unanimously carried.

Robert Johnson: Robert requests a \$35,000 loan on 500 acres (but would add other land across the river if supervisors wished). Most of his holdings are in Deer Lodge County, and he owes \$475,000 on the total of this land plus what he has in Rosebud County. Dennis Kenney made a motion to deny the loan due to lack of equity for a second mortgage. Tom seconded and motion carried. The board decided that if 1st Security Bank of Miles City would subordinate their position to the district, the loan would be approved and Jeanne will inform Robert of this.

Bill Allison: Bill requests a \$5000 loan on 157 acres of rangeland and 20 acres of pasture/hayland (irr). He owes \$63,203.66 on a Contract for Deed to Neil Koerper. Bill feels that the state lease that accompar the land and the proximity to town makes the property worth more. Duane made a motion to disapprove the loan request due to lack of equity. Robert seconded and motion unanimously carried. The board discussed the value of the house and barn but was unsure if it was within the area offered. Bill will be notified that he may send in another security information sheet including these assets they are, in fact, a part of the land offered and they may reconsider the loan.

Schniffer Ranch: Art and Ruby requests the district re-loan the money under original loan. Their Security Information Sheet lists 61,234 acres of range and 600 acres of irrigated crop, valued at \$2,565,658.00. They owe \$1,400,000 to Metropolitan Life. Their loan agreement was \$35,000...\$27,800 loaned and \$7200 available when other conservation practices are applied. Robert made a motion to reinstate the original loan, with new Title Insurance to district and forego the 3% loan closing. Duane seconded and motion carried. Upon receipt of Title Insurance, mortgage and promissory notes the district may issue a check for \$25,980. This is less their \$1820 payment in 1990.

Connie Bell: County Attorney, John Forsythe, wrote a letter to Connie and gave him a deadline to make a payment which he has not done. Forsythe asks the board if they want to send one more letter and then start collection proceedings or start collection proceedings immediately. Jack made a motion that the county attorney write another letter and if Bell does not make a payment within the time frame requested to start collection proceedings. Tom seconded and motion unanimously carried.

Jerry Gatewood: The County Attorney instigated a "personal" credit check on Gatewood through the American Finance Research. This credit check takes at least one month. Forsythe will notify us as soon as he hears from them.

SCS UPDATE: Shirley reported on the FAC meeting she attended. Said that the Forest Service was not represented so the issue of their slash policy was not discussed. Prairie dog control on the reservation was discussed and the BIA representative said they are using both zinc oxide and propane torches. On FSA, Shirley noted that spot checks are being done on 5% of tracts with compliance plans. This makes quite a few more spot checks and letters have been sent out notifying those producers that were notified.

GROUNDWATER FLOW TABLE: Jeanne LaBree mentioned that groundwater flow tables are available and showed the supervisors information sheets on them. She mentioned that Gary Schaff, County Extension Agent, feels the table is very educational and offered to demonstrate it to schools, etc. if the district wished to purchase one. Two are readily available...one for \$500 is equipped with a vacuum pump, and everything but the water. It comes in a trunk which is easily transportable and has reference material, etc. The other is \$200 and comes with a syringe rather than the vacuum pump and jars etc. are provided.

Purchaser. Gary plans to borrow the \$500 model to demonstrate the physical and chemical ground water concepts at the 4H Congress in June. This will give the district and/or SCS personnel an opportunity to view the model. The purchase of either model will be considered from funds that may be available from the FY91 budget or budgeted in FY92.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING: The District received an invoice from the Montana College of Mineral Science & Technology in the amount of \$21,791.25 for monitoring during the period January 1, 1991 through March 31, 1991. After reviewing the invoice, Duane made a motion to approve the expenditure and submit it to the Coal Board for payment. Jack seconded and motion unanimously carried.

John Wheaton and a computer specialist, from the Bureau of Mines & Geology, came down to load their computer program into the district's computer. This was successful, and records of all monitored wells can be called up and printed in narrative form. Since the district does not have a color monitor with a graphic chip, we cannot put the information in graph form. It was also noted that the computer program does not address water quality except that it states the number of times a water quality sample was taken from each well. Mr. Wheaton said they would be working on this and would get it to the district as soon as it was available.

ANNUAL PLAN: The following activities scheduled in the Annual Plan were discussed.

6th Grade Conservation Day, scheduled for May 8th: There should be approximately 70 students attending from Forsyth and Hysham, three teachers, and 7 instructors. Steve VanFossen will, again, conduct the Soils "stop"; Joe Jaquith, wildlife; Brian Geddings, wetland; Gary Schaff, trees; Tammy DeCock, range; Matt and Stew, surveying. Caprice Gregory will be helping and Dennis Kenney and Duane Martens said they would try to be there. Diane Stephenson, Treasure CD administrator and a supervisor are planning to attend also. Jeanne LaBree will take pictures for the newsletter and also video the event. Rosebud CD will furnish pop and will give out pencils.

Prairie Dog Inventory: Two questionnaires have been returned to date. Supervisors with dog towns have not turned their's in as yet.

No Till Drill: Duane informed the board that he did not wish to participate in the project any longer as his yields on the demonstration areas were half of those planted under conventional methods. An effort will be made to get someone else interested, but it may be impossible to find anyone willing to commit themselves for any length of time. The supervisors discussed the possibility of trading the drill in for a grass drill, when their grant contract is over.

Weed Project: Tom reported that the project really helped the weed situation in the Colstrip area but that some of the participants in the project had slacked off with control methods and he is afraid the weeds will get the upperhand again.

A notice from the Department of Agriculture noted the following changes in the State Noxious Weed List: None in Category I. Dyers woad, purple loosestrife, and sulfur cinquefoil are left in Category II, and common crupina, rush skeletonweed and yellow starthistle, previously Category 2 weeds are now in Category 3. Category 1 weeds are weeds that are currently established and generally widespread in many counties of the state. Category 2 are noxious weeds that have recently been introduced into the state or are rapidly spreading from their current infestation sites. Category 3 noxious weeds have not been detected in the state or may be found only in small, scattered, localized infestations.

Conservation Education: Tammy DeCock made new erosion displays, for the district, to demonstrate the benefit of vegetative cover. The old ones, made by Mike Hekkel years ago, were leaking and not repairable. Tammy demonstrated the displays to two sixth grade classes during presentations.

Randy Violett requests the use of 39 of the district's plant mounts for an I.D. contest he is planning for Colstrip Vo-Ag students. Tom made a motion to lend the mounts to Randy. Robert seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

Ag in Montana Schools will be meeting in Helena on May 9th. Caprice, the district's AMS representative, said she will be unable to attend the meeting. Caprice mentioned that Ingomar School is very interested in the AMS chest but because there is not 20 students they do not have one. She is checking into utilizing one of the two chests in Forsyth.

Surge Valve : Matt arranged to have Glen Leonhardt use the district's surge valve. Because of heavy workload, Matt will not be able to work very closely with Glen, but Glen will keep records of irrigation time, etc.

LEGISLATION: It was noted that HB 328, State Single Audit Act, was signed by the Governor and is effective 7/1/92. The limit, before needing an audit, was raised to \$250,000/year, however. At this date, SB 154, clarifying immunity, is in the second reading in the house, and HB 806, an act exempting levies for special assessments for projects, failed its second reading in the House. SB139 was signed by the governor. This legislation allows conservation districts to invest all funds, including county tax funds. (Rosebud CD has been receiving the interest from the investment of loan funds but not the county budget).

NORTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL MEETING: Grand Island, Nebraska - June 23-26th. No supervisors are planning to attend.

RIPARIAN MGT. WORKSHOP: Circle, MT on June 6th. DNRC also reminds the district that the Riparian Education Committee would like to assist CD's host these workshops and to contact them if interested.

NOTES FROM RAY were given each supervisor. Ray reminds CD boards to set their priorities before budgeting for 1992.

There being no further business, Duane made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded and meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman



Jeanne LaBree, Sec-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 1991, REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Duane Martens, Keith Lockie, Jack Knobloch, Tom Wimer, and Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor.

Not Present: Robert Heinle, excused.

Others Present: Shirley Bollinger, Acting DC; Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Kenney at 7:00 p.m. in the SCS meeting room in Forsyth. Minutes of the April 24th meeting was approved after it was noted that Caprice Gregory's name was inadvertently left off the members present list in April and March. The next meeting will be held on June 26th at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT.	P.
Balances brought forward:			\$12891.90	\$1,352.99	\$912.75	\$255,481.96	\$55.
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2731	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 08	701.60				
2732	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 08	781.60				
2733	US West	Phone Service/calls	51.84				
2734	Jeanne LaBree	Mileage/Writing Workshop	21.84				
2735	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/PP09+4hrs o.t.	754.24				
2736	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.08	781.60				
2737	MT College of Mines	Water Monitoring Proj.	21791.25				
3	IRS (Fed & FICA Withholding)	\$480.95 Matching FICA=	230.96				
7	U.S. Post Office	Stamps		29.00			
171	Jack's IGA	Conservation Day/Pop		30.31			
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expense					7.
TOTAL EXPENSES:			25168.90	59.31	-0-	-0-	7.

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY ACCOUNT:	Coal Board/Monitoring Project	21791.25					
DISTRICT ACCT:	L.O. Maps: Grierson/Palmer		12.00				
DISTRICT ACCT:	Reimbursement Roy's Party/Knobloch		7.00				
LOAN ACCOUNT:	Payments; Kenney/Shelton					2730.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT:	Payment+Interest/Connie Bell					3762.50	
LOAN ACCOUNT:	Interest for February & March					2384.59	
PETTY CASH:	Marking Flags/2 bdls/Leonhardt						10.
TOTAL INCOME:		21791.25	19.00	-0-		8877.09	10.
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:		9514.25	1312.68	912.75		264359.05	57.

*It was noted that County "cash" actually went in the hole in April. Jeanne held her last two checks but was assured by the County Treasurer that approximately \$20,000 should come in during May. Duane Martens made a motion to accept the financial statement. Keith seconded and motion carried.

CONSERVATION DAY: About 80 students attended Conservation Day from Hysham and Forsyth's 6th grades. 22 adults, counting leaders, instructors, parents, and SCS and district personnel also attended. Everyone enjoyed the day, and the only mishap was the FW&P toilets blew out of Matt's pickup when bringing them from Miles City. Shirley and Tom Schwartzkopf repaired them before returning. Jeanne made a video of the days' activities which we could use at the camp and pictures and thank you notes from the kids will be in the next newsletter.

310: 1-91, US West has not returned the signed 273 form stating they will do the project as modified (returning streambed to its approximate original contour). Jeanne LaBree will call US West's representatives to make sure they received the form.

404: The district received a notice that Mike Clark's spring development fell under the Nationwide Permit(26). This is the first spring development permit request sent to the Corps. The Corps requested the Corps send a copy of the fact sheet that deals with this type of work.

fact sheet lists the special conditions which must be adhered to for the authorization to remain valid. Mr. McInerney, from the Corps in Helena, said that his desk is "piled" with this type of permit requests and he has asked Omaha to provide services from the Billings office, Fort Peck, Helena, and Kalispel. *The district wrote to Omaha urging that personnel be located in the Billings and Fort Peck offices.

MOVING DISTRICT SHED: The shed is still at the old building and it is necessary to have it moved as soon as possible. Jeanne had volunteered her husband to do this, as he has a shed he needs to move, but informed the board that it didn't look like this was going to be any time soon. She talked with Russell Ameline, USDA building owner, and he suggested the shed be placed south of the garbage cans. Dennis Kenney said he would look into moving it in the next week or so.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: Project #0313 is ending on June 30, 1991. This was a two year project with a total budget of \$100,410. The balance at the end of March 31st is \$21,433.87. If there are funds left on June 30th, an extension of time will be requested. John Wheaton from the Bureau of Mines & Geology called and asked if the district plans to request coal board funds for the next two years. He submitted a proposal for the district if they were interested and offered to attend a meeting if the board wished. The board unanimously felt the monitoring should continue but wanted to see more emphasis on water quality in the future. The board reviewed the proposal budget and compared it with the last budget. There were increases of approximately 10% in most items. Contracted services took a greater increase and this reflects an increase in water quality analyses. Also mentioned in the proposal is the need to transfer water quality data to a computer program. *Duane made a motion to present a preapplication for continued Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring to the Coal Board. Jack seconded and motion unanimously carried.* The pre-application will be sent as soon as possible. Murdo Campbell informed Jeanne that the June meeting in Miles City is fully scheduled but a meeting will be held sometime in August. Pre-applications must be in a month prior to the meeting.

LOAN PROGRAM: CASH: \$264359.05 LOANS APPROVED: \$105,000 COMMITTED: 56,900 AVAILABLE: \$1024

Schiffer Ranch: When Commitment for Title Insurance came in, it showed that 10 sections of the land Schiffer offered was being sold to Schiffer's son-in-law under a contract for deed, and 3 sections in Custer County was not included. This leaves a total of 52,914 acres of rangeland and 600 acres of irrigated crop valued at \$2,257,818.00. Owing against this amount is \$1,400,000 which leaves collateral in the amount of \$857,818. After some discussion about the legality of accepting a mortgage on land that's being sold, Keith made a motion to have Schiffer's remove those sections under Contract for Deed with Ferguson and to accept the lesser acreage offered by the Schiffer's. Duane seconded and motion unanimously carried.

Bob Mereness: Bob requests a \$9,500 loan to install gated pipe. He would like to purchase enough pipe to take care of cross ditches and leased fields. To date, Bob has two mortgages to the district: one on section 9 for \$17,000, and one on Sections 3 and 10 for \$7500. Both mortgages involve a Contract for Deed signed by Marjorie Ferguson. Bob does not wish to ask her to sign another Consent form and feels that because he has paid off \$10,670 of the first two mortgages the board may not require her to sign another. After considering the loan guidelines, Dennis made a motion to disapprove the loan request without a signed consent form. Jack seconded and motion unanimously carried. Dennis also noted that SCS needs and feasibility would have to determine eligibility for the gated pipe practice.

Die Bell: The district received a check for \$3762.50 which included the interest for late payment. John Forsythe submitted a bill for \$376.50, a 10% collection fee. Duane made a motion to pay this fee from the loan account and Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Jerry Gatewood: Forsythe sent a copy of the credit check done by Financial Research. It gave no information whatsoever. He asked if the district wished to proceed with a lawsuit.

So, it is necessary to send "lawsuit" cost of \$70 for petition and \$15 for serving papers Gatewood in Billings. Keith made a motion to proceed with the lawsuit. Jack seconded and motion carried, unanimously, by voice vote.

TREE PROGRAM: Received letter from MACD suggesting that Conservation Districts handle the tree sales within their county. Bob Schroeder and Peggy Parmelee met with personnel from the Division of Forestry, DSL, and discussed this as an opportunity for CD's to make a little money. A questionnaire was included. Rosebud County producers ordered around 4,000 trees last year, according to Extension Service. At 3¢ per tree, this would only bring in \$120. Although Gary Schaff, the county agent, was not at this meeting, he informed Jeanne that he liked handling the tree program and scheduling the tree planter and would not object to continuing the program as it is if the district was satisfied. The board unanimously agreed that they did not wish to handle the program and informed Jeanne to fill out the questionnaire stating that each district should decide whether or not they wanted to handle the tree sales.

RANGE CAMPS: Jeanne visited with George Simmons, Forsyth Vo-ag teacher, and Randy Violet, Colstrip Vo-Ag teacher, reminding them of the Youth Range Camp and Montana Range Days. Both teachers felt they had students wishing to attend and would get back to her within the next few days. Marty Vennes, Rosebud Vo-ag teacher, did not return the calls to him. Mr. Simmons also mentioned that he is integrating a "natural resource" course into his curriculum and plans to attend the Environmental Education Workshop in Red Lodge. He was informed that the district will sponsor his attendance. Shirley Bollinger informed the board that she was contacted by the DC in Jordan about the Rosebud CD sponsoring Garfield County students to the Youth Range Camp. After discussing the benefit of range camp attendance, Keith made a motion to sponsor Garfield County students to attend the Youth Range Camp, this year, IF Rosebud County does not get their quota of students (5) to attend. Jack seconded and motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

SCS UPDATE: Shirley informed the board that Terry Johnson, Soil Conservationist, started work in Forsyth on May 20th. She also noted that a co-op student, Toni Diaz from Colstrip will start her training here on June 3rd. The wetlands inventory has temporarily been put on hold because criticism from ag and development groups has sparked a revision in the Federal Wetlands Jurisdictional Manual. This is expected to decrease the wetland acres somewhat.

JOE NANSEL RETIREMENT PARTY: Joe's retirement party was scheduled for July 20th or 21st. DC that served with Joe, through the years, will be invited and it is planned to have a "steak fondue" catered by the Quinlan's. An appropriate gift will be decided upon at the next regular meeting.

CLERK'S MEETING: Jeanne attended an Area IV clerk's meeting in Billings on May 15th. She informed the board that it was worthwhile and mentioned they discussed Errors & Omission Insurance as well as other district related subjects. Marieanne Hanser, Director at Large, attended and was genuinely interested in assisting the districts. The supervisors agreed that Jeanne should attend these meetings, on district time and be reimbursed for mileage.

FAC MEETING IN JULY: Darrel Grogan, from FmHA, extends an invitation to the Chairman of the Board to attend the next FAC meeting in July. FAC committee is comprised of representatives from FmHA, SCS, ASCS, Forest Service, Extension Service, BIA, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. At this meeting, Harold Stepper, Weed Board Coordinator, will demonstrate a weed I.D. computer program.

PAGE: Mileage payment will be paid at the June 26th meeting. Jeanne visited with Don Wiley, commissioner, on mileage rate changes as she heard that rates had been raised. Don said this was rumored but he did not have anything firm and would let her know as soon as possible.

COUNTY BUDGET: The FY 1992 county budget must be submitted to the commissioners in June. The board reviewed the balances of each budget item, expenditures expected through June, and tentatively set a budget. Salaries and benefits reflect a 3.8% increase as suggested by Commissioner Don Bailey, but Dennis Kenney wanted to visit with the commissioners to compare salaries of their employees* The following is a budget summary:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED/1991</u>	<u>BALANCE/TO DATE</u>	<u>PROJECTED EXPENSE</u>	<u>BUDGETED/1992</u>
Salaries	\$38,564.00	\$4,397.76	\$38,615.00	* \$40,120.00
Benefits	3,500.00	594.09	3,347.00	3,700.00
Conservation Education	1,300.00	605.23	1,300.00	1,300.00
Dues	4,774.00	-100.00	4,874.00	4,774.00
Office Supplies	1,200.00	221.06	1,200.00	1,200.00
Field Supplies	750.00	659.24	750.00	750.00
Security Bond	70.00	- 30.00	100.00	100.00
Maintenance Agreements	500.00	205.99	445.00	500.00
Newsletters	800.00	599.76	600.00	1,000.00
Annual Report**	100.00	100.00	-0-	100.00
Supervisor's Expenses	4,000.00	1,729.26	4,000.00	4,000.00
Water Reservations	100.00	74.10	74.10	100.00
Workshops	500.00	457.76	200.00	500.00
RC&D Activities ***	-	-	-	500.00
TOTALS	\$56,158.00	\$9,514.25	\$55,505.00	\$58,644.00

with 3.8% increase but subject to change after meeting w/commissioners.

Annual Report was put in newsletter in 1991

*** RC&D activities is new budget item/in 1991 these expenses were taken from dues and supervisor's expenses.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dennis E. Kenney
Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman

Jeanne LaBree
Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 1991

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Kenney, Chm; Duane Martens, V.Chm; Robert Heinle, Keith Lockie, Jay Nansel; Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor.

NOT PRESENT: Jack Knobloch; Tom Wimer, excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Jones, Area Conservationist, Tammy DeCock, Soil Conservationist, and Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was brought to order by Dennis Kenney, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. in the SCS meeting room. Minutes of the May 22nd regular meeting were approved as written. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT			COUNTY	DISTRICT	C R P	LOAN ACC'T.	P.C
Balances Brought Forward:			9514.25	1312.68	912.75	264359.05	57.
2739	Env. Workshop	Tuition/Simmons	75.00				
2740	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 10	701.60				
2741	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 10	781.60				
2742	Deer Lodge CD	Range Camp (2)	100.00				
2743	Jeanne LaBree	Mileage/Clerk W.Shop	14.79				
2744	Peterson Type.	Maintenance Agreement	150.00				
2745	Kasper's	Newsletter/photos dev	14.74				
2746	Pharmacy	Newsletter/photo dev	7.68				
2747	Lefty's Hardward	Toilet Repair (Cons Day)	6.30				
	US Post Office	Stamps (100 @ .29)	29.00				
	Independent Ent.	1300 Newsletters (Apr)	202.83				
2750	US West	Phone/Service	53.76				
2751	Selby's Essco	Blue print paper	93.82				
2752	Clark's Hardware	Supplies	2.65				
2753	Robert Heinle	LYCDDC Meeting	34.70				
2754	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 11	701.60				
2755	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 11	781.60				
2756	IRS (Withholding=470.92)+	Matching Benefits	226.94				
2757	E L C	15 bdls/lath	168.75				
2758	Independent Ent	Newsletters+Envelopes	244.43				
2759	US Post Office	Mailing newsletters	110.25				
2760	Tom Wimer	Mileage	208.00				
2761	Jack Knobloch	Mileage	345.10				
2762	Robert Heinle	Mileage	112.32				
2763	Joe Nansel	Mileage	33.28				
2764	Keith Lockie	Mileage	275.18				
2765	Caprice Gregory	Mileage	41.60				
2766	Duane Martens	Mielage	26.00				
2767	Dennis Kenney	Mileage	41.08				
772	US Post Office	FSA Mailing			22.42		
74	John Forsythe	Collection Fee/Bell				376.25	
75	John Forsyth	Petition/Gatewood				85.00	
76	Yellow.Co.Sheriff	Serving papers				17.88	
77	V O I D						
	Schiffer Ranch Co.	Loan reinstatement				25980.00	
	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expenses					7.
TOTAL EXPENSES			5,584.60	-0-	22.42	26459.13	7.

INCOME DURING MONTH:

District Account	Weed Project	138.00	
District Account	Interest(3/20-6/20)	28.85	
Loan Account	Payments:Mereness,Giesick,Asay,Spannagel		4880.00
Loan Account	Interest (April)		2414.98

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, cont'd: Duane made a motion to accept the financial statement. Robert seconded and motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

SCS UPDATE: Lee Jones, Area Conservationist, updated the board on the DC position vacancy in Forsyth. The vacancy announcement, which was extended to include North and South Dakota, closes on June 28th, and the panel should be selected the following week. Lee will contact Jeanne as soon as the panel is chosen and she will notify the supervisors and set up a special meeting. Treasure CD supervisors will also be informed of the meeting.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: An invoice was received from the Montana College of Mines & Geology requesting \$9,252.77 for water monitoring expenses incurred in the period 4/01/91-5/31/91 by bureau of Mines. Duane made a motion to approve the expenses and forward the invoice to the coal board for payment. Robert seconded and the motion unanimously carried. Also, a pre-application for continued funding of the project was submitted to the coal board and will be acted upon at their meeting held in August. A letter requesting that Project #0313 be extended until the remaining funds have been utilized was also sent to the Coal Board in Helena (with a copy going to Murdo Campbell at the War Bonnet Inn in Miles City in case the original did not reach Helena in time). The Coal Board is holding the June meeting in Miles City and it is hoped they would grant the extension during at this time.

RESERVED WATER: It was noted that Art Gregory's water authorization was approved by the BNRC and Art was notified. Art said he would stop by the office and pick up the reserved water plan rather than having it sent to him.

LOAN PROGRAM: CASH: \$245194.90 APPROVED: \$70,000 COMMITTED: \$70,800 BALANCE: \$104,394.

Bill Allison: Bill resubmitted his application for a loan. He requests \$10,000 rather than \$5,000, and his revised security information sheet lists 107 acres available for first mortgage and 70 acres for a second mortgage. He valued 131 acres of range at \$45/acre; 22 acres of pasture/hay at \$100/acre and 24 acres of irrigated cropland at \$500/acre. He included his house at \$40,000 and barn at an additional \$20,000. Owing on a contract for deed is \$63,000. The board felt the values placed on the land was high and Allison has not noted which acreage was under first mortgage. It was also questioned whether accepting the house and barn as collateral deviated from the loan guidelines. Keith made a motion to disapprove the loan. Duane seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Gatewood: Jeanne mentioned that the Independent Enterprise has a tax notice on Gatewood. Also, John Forsythe received a call from Gatewood who acknowledged owing the district money but listed many reasons why he could not make his payments.

Dennis Kenney mentioned that he read where it was ruled that a lien will stay with the property until a mortgage is paid off. This is being contested but if the ruling is upheld the district's position on Bell's and/or Gatewood's mortgage would look better.

310: MACD Board of Directors sent a questionnaire on 310 law that they would like returned to them by August 1st. They suggest the district review the model rules, answer the questionnaire, and submit any comments they might have. The board reviewed the questions and Dennis filled in the questionnaire. Jeanne will follow through on the numbers of 310's, etc.

MACD NEWS: Steve Meyer, a former MACD Executive Vice President and NACD director, was appointed an MACD Director at Large. There is also a movement underway to get all conservation districts to make an effort to get the 1993 legislature to provide better funding for conservation districts in Montana. Peggy also mentions Project Learning Tree and encourages districts to invite a "facilitator" to a meeting. Tammy said she is trying to contact Joette Swindler, from Colstrip, to learn more about the program. Also, Peggy informs the districts that she will be attending as many district meetings as possible and that invitations will help her decide which districts to visit.

SPEECH CONTEST: "Man-kind's responsibility for rational use of natural resources" is this year's topic. Rules, etc. have been received and Jeanne visited with Simmons and Violet, vo-ag teachers from Forsyth and Colstrip to solicit their aid in getting students to participate.

CAMP: The board sent two students from Colstrip to Youth Range Camp..Synda Dinstel and Laura Stroh. Randy Violet, the Vo-Ag teacher, provided transportation. One of the students won top greenhand but I haven't reached Randy to find out which one. We will have a feature article in the next newsletter. The board asked Jeanne to send a thank you to Randy.

ERRORS & OMISSION INSURANCE: Dennis brought in an article stating the Supreme Court ruled that the purchase of liability insurance by a state agency, city, county or school district removes their immunity from suit.

RC&D REPORT: At Mike Carlson's request, a list of local individuals involved in the "county" RC&D was sent to him. This included the Mayor, county commissioners, and our representative to the Eastern Plains RC&D board. Also, in reading the list of activities and projects planned by the 16 county eastern plains RC&D, it was noted that Rosebud County's projects were not included. Lane Deer projects were listed, however. Jeanne sent a copy of the letter she faxed to Steve Schmitz which listed possible projects and Mike updated his report. Mike also said he would attend a local RC&D meeting at our request. Caprice was requested to ask the commissioners, city council and conservation district, at their regular meeting, to sign a request for RC&D assistance. Robert made a motion to sign the document. Keith seconded and motion unanimously carried.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS STAFFING: The district received a reply from Omaha on their request that Billings and/or Fort Peck be staffed. They state they are presently reviewing their staffing needs for Montana and cannot identify where they will employ their staff as yet. Mr. Owens Chief, said the district's concerns will be given his full consideration and he will keep us informed on the results of their review.

JOE'S RETIREMENT PARTY: Arden and Carol Quinlan said they would cater a "steak fondue" but it would cost \$8.50 to \$9.00, depending on the price of meat. She said it would be around \$5. The district had "potluck" and they furnished the meat only. If they were to cater, one would serve, all you can eat, meat, beans, two salads, rolls, dessert, and iced tea and provide paper plates, cups, napkins, etc. The board decided not to have potluck. The date for the picnic will be July 28th, at 1:00, in Marcy's Park. Dennis Loreth is planning to attend and Roy Houser may be able to attend but was not sure. He is sending some money to go in on a retirement gift. The board discussed purchasing a watch, engraved, but asked Jay to discuss other ideas for a gift with his brothers.

ANNUAL REPORT: The annual report progress was reviewed. The "how to measure residue" guides and compliance plan questions and answer brochures were sent to everyone with a plan. Glen Leonhardt is conducting a surge valve trial, and 11 questionnaires on prairie dog town locations and size has been returned to date. Tammy spoke with Grady Bradish, a taxidermist in Billings, and he has agreed to do a mounted prairie dog with a gun for \$40. Duane said he would "provide" the prairie dog. It is hoped that this will be ready for display at the fair but the drawing will not be until the Annual Banquet. The Colstrip Cooperative Weed Control project is officially over and the district received the final reimbursement of \$138. Planned, but not yet accomplished, is the water quality monitoring of one or two streams. Tammy asked Caprice if she was willing to do this and tentative plans were made to meet with Caprice on Tuesday.

BUDGET: The budget was submitted to the commissioners as approved at June 26th meeting. The wages were changed to reflect a 40¢/ flat cost of living increase and 15¢/hour raise. The total budget request is \$59,376.00. At this time there is \$2241.14 balance in the FY9 budget. The board decided to purchase the groundwater flow model for conservation education purposes and okayed the purchase of a file cabinet from office supplies and a "cupboard" for storing equipment from field supplies. It was also noted that give-a-ways for the fair were ordered. 750 Jar lid removers, with the district logo and name, were purchased and should last two or more years.

SCS UPDATE: Tammy informed the board that Dick Gooby, State Conservationist, was able to get an exception for Montana's FSA spot check policy for this year. Because of Montana's workload, spot checks will be based on a percent of operators with HEL plans rather than HEL tracts. This cuts the Forsyth Field Office spot check load to less than half originally scheduled. Toni Diaz, the coop student from Colstrip, started work on June 3rd.

VISOR APPOINTMENT: With Jay's consent, Duane made a motion to appoint Jay Nansel to fill Joe's position until the next regular election. Keith seconded and motion carried.

SOIL & WATER SOCIETY SUMMER MEETING is scheduled July 19 and 20 in Culbertson. A \$20 registration fee covers all meals. No one made a commitment to attend.

NACD AUXILIARY BROCHURE was received. It was suggested this could be used to recruit in the auxiliary.

STATE NURSERY: The district received a memo stating that their bareroot conifer seedlings have been found to have a root disease and they are providing replacements. Since the district did not order trees through the state nursery this year this would not affect them.

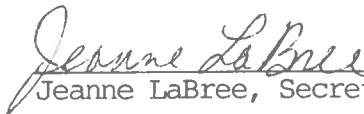
DONATION/GIRL SCOUTS: The Girl Scout organization asked for a donation. It was decided that the district would not make donations to organizations that are not involved with the conservation district.

F A C MEETING: Members of the Food and Agriculture Council asked the district to be represented at the next quarterly meeting to be held on July 9th at 9:30 p.m. Harold Stepper, weed board coordinator will be showing the weed identification computer program. This program is available for \$70. Dennis plans to attend if possible.

EMERGENCY MEETING: An emergency meeting to assess hail and flood damage is scheduled for 10:00 on July 2nd in the USDA meeting room.

There being no further business, Dennis moved the meeting adjourn. Keith seconded and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 10, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Duane Martens, Robert Heinle, Jay Nansel, Jack Knobloch, and Caprice Gregory, Associate supervisors.

Others Present: Jeanne LaBree, Secretary Treasurer

The meeting was brought to order, by Chairman Dennis Kenney, at 9:15 p.m., immediately after the special meeting with SCS Area Conservationist Lee Jones to review the DC panel. Minutes were approved after Jeanne noted that the budget balance figure on page 3, third sentence, should have read \$3,929.65. There will be no meeting on July 24th. The next regular meeting will be held on August 28th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (ENDING JUNE 30, 1991)		COUNTY	DISTRICT	C R P	LOAN ACCOUNT	Petty
Balances brought forward:		\$3929.65	1479.53	890.33	245194.90	50.
2768	Andy Mitzkus	Photo ID contest	5.00			
2769	Schuman Co.	Fair give-a-ways	358.75			
2770	Grady Bradish	Prairie Dog Mount	40.00			
2771	Star Printing	File/Storage Cupboard	267.11			
2772	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 12	701.60			
2773	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 12	781.60			
2774	IRS (withholding=235.46+Matching Benefits		113.46			
2775	H2O Model	Flow Model+Video	560.00			
2776	State Treasurer	Withholding (338.16)	-			
2777	Unemployment Ins.	Quarterly Payment (2)	15.65			
2778	Workmen's Comp	Payroll Tax	29.22			
2779	Workmen's Comp	Quarterly Tax	63.43			
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expense				7.
EXPENSES		2935.82	-0-	-0-	-0-	7.
INCOME:						
County Budget	Workshop fee return	75.00				
District Account	Marking Flags/McKinney		5.00			
District Account	Gift for Joe/Houser		15.00			
Loan Account	Payment/Heinle				340.00	
County Budget	Void #2621 & 2634	15.17				
INCOME		90.17	20.00	-0-	340.00	
BALANCE AT END OF FY 91:		\$1084.00	1499.53	890.33	245534.90	42.

*Checks #2621 and 2634, to Kasper's Photo, were voided as Kasper's did not receive checks. 26 was to pay a bill for photo developing...Kasper's did not cash check and do not have record of outstanding bill. #2634 was sent with a request (as per a phone call) for film. They claimed this wasn't received. Now when doing business with Kasper's we specifically deal with "Vicky". Duane made a motion to accept the financial statement. Jack seconded and motion carried.

LONG TERM AGREEMENT: An LTA for Bill and Gina Asay was reviewed. Robert made a motion to sign the LTA and Duane seconded. Motion carried.

AG IN MONTANA SCHOOLS: There is an AMS meeting in Lewistown on July 16 and 17th. Caprice informed the board that she could not attend as she would be attending an RC&D meeting in Sidney on July 16th.

LOAN PROGRAM: The district received a request from John Forsythe to sign a release relieving him of any obligation to go after Gatewood because he will be working full time for the county as of July 1 and is terminating his private practice. Jeanne called Ray Beck, and followed through with a letter requesting a legal opinion on Forsythe's request, as it is the district's understanding that the county attorney could provide legal assistance if he had time. Gatewood has hired Lucas and Monaghan to "defend" him and they have filed a Motion to Dismiss and a Motion to Substitute Judges. Copies of these motions were also

SLOAN FUNDS: Senator Burns and Senator Baucus introduced legislation that would allow the Haidle and Hammond Irrigation Districts to receive power at Pick Sloan rates. A copy of this notice was sent to John Forsythe, Secretary for Hammond Irrigation District and a copy was sent to the Independent Enterprise.

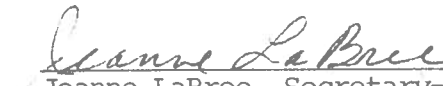
404: A copy of a nationwide permit issued to Dave Roberts of Melstone, for a bridge crossing and a side channel in the Musselshell River, was received. Although part of the activity will be done in Rosebud County, it is in the Musselshell Conservation District and they evidently have handled the 310 permit.

JOE'S RETIREMENT PARTY: Because 1:00 would conflict with several supervisor's schedules, the party will begin at 7:00 p.m. Jeanne will check with Ardie and Carol to see if this causes a problem with them. The board decided to order a custom made hat from Rand's Custom Hatter in Billings. A #8 hat will cost \$160.00, and Rand's will send a miniature hat in a hatbox for the board to present to Joe. It was decided that past supervisors Kent Montgomery, Harlin Steiger, Omer Erickson, and Jack Bailey (and spouses) should be invited as well as Eldon Rice who served as secretary, James Yedlicka, Area IV director, Lee Jones, and SCS personnel in Forsyth.

There being no further business, Dennis moved that the meeting adjourn. Duane seconded and meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman



Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Duane Martens, Robert Heinle, Keith Lockie, Jack Knobloch, Tom Wimer, and Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor.
 Not Present: Jay Nansel, excused.
 Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, D.C., Tammy DeCock, Soil Conservationist, Shirley Bollinger, Soil Conservationist, Steve Schmitz, DNRC; Jim Yedlicka, Area IV Director, Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Dennis Kenney at 9:00 p.m. Minutes of the July 10th meeting was approved as written. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 25th at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCT
Brought Forward			59376.00	1499.53	890.33	245534.90 42
2780	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 13 (642.52)	745.60			
2781	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 13 (622.22)	825.60			
2782	U.S. West	Phone Service	62.91			
2783	MT School/Mines	Water Monitoring Project	9252.77			
2784	Caprice Gregory	Mileage/RC&D/Sidney	96.85			
2785	Valley Auto	Surge Valve Charger	26.35			
2786	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 14	745.60			
2787	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 14	825.60			
2788	(IRS (\$748.79)	Matching Benefits	240.39			
2789	Jeanne LaBree	Mileage/Clerk Mtg/Billings	52.00			
2790	Mike DeMarais	Plant I.D. 3rd	20.00			
2791	Dave McNaney	1st/Seed Quiz	20.00			
2792	Candi Stevens	Conservation Quiz	20.00			
2793	Ben Hanson	1st/Junior Division	25.00			
2794	Bob Hanson	3rd/Junior Division	15.00			
2795	Dave McNaney	3rd/Adult Division	15.00			
2796	Dan Hanson	2nd/Adult Division	20.00			
2797	Ryan Nelson	4th/Junior Division	10.00			
2798	Carin Rader	1st/Senior Division	25.00			
2799	Lisa Olson	2nd/Senior Division	20.00			
2800	Shawn Fraker	4th/Senior Division	10.00			
2801	Jenny Redland	2nd/Junior Division	20.00			
2802	Tom Mott	1st/Adult Division	25.00			
2803	Becky Miller	4th/Adult Division	10.00			
2804	U.S. Post Office	Stamps (100@.29, 10@.23)	31.30			
2805	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 15	745.60			
2806	Jeanne LaBree	wages/P.P. 15	825.60			
2807	Lucky Diamond Rest.	Meals/Coal Brd.Meeting	22.05			
2808	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 16	745.60			
2809	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 16	825.60			
2810	IRS (\$748.79)	Matching Benefits	240.39			
2811	Dennis Kenney	Mileage/Coal Brd Mtg.	52.00			
2812	Rand's	Custom Hat/Joe Nansel		159.95		
2813	Country Club	Joe's Retirement Party		280.00		
2814	Jeanne LaBree	Reimburse for cake		15.00		
P.C.	Food Factory	Meeting Expenses				
TOTAL EXPENSES:			\$16616.81	\$454.95	-0-	-0-

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY BUDGET	Coal Board/Monitoring	9252.77
COUNTY BUDGET	Newsletter/Treasure CD	188.84

INCOME DURING MONTH, CONT'd.

	COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACC't	
District Account	L.O. Maps: O'Dell, Lutz, Gardner	19.00			
District Account	Blue Prints/SCS	240.00			
District Account	Payments/Gregory, Mereness, Brewer, Giesick, Payer, 4L, Nansel			12040.00	
Loan Account	May and June Interest			3663.58	
Petty Cash	L.O. Maps: Wells, Quinlan				1.
	TOTAL INCOME	9551.61	259.00	-0-	15703.58 1.
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD:	52,310.80	1303.58	890.33	262238.48 4.

Jeanne explained that she reimbursed the district \$5.00 as she had made a mistake by paying DeMarais 2nd place rather than 3rd in the Plant I.D. contest. One of the contest sheets was with the seed quiz after he was paid and it was the 2nd place winner. Dennis Kenney made a motion to reimburse Jeanne for this \$5.00. Duane seconded and motion carried. Duane then made a motion to accept the financial statement. Tom seconded and motion carried.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: The quarterly report, ending June 30, 1991, for project #0313 was received. Wayne Van Voast had also sent a copy to the Coal Board. The district also received the Coal Board acceptance to extend Project #0313 until the balance of funds used. Van Voast also asked the Coal Board to allow changes within the budget and this was also granted. An invoice for June expenses, \$4,081.08, was received. Jack made a motion to submit this to the Coal Board for payment. Keith seconded and motion carried.

Pre-application #0348, went before the Coal Board on August 15th. Dennis Kenney, Jay Nansel, Caprice Gregory, and Jeanne LaBree attended from the District. Don Bailey, RC County Commissioner, also attended to show the commissioner's support. As sponsors, the district requests \$114,380 for a two year continuation of the project. After the application was heard, and the Coal Board asked questions, Murdo Campbell, Adm. Officer recommended the project be funded for 9 months at \$43,000. His reasoning was that the project always has needed to be extended to spend the money granted. Wayne explained that the extension is caused by the 3 months of paperwork, etc. before actual contract is signed. The Coal Board members seemed to favor the two year project and recommended the application go to full application. They asked that the district and Murdo come to an agreement on the amount and time prior to hearing the full application on November 8 or 9th.

310 APPLICATIONS:

Forsyth Country Club: The Country Club was unable to get water to their greens and was informed they could do the work under an emergency provision. They were also informed that a Corps permit would be needed and an application was faxed to the Corps in Omaha. They received verbal permission within 24 hours. Dennis, Robert, Phil Stewart from FW and Bob McInerney from the Corps made an on-site inspection of what was done. It was noted that the activity was not near as extensive as was requested. Gary Schank, Gre Superintendent, was informed that they could submit an application for an annual plan of operations. Phil Stewart agreed to this, also. Since this emergency has occurred twice in the last five years, the supervisors must recommend a solution to the problem and it was decided that 1.) they could move the pumpsite up or down stream; 2.) Increase the storage capacity, or 3.) drill a well at the pump site. An application for an annual plan of operations was submitted by the country club with a request to move up to 1500 of material. Robert made a motion to approve an Annual Plan of Operations for a three year period to move a maximum of 1500 cubic yards/year and to attach the list of options one of which must be in place by the end of the three year period. Duane seconded and motion carried. Phil concurred with this motion and requested that copies of the plan be sent to him.

Montana Power Co. Montana Power requests a permit to remove sediment from their intake channel, using either a mud cat or dragline, and placing the dredged material in a hold pond. Since this activity was close to the Country Club activity, an on-site was made at the same time. The work needs to be done to get water to their pipeline. Duane made a motion that the activity was NOT a project. Keith seconded and motion carried. It was decided that MPC should be sent a letter stating that, in the future, they would not need to submit an application, if the activity is the same, as it falls under SB310 Model Rules evaluation.

310: Legal opinion from DNRC is that a district cannot deny a 310 permit to an applicant based on the fact that the applicant is conducting the project on someone's land without permission. The supervisors discussed the Tongue River Railroad permit applications that were made several years ago. Some of the permit requests were approved as on-sites were able to be made and others were not as Tongue River RR could not get permission for on-site inspections and without an on-site the projects could not be evaluated. It was noted that the district invited landowners to a district meeting to discuss these applications. Some landowners were very worried that projects proposed in their area would cause erosion problems. The TRRR has not contacted the district since August 1, 1988.

LOAN PROGRAM : Balance: \$262,238 Approved: \$70,000 Committed: \$70,800 Available: \$116238

Greg Lackman Farms Inc.: Requests \$12,000 for land leveling 136 acres on the old Aaron Lachenmaier place which he is purchasing. Greg resides in Hysham. He offers 812 acres which he values at \$301,400...300 acres of range at \$66/acre and 512 acres of irrigated cropland at \$550/acre. He owes First Bank Billings \$100,000. The rangeland acres were valued too high but lowering to \$40/acre still gave required collateral. Duane made a motion to approve the loan application. Robert seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Gatewood told his attorney he was willing to settle for \$3000 (which would include settlement with SCS also). The district informed Forsythe that we would not settle and could not settle anything for SCS. We are now informed that Gatewood's attorney has asked the judge to withdraw as his attorney as Gatewood refuses to pay his retainer or to acknowledge his attempts to discuss the case. The judge granted his motion.

Kim Nile - The district received a request from Farm Credit to consent to a release of five acres of land so that FmHA will loan Nile the money to build a house there. Farm Credit has agreed to release these acres IF the district gives their consent. The amount owing on Nile's loan is \$8,920.00. Tom made a motion to release the five acres. Keith seconded and motion carried.

RESERVED WATER: We received word from Duane Claypool, and copies of news releases, stating that Ron Marlenee had submitted a bill to congress on behalf of Pick Sloan funding for Hammond and Haidle Irrigation Districts. Eastern Plains RC&D have sent letters of support for this funding and articles have been printed in Forsyth and Miles City papers.

Eastern Plains RC&D: The RC&D financial report lists Rosebud County as submitting only \$150. Since the district submitted this amount, it appears that the county did not submit the other \$150 as they planned. Caprice will check into this. Also the Chamber of Commerce has \$100 set aside for RC&D and this could be sent to Eastern Plains RC&D or used to help pay mileage. Caprice reported on the Micro Alliance which the RC&D is working to get started...the alliance help provide a market for products made locally. Caprice attended the Sidney meeting and minutes of this meeting were received.

QUESTIONNAIRE/MACD: MACD sent two questionnaires for the district to complete and return. The need for a Water Quality Conference, and possible subjects, was discussed. The board felt there was a need for such a conference and listed several possible subjects. Conservation District funding questionnaire was also filled out. The board unanimously disagreed with further taxes but felt the RIT funds designated to district administration should be increased. They did not believe that the districts should be equalized as in the case of school districts.

FINAL 1992 BUDGET: Salaries = \$40,852.00 Benefits - \$3,700.00 Cons. Education = \$1300.00
Dues = \$4,774.00 Office Supplies = \$1,200.00 Field Supplies = \$750.00 Security
Bond = \$100.00 Maintenance Agreements = \$500.00 Newsletters = \$1,000.00 Annual
Report = \$100.00 Supervisor's Expense = \$4,000.00 Water Reservations = \$100.00
Workshops = \$500.00 RC&D = \$500.00 TOTAL: \$59,376.00

FAIR RESULTS: The fair booth was well attended. Marie Hanser spent Friday in the booth and displayed Speech Contest posters and material. The Plant I.D. "light up" board was especially well received and kids spent a lot of time learning the plants. The Range Plant I.D. Contest was a little different as the Junior division had to identify only 10 plants as opposed to the 20 for other divisions. Twelve adults took the test. 1st place - Tom Mott, Miles City; Dan Hanson, Ingomar - 2nd; Dave McNaney, Hysham - 3rd; Becky Miller, Colstrip - 4th. Senior Div. (6) : Carin Rader, Forsyth - 1st; Lisa Olson, Hysham - 2nd; Mike Demarais, Ashland - 3rd; Shawn Fraker, Route 2 - 4th; Junior Div: (1) Ben Hanson, Ingomar - 1st; Jenney Redland, Hysham - 2nd; Bob Hanson, Ingomar - 3rd; Ryan Nelson, Melstone - 4th. Twenty people took the seed quiz and Dave McNaney won with 2 wrong and no ties. Twenty Seven people took the conservation quiz. Candi Stevens won with 0 wrong and no ties.

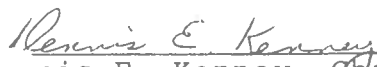
AREA IV MEETING: Scheduled for October 3rd in Roundup at 8:30 a.m. Keith Lockie and Duane said they may be able to attend. Jay will be reminded as it would be beneficial for him to attend. Caprice Gregory and Jeanne LaBree will be attending.

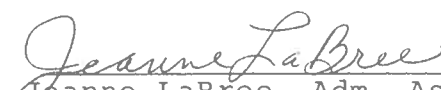
MACD CONVENTION: Scheduled in Butte, November 13-15th. 50th Anniversary is the theme. Robert Heinle will receive a 10 year Service award but is unsure if he will be able to attend. MACD wanted to know if there was second generation supervisors and Jay Nansel's name will be submitted. No one made a commitment to attend the convention at this time.

AS FROM RAY: The notes stated that state per diem rates are \$15.50/day for meals and \$30 for rooms. Steve was asked if the supervisors were held to this by law and how are MACD conventions, Area meetings, etc. handled when the meals are so much higher. Are the supervisors supposed to pick up this difference? Steve will look into this and let us know his findings.

SCS: Shirley Bollinger asked the board when the panel would be able to come in and review some plans and revisions he had ready. Duane and Dennis scheduled 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 27th. Tammy mentioned that the City Water Dept. was checking a substance that was found in the water and were trying to find out what it is and/or where it might come from. They were questioning whether or not it was irrigation related and were trying to locate drains from irrigation to the river. Dennis and Duane said they would stop by the Water Dept. after reviewing plans to see if they can be of any help.

There being no further business, Dennis Kenney moved the meeting close. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Assistant

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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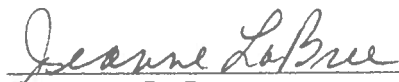
SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 1991

Attending: Dennis Kenney, Robert Heinle, Duane Martens, Jack Knobloch, Keith Lockie, Tom Wimer, Caprice Gregory, Jeanne LaBree, Phil Fox, Bob Kicker, Judy Knapp, Diane Stephenson, Stew Greer, Tammy DeCock, Shirley Bollinger, Jim Yedlicka, Bob Graham, Dep. State Conservationist; Lee Jones, Area Conservationist; Scott Kaiser, CDB-DNRC; Steve Schmitz, Bureau Chief, CDB-DNRC; and Rocky Schwagler, incoming District Conservationist.

Dennis Kenney opened the meeting at 7:00 with introductions of SCS personnel, supervisors, etc. Bob Graham suggested each person introduce themselves by stating their name, occupation, family, greatest district accomplishment (if they were a supervisor), and what they would like to see being done in the county. Rosebud CD felt the no-interest loan program was the best accomplishment. Treasure CD mentioned loan program and conservation day. Each agency representative told a little about their job and what was available to the district through their agency.

Bob explained that this was a new way to introduce incoming district conservationists. The Forest Service has been doing this type of thing and evidently think it is a good way to acquaint new personnel.

At 8:30 p.m., Lee Jones suggested the meeting be adjourned so that Rosebud CD could start their regular meeting. Coffee and rolls were served and Dennis told everyone they were welcome to stay for the District meeting.



Jeanne LaBree
District Administrative Assistant

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Duane Martens, Robert Heinle, Keith Lockie, Jack Knobloch, Ja Nansel, Caprice Gregory, Assoc.

Not Present: Tom Wimer, excused.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, DC, Shirley Bollinger, SC, Jeanne LaBree, Adm.Assistant.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the August 26th meeting needs to be amended to show that LaBree was paid with check #777. Keith made a motion to approve the minutes, with this change. Robert seconded and motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCOUNT	
Brought Forward:		\$52310.80	\$1303.58	890.33	262238.48	4
2812	U.S. West	Phone Bill	111.40			
2813	M.L. Schumann	UPS/Handling/Fair	26.04			
2814	Yellowstone Pharm.	Fair Booth Decorations	11.85			
2815	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 17 (642.52)	745.60			
2816	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 17 (622.22)	825.60			
2817	Caprice Gregory	RC&D Mtg. Mileage/Circle	89.96			
2818	P & R Surge	Battery Pack	72.13			
2819	BOSS	Office Supplies	57.95			
2	SWSA	Dues	49.00			
2	MT College of Mines	Groundwater Project	4081.08			
2822	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 18 (642.52)	745.60			
2823	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 18 (622.22)	825.60			
2824	IRS (748.79)	Matching Benefits	240.39			
775	Dennis Kenney	FSA Plan Review		15.00		
776	Duane Martens	FSA Plan Review		15.00		
P.C.	Food Factory	Meeting Expense				11
P.C.	Valley Auto	Mailing Surge Valve				14
	TOTAL EXPENSES	7,882.20	-0-	30.00	-0-	26

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY BUDGET	Coal Board/Monitoring Project	4081.08				
DISTRICT ACCOUNT:	Interest for 7/20-9/20		27.65			
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments: Mortenson, A-C, Shaver, Nansel				4940.00	
	Giesick, Spannagel, Garfield				3980.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Interest/July				2058.28	
Petty Cash	1 Blue Print/Hjelvik					1
	TOTAL INCOME	4081.08	27.65	-0-	10978.28	1
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:		48,509.68	1,331.23	860.33	272,216.76	21

Jack made a motion to accept the financial statement. Robert seconded and motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

AREA IV MEETING: It was noted that October 3rd is the date for the Area IV meeting. It will be held in Roundup at 8:30 a.m. Rocky said he would not be able to attend. Caprice did not know if she could attend as she may have to work Thursday. Dennis, Jay and Jeanne plan to attend. He mentioned that Dawn Treib, a junior at Forsyth High, wrote to MACD about the speech contest. Jeanne will give her a call and notify Lower Musselshell if she will be able to get a speech ready. A resolution to be presented by Big Horn CD was received. It asks that MACD support an increase to \$50,000 in the maximum amount paid under the Great Plains Conservation Program. The increased area served under the GP program was discussed and the possibility that if the maximum per individual was increased the cost share rate may have to decrease to service more contracts. It was also noted that any increase in the maximum also increased the

the landowner's share. The fact that the GP program dollars has not kept up with inflation was not disputed. After weighing the pros and cons, Robert made a motion that the district not support Big Horn's resolution. Keith seconded and motion carried by voice vote.

PER DIEM RATES/SUPERVISORS: Scott Kaiser called DNRC on the board's question of whether or not conventions/area meetings, etc. would fall under the per diem rate. He was informed that they would. The board feels that since convention meals are almost twice the per diem rate, this would keep many supervisors from attending. The possibility of setting an hourly pay rate for attendance or submitting a resolution to change the law, in the case of conservation district supervisors, was discussed. Supervisors, unlike other elected officials or state personnel, receive no compensation. They can by law, be paid an hourly wage for special meetings and projects. Many districts can not afford this and others, like Rosebud CD, choose not to. Being allowed the cost of convention expenses (registration, hotel, and meals) would take less time and paperwork than paying hourly wages, withholding, etc. The supervisors decided to discuss this matter at the Area IV meeting.

EASTERN PLAINS RC&D MEETING will be held at 2:00 p.m. on September 26th in Forsyth City Hall. Caprice urged the supervisors to attend to see the progress made since its' inception. Jay said he would try to be there, and Jeanne will attend.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: Wayne Van Voast and Murdo Campbell met to discuss the time frame and budget for this project as suggested by the Coal Board. Wayne said they decided on 21/24 (87.5%) of the preapplication. However, when Murdo sent his recommendations he determined that the coal board grant should be \$95,138 (86%) and the district's contribution be \$5,637.00. He also recommended the district budget items be rent and equipment rather than miscellaneous (administration). This recommendation was discussed with Wayne and, after visiting with his "people", he said they would accept the cuts but felt that the district should not accept an increase or a switch in budget items. Jack made a motion to change the district's contribution to \$3,850 (21/24's of the original budget because the project time frame was shortened to 21 months rather than 24) and submit the full application to the coal board. Jay seconded the motion and the motion carried.

WATER RESERVATIONS: It was noted that the Board of Natural Resources discussed the Water Reservation 1991 legislative amendments and SB314. Jeanne discussed the meeting with Duane Claypool and was informed that any proposed changes will be sent to each district in ample time to make comments. The proposed amendment, allowing an authorization of reserved water to be converted to a water use permit, was removed from the bill.

Robert Heinle attended a LYCDDC meeting in Terry on Monday. He mentioned that the bills submitted by our legislators are having trouble in committee and letters should be written the first week in December. A computer program will be available for figuring feasibility of high lift projects. Bill Grieman has offered his assistance in getting this program together.

Notices will be sent to reserved water holders reminding them that the annual water users report will be due by November 1st.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Shirley Bollinger suggested Alan Ballensky as a possible award winner. She says he farms in Garfield as well as Rosebud but that he has put HEL fields into grass, installed grassed waterways, and has practiced strip farming for many years. Keith suggested Don Hirsch, an Angela area farmer. Don was mentioned last year but had not completed the strip cropping he had planned. Bill Asay was also mentioned, last year, as a possibility for the 1991 conservation award winner. His accomplishments were land leveling and gated pipe. He has entered into an LTA this year. After some consideration, Robert made a motion to nominate

Alan Ballensky. Keith seconded and motion carried. Pictures will be taken of Alan's place for a slide program at the Annual Banquet. Rocky mentioned that the district he assisted in North Dakota presented each of their award winner's with a large framed photo of their place. One was also made for the office. The board agreed this was a good idea and they would begin this year with Ballensky. Tom Schwarzkopf will provide the plane for aerial photos. Other farms will also be photographed so that there is a wider selection for newsletter I.D. contest.

COOPERATORS AGREEMENTS: Clarence Spottedwolf requests a cooperator's agreement on 270 acres. Duane made a motion to accept Spottedwolf as a cooperator. Jack seconded and motion carried.

Greg Lackman now owns the Aaron Lachenmaier place and Aaron no longer lives in Rosebud County. Robert made a motion to cancel his cooperator's agreement. Duane seconded and motion unanimously carried. It was noted that Steve Lackman, Greg's brother, operates the farm.

SCS REPORT: Rocky updated the board on SCS activities. CRP status reviews are being scheduled and 5% spot checks are about completed. He asked the board about their no-till drill and how much use it was getting. Duane explained that he had a demonstration plot as part of the district's no-till project but did not wish to continue as the crop yield on his no-till portion was "much" less than conventional tillage. The board informed Rocky that there was no "demand" for rental of the drill either. Rocky said that the board in Selfridge had sold their no-till drill and purchased an undercutter and he wondered if they thought this would be a good idea. It was explained that it was hoped to trade the no-till drill in for a grass drill as there is a lot of interest in using one. However, nothing can be done until the "project" is completed. Laurie Zellar will be contacted, again, to see what can be done now that the contract period is over.

MONTANA SALINITY ASSOCIATION: Jane Holzer wrote reminding the board that the Southern Saline Seep Organization offers help to landowners, business, and government entities. They also have included environmental site assessments such as monitoring well installation ground water identification, and sampling.

VIDEO-FARMERS' ROLE IN WETLANDS RESTORATION: This video was sent to the district by NACD to view or lend out. SCS will soon be supplying the Forsyth Field Office with a VCR/TV so the board will be able to review this together or they may take it home individually.

FORESTRY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES BOOKLETS: Two booklets were sent to the district by DSL, Forestry Division. Anyone wishing to take one home can do so, or additional copies can be ordered through the DSL.

ANNUAL PLAN REVIEW: It was noted that supervisors were scheduled to attend a CRP review in their area. Shirley said there were not too many reviews left to do but she would contact the supervisors after scheduling with operator. DSL called about the outdoor classroom, wondering if the district was still planning to lease. The board agreed that the board should continue to lease whether it is through DSL or the Country Club. It was noted in the plan that Rosebud CD will host this year's annual banquet. The board asked Jeanne to look into the cost and availability of the Ringling Five and are considering holding the banquet on Sunday afternoon rather than a weekday evening as in the past.

Minutes: 9/25/91

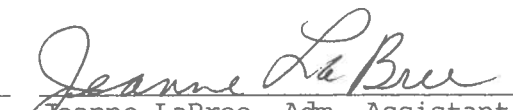
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LOAN PROGRAM: Cash on Hand: \$273,216 Loans Approved: \$70,000 Amount Committed/Mortgage: \$70
Amount Available for New Loans: \$132,416

Gatewood: The County Attorney's office was called to get an update on the status of Gatewood's debt collection. Jeanne was informed the judge had given Gatewood some extra time to get another attorney as the attorney he had was given approval to drop his case for lack of payment and refusal to communicate.

There being no further business, Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Duane seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Adm. Assistant

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 23, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Chairman, Duane Martens, V.Ch., Jack Knobloch, Jay Nansel, Tom Wimer, Caprice Gregory, Assoc. Supervisor.

Not Present: Robert Heinle, Keith Lockie.

Others Present: Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer; Shirley Bollinger, SCS S.C.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. in the SCS conference room by Chairman Dennis Kenney. The minutes of the September 25th regular meeting were approved as written. The next meeting is scheduled for November 27th at 2:00 p.m. but it was noted that Jeanne should check with Rocky to see if he will be able to attend as it is the day before Thanksgiving.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:			COUNTY	DIST.ACCT.	CRP	LOAN ACCT.	P.C.
Balances brought forward:			48509.68	1331.23	860.33	273216.76	21.
2825	US Postal Service	Mailing Newsletter	110.66				
2826	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 19 (642.52)	745.60				
2827	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 19 (622.22)	825.60				
2828	U S West	Phone Service	51.25				
2829	Copper King	Reservation Deposit/MACD	192.00				
2830	US Postal Service	Stamps (100@.29, 20@.23)	33.60				
2831	Yellowstone Pham	Slides/Development	14.02				
2832	Diane Stephenson	Mileage/Clerk's Mtg/MiCy	20.80	56.25			
2833	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 20 (642.52)	745.60				
2835	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 20 (622.22)	825.60				
2836	Clara Schiffer	Newsletter Photo I.D.	5.00				
2837	IRS (748.79)	Matching Benefits	240.39				
778	Dixie Kenney	RC&D Meeting/Cookies, etc		26.90			
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expense (reg)					7.
P.C.	- Valley Auto	UPS/return Surge Valve Panel					5.
TOTAL EXPENSES:			3866.37	26.90	-0-	-0-	12.
INCOME DURING MONTH:							
DISTRICT ACCOUNT		Blue Printing/SCS		112.00			
DISTRICT ACCOUNT		L.O. Map/Galt		6.00			
LOAN ACCOUNT		Payments:Sorenson,Batey				4370.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT		Payments:Payer,Larson,McDaniel				1460.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT		Interest/August				1958.59	
PETTY CASH		Flags/Charlie Brown					5.
PETTY CASH		L.O. Map/Ungefug					6.
TOTAL INCOME:			-0-	118.00	-0-	7788.59	11.
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD:			44643.31	1422.333	860.33	281005.35	19.

Duane made a motion to approve the financial statement. Jack seconded and motion carried by voice vote.

COUNTY CASH ON HAND: County cash on hand will not be adequate to cover the district's county budget expenses this month. In checking through the county's collections, it was found that the reserve collected was not adequate to carry the district through to November tax collections. The Clerk & Recorder was using the Treasurer's figures at the end of the Fiscal Year rather than the budget form balances in figuring the mil levy. The Treasurer informed Jeanne that checks could be certified through the bank or a letter transferring administrative funds from the loan account would work. On the first of December the funds could be transferred back to the loan account, via letter. Tom made a motion to transfer \$4000 to the county budget, temporarily. Duane seconded and motion carried. The clerk & recorder and Jeanne will work together to figure

MACD CONVENTION: Supervisors planning to attend the convention on November 13, 14, 15 are: Duane, Dennis, Robert, Jay, and Caprice. Jeanne may attend. It was noted that the Leadership workshop begins at 1:00 p.m. on the 13th and that Rocky, the DC, may attend if two or more supervisors attend. Registration will not be sent in until the supervisors can make a firm commitment, even though it may cost \$5/registration after October 31st. Raffle ticket books were taken by Duane, Jay, and Dennis. Jeanne talked with Peggy Robles, MACD Executive Vice-President, and it was confirmed that the supervisors were held to state rates. However, Peggy concluded that, because it was a special meeting, the supervisors could be paid wages or an amount that covers the difference between per diem and actual convention meals. After some discussion Dennis made a motion that the supervisors be reimbursed for expenses incurred, over the per diem rate, when they attend special meetings but not compensated for their time. Duane seconded and the motion unanimously carried by voice vote. MACD raffle ticket booklets were taken by the supervisors to sell.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT: An invoice for project #0313 in the amount of \$9,747 was received from the Montana College of Mines and Mineral Science. Duane made a motion to submit the invoice to the Coal Board for payment. Jack seconded and motion carried. The balance in this account is \$8100.02 so the entire amount requested will not be reimbursed from this project for

Project #0348, continuation of the water quantity and quality monitoring will go before the coal board on November 7 or 8th. It was noted that Murdo did not comment on the changes the board made in the recommendation made by Murdo in the full application. No one could make a commitment to attend the coal board meeting in November as a few days after will be the MACD convention.

AREA IV MEETING: Jay Nansel, Dennis Kenney, and Jeanne LaBree attended. Treasurer CD paid half the mileage from Forsyth to Roundup. Due to the addition of some presentations, those attending could not stay for the business portion of the meeting. Jeanne learned, however, that the resolution to support an increase in the maximum allowed under the GPCP program did not pass. Also, Robert Story was elected Area IV Director and replaces Jim Yedlicka. An open discussion on Errors and Omission Insurance and 3 laws was part of the agenda. Peggy and Ray Beck will do some research on Errors & Omission Insurance and will have some options to present at the MACD convention.

EASTERN PLAINS RC&D: The district received a thank you for hosting the 9/26 meeting. Nine people from Rosebud County attended, including Jeanne LaBree, Tammy DeCock, and commissioner Mark Pinkerton. It was noted that the Eastern Plains RC&D received a request from Philips County to sponsor a weed management project. Philips County is not part of the RC&D but E.P. agreed to sponsor the project for a percent of the grant. The October meeting was held in Terry and Caprice attended with Al Cajun. Mileage, round trip, was 188 miles.

SCS REPORT: Terry Johnson represented SCS at the FAC meeting in Lame Deer. The office space the tribe is to provide for SCS, FmHA, ASCS, and Extension Service was to be discussed. However, no one from the tribe attended. Shirley took pictures of Allan Ballensky's farm, by air, and showed the slides to the supervisors. The slides seemed to be over-exposed and may not be able to be used for the "award" picture. It was decided that a photo may have to be given next spring rather than at the annual banquet.

WATER RESERVATIONS/Pick Sloan: Dennis Kenney attended the meeting in Terry on 10/15/91. Larry Hill, Hammond Irrigation District Chairman, gave written testimony on behalf of Hammond I.D., and this was included in the testimonies sent to Washington, D.C. Karen Barclay, DNRC Director, represented the LYCDDC at the hearings. Dennis mentioned that it is necessary to get the pump efficiencies to Duane Claypool and Larry will take care of this. Savings to the Hammond Irrigation District, initially is planned to replace the existing pumps as they are not as efficient as they could be.

TONGUE RIVER DAM/PUBLIC MEETING: Meetings were held in Ashland and Miles City. Jack Knobloch attended the meeting in Ashland and gave a report to the supervisors. It was suggested that the board members write to Representative Pat Williams urging his support for the repair and enlargement of the Tongue River Dam as it appears that he is hesitant to give his support. The Crow Indians are against the project because it includes a water settlement with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe which allocates 30,000 acre feet of water from the Yellowtail Dam. Williams' seems to be siding with the Crow. Because the Tongue River Dam is a high hazard dam and its failure threatens lives and property, and because the water compact negotiations with the Northern Cheyenne are "fair", the supervisors decided that they would write letters in support of the dam repair and enlargement.

ADDITION TO DISTRICT: The Dixie Kenney Addition to the Rosebud Conservation District was approved by the DNRC and a copy of the certificate was received with instructions to record and return filing information to Laurie Zellar, DNRC. This will be taken care of and it was decided that the district should pay for filing fees as they have in the past with larger additions.

LOAN PROGRAM: Word was received from John Forsythe that Judge Wilson has ruled that Jerry Gatewood owes the district \$12,727.88. The ruling was dated October 18th. Jeanne will contact Forsythe to ask what is the next step he will take to "actually" collect the money.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: Steven Shelley requests a cooperator's agreement on 2240 acres in the Ashland area. Jack made a motion to accept Steven as a cooperator. Duane seconded and motion carried.

TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA CONSERVATION FARM PROGRAM: Jointly sponsored by Goodyear, USDA, NASCA, and NACD, this program recognizes outstanding examples of conservation farms. The district selects a farm and plans events to recognize the operation. Sponsors donate a 2'x3' sign identifying the farm. The board suggested the Red Butte Ranch (Alan Ballenski).

ANNUAL BANQUET: The board selected Sunday, February 9th as the date. Jeanne checked into the Ringling Five for entertainment and was informed they charge \$500 plus mileage, etc. The board decided this was too much to spend and Gwen Peterson, Big Timber Rancher/Wife was suggested. Jeanne will look into this and other possibilities.

ANNUAL PLAN/1992: It was decided that priorities will be discussed at November meeting.

LONG RANGE PLAN: The 1991 Annual Plan stipulated that the Long Range Plan should be updated. This will be carried forward to the 1992 Annual Plan.

There being no further business, Duane made a motion to adjourn. Jay seconded.

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ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 27, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Robert Heinle, Jay Nansel, Tom Wimer, Duane Martens, Jack Knobloch, Keith Lockie, and Caprice Gregory, Associate Supervisor.

Others Present: Chris Theodor, Area Agronomist, Miles City; Rocky Schwagler, DC; Layton Salsbury, visitor; Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Dennis Kenney at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made and minutes of the October 23rd meeting were approved as written. It was decided that the next meeting will be held December 19th as the fourth Wednesday is Christmas. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.
Balances brought forward:			\$44643.31	\$1422.33	\$860.33	\$281005.35	\$19
2838	Clerk & Recorder	Filing Fee/Addition	56.00				
2839	Lower Mussellshell	Area IV Mtg Expenses	70.31				
2840	State Treasurer	Withhold (339.96) Pay. Tax	26.40				
2841	State Fund	Workmens Comp 3rd Qtr.	69.87				
2842	Unemployment Ins.	3rd Quarter	61.28				
2843	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 21 (642.52)	745.60				
2844	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 21 (622.22)	825.60				
2845	IRS (W.H=508.40) +	Matching Benefits	240.39				
2846	Peterson Typewriter	Supplies	83.00				
2847	Caprice Gregory	RC&D/Mileage (Terry, Sidney)	139.88				
	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 22	745.60				
	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 22	825.60				
2850	MACD	Convention Registration	311.25				
2851	Copper King Inn	Lodging (3) balance	109.55				
2852	Copper King Inn	Breakfast	11.25				
2853	Dennis Kenney	Mileage: Area IV, LYODD, MACD	252.67				
2854	College of Mines	Coal Board Grant	8100.02				
2855	Tom Schwartzkopf	Aerial Photography	50.00				
2856	U.S. West	Phone Service	54.04				
2857	Ind. Enterprise	1300 Newsletters	202.83				
2858	Ag in MT Schools	Dues	100.00				
2859	NACD	Napkins/CD Histories (10)	47.36				
79	Tom Wimer	No-Interest Loan				1900.00	
80	Greg Lackman Farms	No-Interest Loan				6400.00	
***	County Cash	Transfer: from Loan (Temporary)				4000.00	
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expense					5
TOTAL EXPENSES			13078.50	-0-	-0-	12300.00	5

INCOME DURING MONTH:

COUNTY BUDGET	Coal Board/Monit. Project 0313	8100.02					
DISTRICT	2 bundles flags (Mereness)		10.00				
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments/Hoff, Nansel, Schwend					2410.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Loan Closing: Wimer, Lackman					249.00	
LOAN ACCOUNT	Payments: McDaniel, Martens, Spannagel					3080.00	
PETTY CASH	L.O. Maps: Wood, Chickery, Goroski						30
PETTY CASH	Blue Print/Jones						1
PETTY CASH	L.O. Maps: Manning, Lindgren, Hill						18
TOTAL INCOME		8100.02	10.00	-0-		5739.00	49
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD:		39665.83	1432.33	860.33		274444.35	62

Duane made a motion to accept the financial statement. Robert seconded and motion carried.

LISA (Low Input Sustainable Agriculture): Chris Theodor, Area Agronomist, explained LISA to the supervisors and predicts its future in agriculture is secure. "LISA" involves

alternative approaches to the conventional/chemical farming system. Chris left some literature on the subject and asked the supervisors to look through it. The booklet "Switching to a Sustainable System" can be purchased for \$4.00 each. One copy was given to the district. In the spring, Chris would like to meet with the supervisors to discuss the subject again.

MARTENS RESIGNS: Duane Martens handed the supervisors a letter of resignation. He was appointed County Commissioner and cannot hold both offices. Duane brought Layton Salsbury to the meeting and informed the board that Layton was interested in taking his supervisor position. He is eligible as he is a partner in Tri-Can-Ag which owns a ranch in the Ingomar area. Jack made a motion to accept Duane's resignation. Keith seconded and motion carried. Robert made a motion to appoint Layton to fill Duane's position until the next regular election at which time Layton will have to be on the ballot. Tom seconded and motion carried. Dennis made a motion to appoint Duane as associate supervisor. Jay seconded and motion carried. After some discussion as to the Vice-Chairman position, which Duane held, Robert agreed to serve.

WATER MONITORING PROJECT #0348: The Coal Board approved the continuation of groundwater quality and quantity monitoring in the coal mining areas of Rosebud and Big Horn Counties. They approved \$99,138 (\$4000 more than the full application request). Wayne Van Voast asked for these additional funds to drill a new well. A letter authorizing the Bureau of Mines to begin work on this project was signed by Dennis Kenney and sent to Wayne on November 8th. Quarterly billings and reports were requested in this letter. The Coal Board sent three copies of the contract for the board's signature. Jack made a motion to sign the contract and Robert seconded. Vicky Fink notarized Dennis' signature.

TONGUE RIVER DAM REPAIR & ENLARGEMENT: Letters were sent to Representative Pat Williams by the Supervisors and Jeanne. These letters urged support of legislation (SB 1607). Jack attended a Tongue River Water User's meeting and learned that the legislation is meeting with a lot of opposition...Senator Daniel Inouye, an honorary member of the Crow Tribe, for one. The board received a request from the Northern Cheyenne to send letters of support and copies of each of the letters were sent to the Tribe for their information.

WATER RESERVATIONS: It was noted that Notice of Completions need to be filed by Hammond Irr. District and Timothy Patrick of Hathaway. Letters and forms have been sent to each.

Duane Claypool called and informed Jeanne that Don Seliski has been calling the DNRC concerning Gregory's water authorization. Duane said the district followed through with their responsibilities in the matter. DNRC sent copies of their correspondence with Seliski too. Art Gregory was in the office and submitted a negative Water User's Report. Because of an illness, he has not done anything toward completing the project as yet but intends to start in the spring now that he is better. Art's completion date is 12/1/92 so there is no need for an extension at this time.

The Reserved Water Annual Report will be completed and sent to the DNRC by 12/15 deadline.

KENNEY ADDITION: It was noted that the Clerk & Recorder would not record the addition without the original or a certified copy. Dennis spoke with Ray Beck about this, and Jeanne talked to Laurie Zellar. Both said they would get the needed papers to us.

310 (Natural Streambed & Land Preservation Act): Concern was expressed by a resident of Rosebud that the school will be pumping water from the Yellowstone and piping it through their alley. They fear that the pump site will cause more erosion and endanger their land. The 310 does not apply to gov't entities but Robert Heinle will visit with the school to offer the assistance of SCS or the district so that erosion hazards are kept at a minimum. They will also be reminded there may be other permits that be obtained.

Kim Nile: Kim submitted an application for a pump site permit. Jack made a motion that the activity was NOT a project as no streambank modification is planned. Tom seconded and motion carried. A letter will accompany the determination stating that IF it becomes necessary to shape the bank to accommodate the pump it will be a project and therefore a 310 application stating the proposed activity must be submitted prior to doing the work.

310. Cont'd: Forrest Dunning stopped by the office and said he was planning to install the vegetative streambank stabilization which he received a permit for in 1988. Jeanne visited with Phil Stewart about the project and was told that he had no problem with the district's sending a letter extending the permit. He would not ask for another on-site. Mr. Dunning removed the 100' of rock riprap from his planned activities. Keith made a motion to extend the '88 permit. Tom seconded and motion carried.

SCS UPDATE: Rocky informed the board that SCS was working on the National Resource Inventory (NRI). This is done every five years and is an inventory of the range condition. It is used to determine trends and conservation policies. Wetland determinations are being done on FmHA borrowers, GP status reviews are completed, and next month the Annual Plan of Operations will be put together utilizing the district's annual plan. Rocky mentioned, also, that compliance plan reviews will be done in conjunction with ASCS appointments.

LOAN PROGRAM: CASH: \$274444.35 LOANS APPR: \$70,000 COMMITTED: \$74,500 BALANCE: \$129,944.35

Gatewood: Gatewood sent a letter to John Forsythe, County Attorney, requesting that he pay the district in 12 equal payments (monthly), starting on November 24 to satisfy his debt. Keith made a motion to deny this request and demand full payment. Robert seconded and motion carried.

COUNTY BUDGET BALANCES: Salaries=\$25140.00 Benefits=\$2340.50 Conservation Education=\$1117.1 Dues=\$4625.00 Office Supplies=\$653.17 Field Supplies=\$595.27 Security Bond=\$100.00 Newsletters=\$820.35 Annual Report=\$100.00 Supervisors Expenses=\$3020.08 Water Reservations=\$52.84 Workshops=\$427.20 RC&D=\$173.31 Maintenance Agreements=\$500.00

PERSONNEL: It was noted that Matt Kurkowski worked 4½ hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday during pay period 23. Because this is not district policy, Matt came before the board and explained that he wanted to be on-site when contractors bored beneath the railroad track on Norris Cole's irrigation project. An SCS vehicle was used with permission from Rocky. Robert made a motion to give Matthew 8½ hours of comp time. Jack seconded and motion carried.

ANNUAL PLAN: Copies of the 1991 Annual Plan were given to each supervisor to review '91 priorities and help with ideas for '92 Annual Plan. Dennis felt that Water Quality should be a #1 priority in 1992, and the other supervisors agreed. Use of the district water quality test kits will be an action item and Matthew will be assigned to this. Matthew mentioned studies on tailwater, and irrigation induced salinity (especially in the Cartersville Irrigation area). It was tentatively decided that water conservation and management could be action items under Water Quality. Noxious weed containment was given a #2 priority. Dave Rapstad stepped in the meeting and asked that one or all supervisors attend an ACP meeting to help set priorities and cost share. It was decided that GP cost list would also be reviewed at the same meeting. The next regular meeting will address Annual Plan priorities and action items.

EASTERN PLAINS RC&D: Alice Kuehn, from Ekalaka, was named Coordinator. She will be stationed in Sidney. Caprice could not attend the meeting held on November 26 in Jordan as she was working.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE CD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: A computer workshop will be held in Terry on December 2nd. Bill Grieman will be conducting the workshop which will show the results of his investigations on irrigation, energy sources, crops, etc. The workshop will be 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Robert and Dennis will try to attend.

RIGHT TO HUNT INITIATIVE (CI-62): Copies of material on this initiative, sent by FW&P, was given to those supervisors wishing to review it. The F,W&P Commission would like comments prior to December 14 as they will be addressing the issues in Helena that day.

MACD CONVENTION: Dennis Kenney, Caprice Gregory, and Jeanne LaBree attended the convention in Butte. The Leadership Workshop, designed to enhance the effectiveness of CD Boards,

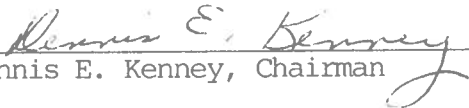
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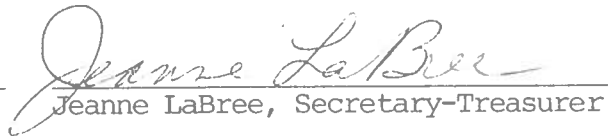
was held the first day and provided some good ideas the board may wish to initiate. Dennis reported on the Immunity/Insurance panel. He said that Don McIntyre, Chief Legal Counsel for the DNRC said that CD's may get insurance with the county and/or other conservation districts. (Jeanne will ask DNRC to give us the statute number so we could approach the commissioners with this idea). Tom Downey, an insurance agent, mentioned that individual supervisors may attach an umbrella policy to their personal liability policies that protects them as non-profit board members. It was also brought out, by McIntyre, that districts can levy a tax to purchase insurance or to pay a judgement. The panelists did say that it would be unlikely for a board, acting without malice in performance of their duties, getting a judgement against them. However, there may be attorney's fees if the county attorney or Attorney General's office cannot provide this service.

NACD CONVENTION will be held in Reno February 2-7th. Rooms are \$69/night and, at this time, registration info has not been received. Jeanne reserved two rooms for supervisors who may plan to attend.

NOTES FROM RAY WERE GIVEN TO EACH SUPERVISOR.

There being no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Secretary-Treasurer

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 19, 1991

Members Present: Dennis Kenney, Jack Knobloch, Layton Salsbery, Tom Wimer, Jay Nansel.
Associate Member, Duane Martens.

Not Present: Robert Heinle, Keith Lockie, excused. Assoc.Member, Caprice Gregory, excused.

Others Present: Gary Schaff, Extension Agent, Rocky Schwagler, DC, Dave Jewell, Area Engineer
Miles City. Jeanne LaBree, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes of the November 27 meeting were corrected to show check #2838 was \$5.00 rather than \$6, leaving the County Balance with \$39,665.83. The minutes were approved after correction was noted. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 1992, at 2:00 p.m. in the USDA building conference room. Duane Claypool, DNRC, will be attending.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:			COUNTY	DISTRICT	CRP	LOAN ACCOUNT	P.C.
Balances brought forward:			\$38665.83	1432.33	860.33	274444.35	62.0
2860	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P.23 (642.52)	745.60				
2861	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P.23 (622.22)	825.60				
2862	John Forsythe	Serve Papers/Gatewood	5.00				
2863	Kasper's	Slide Development	13.26				
2864	U.S.Post Office	100 .29 stamps	29.00				
2865	Matt Kurkowski	Wages/P.P. 24	745.60				
2866	Jeanne LaBree	Wages/P.P. 24	825.60				
2867	IRS (W.H.=508.40)	Matching Benefits	240.39				
2	Caprice Gregory	RC&D Mtg./MI.to Glendive	72.90				
2	U.S. West	Phone Service	48.22				
P.C.	Jack's IGA	Meeting Expense (Nov)					6.0
P.C.	Pharmacy	9 Volt Battery					1.0
P.C.	Clerk & Recorder	Filing Fee/Lackman*					4.0
TOTAL EXPENSES			3551.17	-0-	-0-	-0-	11.0
INCOME DURING MONTH:							
County Budget	Newsletter Prize		25.00				
District Account	L.O.Maps/Johnstone			6.00			
	Interest/9/20-11/20)			17.37			
	MACD Insurance			144.00			
Loan Account	Interstet/September					1493.43	
	Payments:Asay,Giesick					1160.00	
	Transfer from County Cash					4000.00	
Petty Cash	Phone Call/LaBree						.0
	Blue Print/Hendrickson						1.0
	L.O.Map/Kirkaldie						6.0
Loan Account	Gatewood *Payment					1060.00	
TOTAL INCOME			25.00	167.37	-0-	7713.43	7.0
Balances carried forward:			\$36139.66	1599.70	860.33	282157.78	58.0

Tom made a motion to approve the financial statement. Jay seconded and motion carried.

EXTENSION SERVICE: Gary Schaff, Rosebud-Treasure County Extension Service Agent informed the conservation district board that a water rights informational meeting is scheduled for March 9th in the Library basement. The meeting will address the history of Montana's water law, adjudications, new appropriations, reserved water, and Indian water rights. Gary also mentioned Water Awareness Month is January and Jean Schumaker is the contact for any information on activities. A Riparian Management Workshop was discussed and the board did not schedule one at this time. However, they will discuss it at a later date.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE CD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: The computer program workshop was postponed to January 23rd because of bad roads. Bill Grieman will be conducting the workshop and will show how to utilize the computer program in figuring the feasibility of bringing new land under high lift irrigation. It was also noted the last LYCDDC meeting addressed the Missouri River Basin Indian tribes' request to be included in the "Pick Sloan Power Bill". The request included towns as well as irrigation and the LYCDDC committee felt they should not be included. Rosebud CD was not represented at this meeting but Dennis Kenney visited with Duane Claypool prior to the meeting.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Vince Yanone, FW&P at Helena, has agreed to entertain at the districts' banquet on February 9th. We will pay his mileage and lodging. Jeanne asked if the board would consider asking Terry Johnson's son to sing or the high school jazz band to play a tune or two. The board thought this would be okay. Food was discussed, and Dennis made a motion to have prime rib. Layton seconded and motion carried. The meal will be at 5:00 p.m., with Vince's wildlife program immediately after. Attendance was discussed and it was decided that a random drawing would select 10 people from the district's cooperator list. The conservation achievement award winner and spouse and usual guests would also be invited. Others may attend but must pay for their meals.

COUNTY CONSERVATION REVIEW GROUP (CCRG) met on December 13th. Dennis Kenney, Tom Wimer, Robert Heinle, Layton Salsbery, Jay Nansel, Caprice Gregory, Matthew Kurkowski and Jeanne LaBree represented the Rosebud CD. Darrell Grogan, FmHA, Dave Rapstad, ASCS County Executive Director, Franny Nile, ASCS County Committeeman, Gary Schaff, County Extension Agent, Rocky Schwagler and Tammy DeCock, SCS, also attended. Forest Service, BIA, and Northern Cheyenne Tribe representatives were also invited but did not attend. The county's priorities were discussed in their relation to cost share practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), Long Term Agreements (LTA), and Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP). It was decided that water development would remain a high priority under ACP cost share. It was recommended that surge valves be cost-shared, to aid in water conservation, and gated pipe would receive a higher cost share if installed under a total irrigation reorganization system.

ANNUAL PLAN: At the November 27th meeting, the board set Water Quality and Noxious Weeds as their first two priorities, and this meeting discussed action items under these priorities. A special meeting will be scheduled with SCS so the district's needs will be taken into account when their Annual Plan of Operations is formulated.

SCS UPDATE: Rocky informed the board that ASCS and SCS received a complaint about soil blowing from Don Hirsch's fields. Rocky plans an on-site visit to the place and asked if a supervisor would accompany him. It was suggested that Keith Lockie would be called when the on-site date is set. Dennis said he would go along if Keith could not make it.

Rocky asked the board if it was okay to hook up their computer to the SCS main frame. It would allow Rocky to put one of the SCS computers in Hysham because they could utilize the district's computer. The board agreed this could be done but emphasized that if district personnel needed to use the computer it would be a priority.

LOAN PROGRAM: It was noted that a bank account of Gatewood's was garnished and \$1060 was sent to the district. Forsythe also filed a lien on Gatewood's property in Billings. A letter, from Forsythe, asks if the district would like him to try garnishing Gatewood's bank account for a month or two. It was also mentioned that the district could go through a collection agency, or hire another credit search to find all properties, etc. The board decided to have Forsythe try the garnishment of bank accounts again. If this isn't productive, the other alternatives will be looked at. Duane Martens was asked to visit with Forsythe about time limits on the court's judgement against Gatewood.

EIS ON MONTANA'S NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND PROGRAM: Comments on the environmental statement for the noxious weed trust fund program must be made by 1/22. Copies of the EIS summary were given to each board member present, and they were informed the County Weed Board had a

EXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND, cont'd:

copy of the actual statement if they wished to review it. The document considers three alternatives: no action, discontinue program, or modification. A public hearing will be held in Billings on January 13th at 1:00 p.m. Tom was asked if he would attend but could make no commitment at this time.

The board visited with Gary Schaff on attending a county weed board meeting. Gary said they would send us a meeting notification and could attend at any time. He also mentioned there will be a State Weed Board meeting on January 14th and 15th.

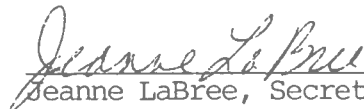
NACD CONVENTION: The supervisors were reminded that the NACD convention is scheduled for February 2-7th and were asked if anyone had made plans to attend. Two rooms have been reserved and payment must be made for first night. No supervisors plan to attend the convention so the rooms will be cancelled.

WATER AWARENESS MONTH - JANUARY: Jeanne has received information on contests, etc., and will write to schools to inform them of the state contest. Water Awareness Month will also be advertised in district's newsletter.

FSA REVIEW COMMITTEE: Jay Nansel and Layton Salsbery was appointed to the FSA Plan Review committee to take Joe Nansel and Duane Martens' place. Dennis Kenney remains on the committee. Plans for Killen and Sorenson need to be reviewed and signed and the committee will remain after the regular meeting to do this.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Layton seconded and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.


Dennis E. Kenney, Chairman


Jeanne LaBree, Secretary Treasurer