

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO Box 1200
FORSYTH, MONTANA 59327
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MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Bob Nansel, Chairman, Jim Rogers, Dave Davenport, Doug McRae and Don Youngbauer.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Don and Jesse Hotter, Paul and Joe Hofer, Leona Waldhausen and Kelly Pokharet, NPRC, Duane Claypool, DNRC, Becky Rusdal and Tami Kimball.

Bob Nansel called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. in the conservation office. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport made the motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Don Youngbauer seconded and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Dave Davenport seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier. There were no questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

Meeting closed to discuss the following loans – 7:10 p.m.

LOANS:

Don and Jesse Hotter, Richard Kroll: They are asking for \$ 35,000. This will be for their barb project. The Board had questions concerning the total acres involved. There is a difference in what the Hotter's put on the original application and the information received from the bank. Don came and corrected the acres and land values. After looking over the revisions, Doug made the motion to approve the loan for \$ 35,000. Dave seconded and the motion carried. It was also decided to have all 5 sign the security sheet.

JOE HOFER: He would like a one year deferral on his payments. He currently has 3 loans. Joe just didn't have the hay crop he was expecting this year and therefore unable to make the payments. All payments are late and Paul will pay the interest thru Jan. 28th. Dave made the motion to grant the one year deferral. Jim seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting opened at 8:15 p.m.

310: None at this time.

RESERVED WATER:

Bill SCHWARZKOPH/BRUCE WAAGE, YELLOWSTONE RIVER: Duane Claypool, DNRC Miles City, had done the work on this. They want to put in 2 wheel lines. He had no reasons to not approve the project. Dave made the motion to approve the application. Doug seconded and the motion carried.

Duane also was wondering about the Delbert Moore application. We have not heard any more on this. He suggested a termination letter be sent to them. Jim made the motion to send the letter. Doug seconded and the motion carried. Tami will get the letter sent and a copy to Duane.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUMMER INTERN: We will ask Megan if she wants to come back this summer. If not, Tami will get this information out.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Becky has been busy with pipeline designs. She has been helping Sarah with a design and continues to work with the programs necessary for pipeline designs. She has been busy with tree orders and has had some requests for helping other districts get started with trees.

NRCS REPORT: Rocky asked if the board had any ideas for projects that would qualify for GLCI money. He also said that the CSP rules are out. The Bridger plant materials center is looking to do some field testing if any one was interested. He also has a sodbuster plan. The board did not sign off on it as it is district policy to not sign anything Class 6 or above. This plan is Class 6 & 7.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPERVISOR ELECTIONS: Material necessary to re-up were handed out to Bob and Don. Steve will receive his in the mail. They are to be turned in to the Clerk and Recorder by March 25th.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER COUNCIL: A new MOU needed Bob's signature. This was just to update everything saying that we are still behind the project.

ORDINANCE: Jim Rogers has been working on a land use ordinance. A copy of his proposal had been sent out in the packet. There are still a lot of questions regarding the process and Jim decided to contact Steve Schmitz, DNRC, to see about legal assistance. This issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

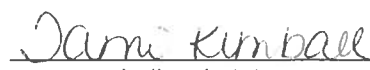
MOU: A new MOU with the Yellowstone River Conservation District Council was signed by Bob Nansel. It will be sent to Custer CD.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

INFO RECEIVED: We have received a lot of newsletters. They were available for the Supervisors to look through at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.


Bob Nansel, Chairman


Tami Kimball, Administrator

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 2004 Treasurers Report

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	GRANTS
		\$ 48,648.36	\$ 2,911.27	\$ 358,980.33	\$ 1,991.49
5754	Rosebud Co Plan	710.00			
5755	Postmaster	\$ 37.00			
5756	Becky Rusdal	\$ 660.00			
5757	Tamara Kimball	\$ 733.98			
5758	Rosebud Co Plan	\$ 710.00			
5759	IRS	\$ 187.91			
5760	BOSS, Inc	\$ 440.90			
5761	Range Telephone	\$ 64.68			
5762	Bob Nansel	\$ 167.00			
5763	J M Nansel	\$ 72.00			
5764	Dennis Kenney	\$ 42.28			
5765	Don Youngbauer	\$ 176.00			
5766	Dave Davenport	\$ 460.65			
5767	Eastern Plains RC&D	\$ 100.00			
5768	Becky Rusdal	\$ 660.00			
5769	Tamara Kimball	\$ 677.52			
5770	Jacks	\$ 15.44			
5771	Verizon	\$ 403.29			
5772	Postmaster	\$ 365.94			
5773	Dept of Revenue	\$ 30.70			
285	Clerk & Recorder			\$ 6.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 6,715.29	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ -

INCOME DURING MONTH:						
County Budget	phone - Kenney					
County Budget	phone - Kimball					
District Account	interest	\$ 22.31		\$ 0.58		
District Account	flag sales					
Loan Account	pmt - Rolston				\$ 650.00	
Loan Account	pmt - Nansel				\$ 3,500.00	
Loan Account	pmt - Hein				\$ 1,110.00	
Loan Account	pd in full - Thomas				\$ 27,720.00	
Loan Account	pmt - Diamond Ranch				\$ 2,570.00	
Loan Account	pmt - Hopf				\$ 2,350.00	
Loan Account	pmt - Ham				\$ 3,500.00	
Loan Account	pmt - Mysse				\$ 1,120.00	
Loan Account	pmt - Weight				\$ 380.00	
Loan Account	interest				\$ 2,257.97	
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 22.31	\$ 0.58		\$ 45,157.97	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 6,715.29	\$ -		\$ 6.00	\$ -
Balance Carried Forward:		\$ 41,955.38	\$ 2,911.85		\$ 404,132.30	\$ 1,991.49

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Bob Nansel, Chairman, Jim Rogers, Dave Davenport, Doug McRae, Steve Lackman and Don Youngbauer.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Steve Schmitz, DNRC, Denise Woods, Art Hays, Clint McRae, Becky Rusdal and Tami Kimball.

Bob Nansel called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the conservation office. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport made the motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Doug McRae seconded and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Dave Davenport seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier. There were no questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Denise Woods commented that it was nice to be able to attend a meeting and be able to put a face to the names. She also appreciated being able to participate in our meeting.

LOANS: None at this time.

310: None at this time.

STEVE SCHMITZ, DNRC: Jim asked Steve if he knew what had been the cause of Sarah Carlson's letter regarding the idea that CD's are in the way of DEQ getting their TMDLs done on time. He said Sarah had attended an EQC (Environmental Quality Council) and came away with a strong feeling that CD's were the cause of DEQ not getting their work done because of the public hearings that were done with local CD's. MACD had received a lot of response back from the districts thinking that the only way some of the work had been completed was because of the local involvement. The CD's are responsible to be the local contacts. DEQ has been working on these for 7 1/2 years and have 43 done. They have 3 years 3 months left to complete the work and have in excess of 800 to complete. DEQ is going more to the modeling approach on these streams and EPA will be doing more of the work.

Steve had received the draft ordinance from Jim and it had been looked over by Ann Yates, DNRC council. She did a preliminary review of the document and had a lot of concerns. There was questions regarding the reclamation provision in the ordinance and that we may be over stepping our authority in requiring a bond. There was some question regarding using the County Attorney. He won't turn us down but he is very busy and our concerns will not be a priority. That is why the district pursued the DNRC assistance.

The Board would like to get the legal opinion from DNRC. Steve will take this back to Helena. Jim made the motion to request legal funding for the purpose for re-writing the ordinance. Doug seconded and the motion carried.

The Board will also pursue a public scoping meeting. We will try to get this done in March at a location in Colstrip.

Dave had some concerns regarding who has water rights to the water once is pumped from the ground. This is something that we need to check with the water rights people.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUMMER INTERN: Megan would like to come back this summer. She would like to start the middle of May and Tami told her that that would probably be all right.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Becky has been busy with pipeline designs. She is working on a windbreak shelterbelt design for a WHIP contract. She has been busy with tree orders and has had some requests for helping other districts get started with trees. She will be attending some computer training in March and will be attending the NRCS area meeting in Miles City. She has also been surveying with Stew and has been asked to go back to the elementary school for Arbor Day in May.

NRCS REPORT: Rocky has been working on the new EQIP application. They have been working on updating the '03 application. Any new applications will be for '05 money. They have received 17 for irrigation, 12 for grazing, 1 ground and surface water application and also 1 WHIP application. Rocky will also check with Steve Van Fossen regarding the soil sampling requirements that the Board was interested in. He also told the board the Sarah Costello is gone.

NEW BUSINESS:

AG IN MONTANA SCHOOLS: Dave made the motion to pay the annual dues of \$100. Doug seconded and the motion carried.

EVALUATIONS: It's time to do employee evaluations for both Becky and Tami. The Board will do this after the meeting and Bob will then meet with them.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER COUNCIL: Jim had talked to Dennis Kenney about being our representative on the Council and he was agreeable. Jim made the motion to appoint Dennis to the Council. Steve seconded and the motion carried. Tami reported on the last meeting and said that it's possible in the future to require all 310 sites to be GPS'd. Also, there will be some landowner meeting this spring and the council would like to see some consistency when it comes to contacting the landowners.

OTHER BUSINESS:

IRA: At one time, an IRA was an option for employees. Wendy was the last one to do this. Tami chose to not enroll at the time of employment. Becky has expressed some interest and Doug did some follow-up. Steve made the motion to have the district contribute 3% with a matching employee contribution – if no match; it would be a 2% contribution. Doug seconded and the motion carried. Tami and Becky will look into getting something put together.

INFO RECEIVED: We have received a lot of newsletters. They were available for the Supervisors to look through at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


Bob Nansel, Chairman


Tami Kimball, Administrator

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MINUTES OF March 31, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Bob Nansel, Chairman, Jim Rogers, Dave Davenport, Doug McRae, Steve Lackman, Don Youngbauer and Dennis Kenny, associate.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Amy Adler, County Weed Coordinator, Becky Rusdal and Tami Kimball.

Bob Nansel called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the conservation office. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Dave Davenport made the motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Jim Rogers seconded and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Dave Davenport seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier. Fair booth was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

LOANS: Payment due notices have been sent out.

310:

Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop., 04-01, Rosebud Creek: Steve moved to declare this a project and to approve the project. Jim seconded the motion and it was passed.

Abe Yoder, 04-02, Tongue River: Jim moved to confirm phone proxy vote of 3-29-04 to declare it a project and to approve it as a ten year maintenance project. Steve seconded the motion and it passed.

Rocker Six, 04-03, Rosebud Creek: Dave moved to declare this a project and to approve contingent upon Fish, Wildlife & Parks concurrence. Jim seconded the motion and it was agreed to.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Jim reported on the Public Comments meeting in Colstrip. The resolution must be to Jeri, Rosebud County Clerk and Recorder, by August 8 to be on the general election ballot. A mail in ballot resolution needs to be to Jeri 65-85 days in advance of mail date and would cost \$3000.

Dave moved to set aside \$1 per voter to fund a mail ballot. Don seconded the motion and it passed.

Jim moved to put \$5000 into the district account as a legal fund. Don seconded the motion and it passed.

FAIR BOOTH: Steve moved to make the Land Use Ordinance the theme of the fair booth. Dave seconded the motion and it passed.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Becky has been attending Computer Training, Excel and Outlook, and Rolling Rivers certification training. She judged a science fair at St. Labre. She's done construction inspections at Hammond Valley and Hathaway and surveying along the Tongue River. Becky has 2000 trees sold. She is making maps as requested, designing pipelines and now, getting to work on EQIP. Upcoming education projects include Cub Scouts, Arbor Days, and Conservation Days.

NRCS REPORT: Rocky has been working on EQIP with \$460,000 allocated toward Rosebud County. The applications are of good quality. Sage grouse meeting is April 26. Personnel changes include Danae moving to Hysham, have a new range coming and have advertised for a soil con.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTERNSHIP: Steve moved to pay the summer intern \$6.90 per hour. Jim seconded the motion and it passed. Bob will apply for NRCS Capacity grant to fund two internships.

MACD DUES: Steve moved to pay \$2704.41 in dues to MACD. Don seconded the motion and it passed.

MT SALINITY CONTROL: Board voted for Lee Lane for MSC board.

WATER RIGHT ADJUDICATION: Dave moved to support increased funding from the legislature to speed water right adjudication throughout the state; to write a MACD resolution to that effect and to write legislators. Doug seconded the motion and it was agreed to.

EMEGENCY HELP: Carole Raymond, emergency coordinator for Rosebud County, has a coop agreement for the District. Bob will work with Carole on terms for consideration at next meeting.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING: MACD Legislative Leadership Training in Miles City. Bob and Dave will attend.

NORTHERN PLAINS NACD REGIONAL MEETING: Held in Bismarck. No interest shown.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER COUNCIL: Dennis was on conference call. YRCDC is working on weeds. Dennis requested guidance on whether YRCDC should accept funds from Nature's Conservancy. Suggestions were to consider amount of control they expected for the contribution and representation.

SAVORY CLASS: Don invited company on his trip.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: Dave moved to sponsor DNRC grant for Rosebud watershed partnership. Don seconded the motion and it passed.

ADMINISTRATOR POSITION: Steve moved to advertise in Independent Press two weeks. Applications will close April 22, in time to put them in meeting packets. Dave seconded the motion and it passed.

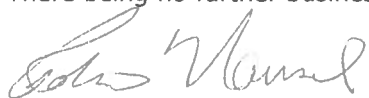
Doug moved to have Bob temporarily assume Administrator's duties. Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jim moved to pay Bob \$10 per hour as recorded on time sheets with no benefits. Doug seconded the motion and it was agreed to.

WEED DISTRICT: Amy Adler, county weed coordinator, reported that she would be the only employee and that most spraying will be contracted out.

INFO RECEIVED: We have received a lot of newsletters. They were available for the Supervisors to look through at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Nansel", written over a horizontal line.

Bob Nansel, Chairman

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MARCH 2004 Treasurers Report

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	GRANTS
		\$ 37,800.58	\$ 2,912.49	\$	\$ 1,991.49
5791	Becky Rusdal	wages PP04 (567.51)			
5792	Tamara Kimball	wages PP 04(468.75)			
5793	Tamara Kimball	mileage,perdiem YRC			
5794	Rails Inn	guest speakers room			
5795	Range Telephone	phone			
5796	Jacks	meeting exp			
5797	Forsyth Country Club	banquet 440, CBM 25			
5798	IRS	deposit PP3,4 (475.48)			
5799	Becky Rusdal	wages PP05 (567.51)			
5800	Tamara Kimball	wages PP05 (461.06)			
5801	Rosebud County Plan	health ins (985)			
5802	Independent Press	banquet ad			
5803	Ag in MT Schools	annual dues			
5804	Verizon	mobile service			
5805	Becky Rusdal	wages PP06 (567.51)			
5806	Tamara Kimball	wages PP06 (456.71)			
5807	Montana Tech	TR expenses			\$ 314.47
5808	IRS	deposit PP5,6 (459.90)			
5809	IRS	quarterly deposit			
5810	Dept of Revenue	ST WH - 1st Qtr (232.00)			
5811	UI Tax Program	unemployment - 1st Qtr			
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 5,976.05	\$ -	\$	\$ 314.47

INCOME DURING MONTH:						
County Budget	phone - Kenney	\$ 22.74				
District Account	adm fee - Lackman		\$ 669.00			
District Account	interest		\$ 0.63			
Loan Account	interest			\$ 402.78		
Loan Account	interest			\$ 279.91		
Loan Account	pmt - Swanson			\$ 3,500.00		
Loan Account	pmt - P Hofer			\$ 1,709.68		
Loan Account	pmt - J Hofer interest			\$ 127.80		
Loan Account	pmt - Gregory			\$ 60.00		
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 22.74	\$ 669.63	\$ 6,080.17	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 5,765.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Balance Carried Forward:		\$ 31,847.27	\$ 3,582.12	\$ 413,102.47	\$ 1,677.02	

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MINUTES OF April 28, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Bob Nansel, Chairman, Jim Rogers, Dave Davenport, Doug McRae, Steve Lackman, and Don Youngbauer.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, NRCS and Becky Rusdal Technician.

Bob Nansel called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the conservation office. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Doug McRae seconded and the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Dave Davenport seconded and the motion passed.

Jim moved to have Becky take comp time or the district will pay it out by May 31. Doug seconded the motion and it passed.

Dave moved to move grant money to the District Account if it is proper to do so. Jim seconded the motion and it passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The "temp" hasn't learned to do this yet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

LOANS:

Ron Gregory: The meeting was closed to discuss finances with Mr. Gregory. Steve moved to approve the transfer of the mortgage from section 5 to section 7, contingent upon Stockman's Bank consenting to separate out this property from the total of the first mortgage. With half of section 6 and section 7, the total collateral is 960 acres valued at \$170/ac. Jim seconded the motion and it passed. Mr. Gregory agreed to this and initialed the changes.

Don Hotter, et. al.: Jim moved that we require a plan on the sprinkler system so that we can consider a change in the purpose of the loan. Doug seconded the motion and it was agreed to.

William and Debra Anderson: Steve moved and Doug seconded the motion to approve. Motion passed.

310:

Rocker Six, 04-03, Rosebud Creek: Brad Schmitz, Fish, Wildlife & Parks, concurred with our approval but will monitor the culvert for erosion. If it erodes, a bridge shall be installed in its place.

Larsen Land and Livestock, 04-04, Yellowstone River: Doug moved to declare a 310 project and approve of the annual maintenance permit. Steve seconded the motion and it passed.

Moses Borntreger, 04-05, Tongue River: Doug moved to declare a project and to approve subject to F,W &P conditions. Dave seconded the motion and it passed.

Ball Ranch, 04-06, Tongue River: Doug moved to declare a project and to approve. Dave seconded the motion and it passed.

Joe Borntreger, 04-07, Tongue River: Doug moved to declare a project and to approve contingent on approval of F, W, &P. Steve seconded the motion and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Board reviewed Ted Hess-Homeier's update and formed consensus to let research proceed.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: Organizational Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 7 pm. The proposed agenda was reviewed. No changes were suggested.

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING: Bob reported that he gave an update on the ordinance in response to legislator's questions.

Technician's Report: Becky reported on tree sales, EQIP work and compliance checks/appraisals.

NRCS Report: Rocky has received the Sage Grouse draft report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Help: Doug moved, and Dave seconded the motion to sign the Emergency Preparedness agreement with the addition of "in cooperation with USDA-NRCS Forsyth Field Office." Motion passed.

Yellowstone River Council: Question was asked, "Will anyone come to the Cumulative Effects Study information meeting on May 26?"

RDGP Grant Application Support Letter: Steve moved to send letter of support. Don seconded it and it passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tom Pick: Noted that Tom would like help with landowner permission to work on Salt Cedar eradication.

District Funds: Reviewed letter on portfolio of County (District) funds.

Range Telephone: Vote for Robert Adams.

County 4-H Fair: Dave moved and Steve seconded to sponsor same awards.

Bob turned the Chair over to Dave and excused himself for consideration of Administrator applications. Quorum now consisted of Dave, Doug, Steve, and Don.

Administrator Position Applications:

Expectations of the position were discussed. Consensus was that Administrator will work 5 days per week, starting at \$7.00 per hour. She should work diligently on acquiring grants and shall publish newsletters quarterly.

Applicants were chosen, by consensus, as follows: Dee Arneson, Lila Nansel, Steph Nielson, Laurie Kelly, and Cora McClurg. Becky will schedule interviews May 10 beginning at 7 pm, 20 minutes apart.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Nansel", is written over a horizontal line.

Bob Nansel, Chairman

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MINUTES OF May 26, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Supervisors Present: Bob Nansel, Chairman, Jim Rogers, David Davenport, Doug McRae, Steve Lackman, and Don Youngbauer.

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, NRCS, Becky Rusdal, CD Technician, Steph Seivers, NRCS, Megan Sweedland, CD intern and Kendall Van Dyk and Ashlee of NPRC.

Bob Nansel called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the conservation office. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: David made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Steve Lackman seconded and the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Doug McRae seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Bob reported on Conservation Days. 160 students and adults attended during the three days.

INTERN REPORT: Megan reported on her book catalog, website investigation and passed out Supervisor handbook updates. Ideas suggested for her projects included pictures of award winner and watershed characterization and fair booth preparation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

LOANS:

Ron Gregory: Ron Gregory will be paying off his notes.

Don Hotter, et. al.: Jim reported on his discussion with Don that they are not sure how they will use the loan since the barb project has fallen through.

William and Debra Anderson: Approved last meeting and pending title insurance.

310:

Moses Borntreger, 04-05, Tongue River: Finished, and permit signed.

Ball Ranch, 04-06, Tongue River: Finished.

Joe Borntreger, 04-07, Tongue River: Finished and permit signed.

Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River: Jim moved to declare this a project and approve with conditions from the onsite inspection team report. Ten year maintenance permit is good for maintaining of existing barbs and those installed this season. Additional barbs should be permitted under another 310 application. EPA will be notified to inspect concrete and their standards will be followed. Doug seconded the motion and motion was agreed to.

Rosebud County, 04-09E, Yellowstone River: Work has been done and emergency notice was filed. Upon inspection, work appeared satisfactory and was done appropriately. Jim moved to issue a regular 310 permit for similar work needed this season. Steve seconded the motion and it carried. Suggestion made to send an application for them to get a 404 permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Jim moved to issue a public notice in the USDA service center and in the gazette that the board will decide on the ballot issue next meeting. Doug seconded the motion and it passed.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: A watershed meeting is planned before June 8 for formal organization of partnership, and formulation of plans. Bob will collect examples and/or draft by-laws and plans before hand in technician's place

Technician's Report: Becky reported on tree plantings and Arbor Day lessons. She has been working on EQIP. She commented that she has enjoyed working for RCD and still looks forward to working with us as NRCS employee here.

NRCS Report: Rocky has new employees on board, Becky and Steph Seivers. Danae is working out of Hysham. EQIP ranking is nearly complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Position: Laurie Kelley will start work June 1. Revised position description was reviewed.

Technician Position: Opening advertised This week and next. Closes June 11 and will schedule interviews after that.

Range intern: Capacity grant was approved. Opening will be advertised and word sent out where we can. Position description was reviewed and approved.

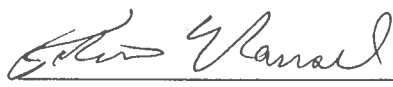
Yellowstone River Council: Consensus to invite Yellowstone River valley landowners to meeting in Hysham June 17 and to one to be scheduled in Miles City.

RRGP Grant Application Support Letter: Noted that letter was sent on behalf of the RCD in support of Hammond Ditch Co. proposed siphon replacement.

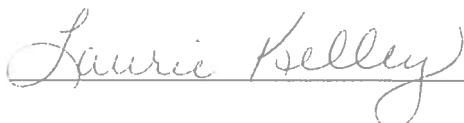
OTHER BUSINESS:

The budget – year to date comparison was reviewed. Supervisors suggested areas for administrator action prior to the fiscal year close.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



Bob Nansel, Chairman



5/05-8/05
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ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MAY 2004 Treasurers Report

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	GRANTS
		\$ 22,622.10	\$ 5,704.07	\$ 416,032.47	\$ 1,677.02
5834	Kum & Go	\$ 31.92			
5835	Verizon	\$ 3.82			
5836	Rosebud County Plan	\$ 355.00			
5837	Jacks	\$ 3.99			
5838	Musser Forest	\$ 241.50			
5839	Rosebud-Treasure 4-H	\$ 135.00			
5840	Range Telephone	\$ 79.99			
5841	J Rogers	\$ 95.00			
5842	D Davenport	\$ 102.50			
5843	D McRae	\$ 119.00			
5844	R Nansel	\$ 161.13			
5845	Montana Tech				\$ 1,362.52
5846	Cash	\$ 40.91			
5847	IRS	\$ 1,086.46			
5848	Independent Press	\$ 18.00			
5849	R Nansel	\$ 960.00			
5850	B Rusdal	\$ 660.00			
5851	M Sweedland	\$ 276.00			
5852	* Cash	\$ 37.00			
5853	* Rosebud CD				\$ 314.50
	wages estimate	\$ 3,803.00			
859	Jacks	(2012+1791.16)	\$ 5.37		
860	Lawyer Nurseries		\$ 621.53		
861	Lincoln-Oakes Nursr		\$ 955.25		
862	Art's Tires and Servi		\$ 18.95		
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 8,210.22	\$ 1,601.10	\$ -	\$ 1,677.02

* projected

		INCOME DURING MONTH:	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	GRANTS
		Loan Account			\$ 1,714.28	
		Loan Account			\$ 2,470.00	
		District Account		\$ 189.50		
		County Budget	\$ 22.74			
		District Account		\$ 314.50		
		TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 22.74	\$ 504.00	\$ 4,184.28	\$ -
		TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 8,210.22	\$ 1,601.10	\$ -	\$ 1,677.02
		Balance Carried Forward:	\$ 14,434.62	\$ 4,606.97	\$ 420,216.75	\$ -

* projected

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO Box 1200
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MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Bob Nansel, Chairman, Jim Rogers, Dave Davenport, Doug McRae, Steve Lackman, and Don Youngbauer.

Others Present: Kendal Van Dyk, Northern Plains Resource Council, Megan Sweedland Intern, Rocky Schwagler, Dan Watson, County Commissioner

Bob Nansel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the conservation office. All members were present.

MINUTES: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Doug McRae seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Doug McRae made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Jim Rogers seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier. Helena training was discussed and approved.

Intern Report: Website information was passed around and discussed. The Yahoo site was chosen, Jim McRae motioned to try it for a year and Steve seconded it. Motion carried.

LOANS:

Ron Gregory: loans were paid off.

310:

Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River: Concrete was approved by Corp. of Engineers. DEQ to inspect.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Final language discussed. Jim moves to accept changes. Don seconded. Motion passed. Jim moved to send Resolution No. 1 to the Clerk and Recorder for special mail in election to be held September 24, 2004. Doug seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Radio spots and newspaper ads were discussed to be certain that the voters know what it is they are voting on.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: It was decided to change Lame Deer meeting date from June 28, 2004 to June 29, 2004. Same place, same time. Letters will be sent out and the usual attendees will be called to remind them of the change. Bob Nansel and Dave Davenport will go to Helena for grant testimony.

NRCS Report: Rocky reported that the EQIP money had been finalized. 4 irrigated and 4 range projects were approved. Danae Pinkerton will be working Treasure and Rosebud County in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Technician Position: Position will be discussed again.

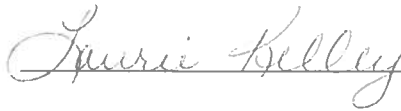
Range Internship: Nicole Iverson was offered and accepted the position at \$10.00 per hour.

Eastern Plains RC&D: Discussion as to whether to support the splitting of the district into 2 sections. Dave Davenport moved to leave it as one. Jim Rogers seconded motion. Motion passed.

Meeting was closed for discussion of Technician position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.


Bob Nansel, Chairman



to June 16

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MAY 2004 Treasurers Report

		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	GRANTS
		\$ 14,434.62	\$ 4,606.97	\$ 420,216.75	\$ -
5853	Rosebud Cons. Dist				
5854	Becky Rustal				
5855	Becky Rustal	\$ 567.51			\$ 314.50
5856	Becky Rustal	\$ 949.75			
5857	Becky Rustal	\$ 350.46			
5858	Megan Sweedland	\$ 277.35			
5852	Cash	\$ 457.78			
5853	Rosebud CD	\$ 37.00			
5859	Robert Nansal	\$ 314.50			
5860	Megan Sweedland	\$ 703.09			
5861	Laurie Kelley	\$ 457.78			
5862	Laurie Kelley	\$ 483.16			
5863	Forsyth Hardware	\$ 242.35			
5864	Don Pontius Const.	\$ 20.55			
5865	Independent Press	0/void			
5866	Jacks	\$ 42.75			
5867	Verizon	\$ 18.00			
5868	Don Pontius Const.	\$ 45.60			
5871	NACD	\$ 150.00			
5872	Robert Nansal	\$ 500.00			
5869	Rosebud County	\$ 689.24			
5870	Postmaster	\$ 355.00			
5873	Laurie Kelley	\$ 37.00			
5874	First State Bank	\$ 37.00			
5875	Range Telephone	\$1,021.90			
863	Lincoln Oaks	\$90.00	\$ 35.75		
	est. sup. Expenses	\$1,685.00			
	estimated payroll	\$1,140.94			
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 10,673.71	\$ 35.75	\$ -	\$ -

* projected

	INCOME DURING MONTH:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCOUNT	GRANTS
	Loan Account	pmt-Gregory			\$ 23,580.00	
	Loan Account	pmt-Nile			\$ 1,920.00	
	Loan Account	pmt-Mereness			\$ 3,500.00	
	Loan Account	pmt-Newman			\$ 900.00	
	Capacity funds grant	State of mt				\$ 4,080.00
	TOTAL INCOME:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,900.00	\$ 4,080.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 10,673.71	\$ 35.75	\$ -	\$ -
	Balance Carried Forward:		\$ 3,760.91	\$ 4,571.22	\$ 450,116.75	\$ 4,080.00

* projected

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Doug McCrae, Dave Davenport, Jim Rogers, Steve Lackman

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, Larry Fox, Megan Sweedland, Mike Carlson, Laurie Kelley

Dave Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. in the conservation office. Don Youngbauer was Absent.

MINUTES: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the June 23, 2004 minutes. Doug McCrae seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Doug McCrae seconded and the motion passed. Jim motioned to start a bank account at 1st State Bank so that we can make purchases with a debit card. Reasons cited were the need to pay for the website, lab instruments for watershed work, and other necessary expenditures. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier.

Intern Report: Megan reported her work on the website and newsletter.

LOANS:

Greg Lackman: Loan application was reviewed and approved. Guidelines for setting the value for collateral were discussed. It was decided to ask Darrel Grogan at 1st State Bank for the agricultural land values of the area.

310:

Tongue River Electric Coop: application submitted. Doug motioned, Jim seconded to send it to FWP.

Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River: Concrete was approved by Corp. of Engineers. DEQ to inspect. Still waiting on word from DEQ.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Discussed was the need to call Candace West and see how her review was going. Administrator will do so. August 25 is the cut-off date for a mail in ballot on the ordinance.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: It was decided to send 4 samples (of 4) to Energy Labs for testing. The cost will be approximately \$1600.00. It was decided to charge the grant \$10.00 for technician and administrators labor. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9 in Lane Deer at 7 pm.

NRCS Report: Rocky reported that EQIP had been finalized for the year. There are 4 irrigated projects amounting to \$247,000 and 4 rangeland projects for \$217,000. All of the contracts are managed.

NEW BUSINESS:

EASTERN PLAINS RC & D: Mike Carlson was here to discuss the possible splitting of the Eastern Plains RC&D. He discussed how large the area is and how it is impossible to cover it all with the limited funds and staff that they have. He says if the district is split, it will have to be approved and funded by the government or else it won't happen as they don't have enough funding to split without help.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED GRANT: The budget was discussed and it was decided to present it at the next watershed meeting.

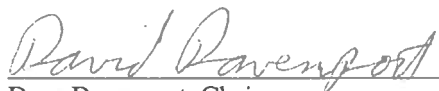
IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENT TOUR: The board discussed having the tour this year. The district will be responsible for buying the lunch. The rest of the money will come from irrigation dealers. Dave motioned and Jim seconded. Motion passed.

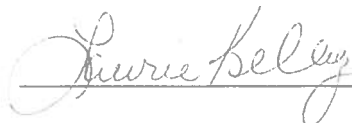
ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING: Training in Bozeman for grant administration was discussed. Jim motioned and Dave seconded the motion to approve the training. Also discussed was having the administrator take a grant writing class. Jim motioned to pay for a grant writing school. Laurie will look into finding a good one.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT: Replacing Bob Nansel was discussed. Wendy Warren had expressed interest in being on the board. Possible conflict of interest concerning her BLM position was discussed. The board also wondered if anyone other than the current members up for election had applied. It was decided to call Laurie Zeller about the possible conflict of interest and ask Geri Custer (Clerk and Recorder) if anyone else had applied. If no one else had applied and there was no conflict of interest, it was motioned by Steve and seconded by Dave to ask Wendy Warren to take the position. All approved. Election of a chairman was held. Dave motioned and Doug seconded Jim Rogers as chairman, but Jim declined. Discussion was held. Doug motioned that Dave be made chairman, Jim seconded and the motion passed. Dave's replacement as Vice-Chairman was discussed. Doug motioned to elect Jim and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANCE: Having an accountant come in to check out the books was discussed. Jim motioned to have an accountant go over the books and sign off on them and Dave seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.


Dave Davenport, Chairman



Technicians Report

7/06/04-7/28/04

On the sixth day of July I started working for the Rosebud County Conservation District as the Conservation Technician. I have been working with everyone in the office performing different tasks. On the 7th Becky and I mapped a pipeline for Garfield's Diamond Ranch. The following day Becky and I went with Stew and surveyed fields for Dave Lackman so he can move his ditch. It was a great opportunity to brush up on operating the surveying equipment. The next few days I was in the field with Steph and Nicole learning grasses and range monitoring techniques. On the 14th Becky and I went to Melin's and mapped another pipeline. My soil training started on the 19th with Steve Vanfossen, accompanied by Jewel Davenport, we took a sample on the Keefer place. When we got back to the office Steve set up a map for locating test plots, and ordered the Hach kit. On the 21st I was the aerospace judge and also helped with the horsemanship classes at the fair. On the 22nd Becky and I went with Stew to Dick Brewer's place and inspected an irrigation project and staked out an irrigation ditch. We also ventured over to Maurice Felton's and looked at his moisture probes. On the 26th Steve and I, along with Dave and Jewel Davenport, went to Waddy Taylor's, Bixby's, and Egar's to collect more soil samples. The samples are currently being dried. I have learned a lot the last couple of weeks and I am looking forward to continuing work and future projects for the Conservation District.

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Doug McCrae, Dave Davenport, Jim Rogers, Steve Lackman

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, Larry Fox, Laurie Kelley, Nicole Iversen, Wendy Warren

Dave Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the conservation office. Don Youngbauer was absent.

MINUTES: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the July 25, 2004 minutes. Doug McCrae seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Lackman made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Jim Rogers seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier.

Intern Report: Nicole reported on her activities this summer. The board thanked her for her hard work.

LOANS:

Greg Lackman: Loan application was reviewed and approved. We are waiting on title insurance.

310:

Tongue River Electric Coop: This was declared a non-project. Tongue River Electric was informed.

Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River: Concrete was approved by Corp. of Engineers. DEQ to inspect. We are still waiting on word from DEQ. Message was left for DEQ.

Dallas & Cindy Steiger: Jim moved that Steve Lackman, Larry Fox and FWP should inspect the pump site to determine if it is a project. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Vote is scheduled for the November 2, 2004 general election. It was decided to promote the ordinance with radio spots, two mailings, information in the Newsletter, and having Jim do live interviews with Dick at KIKC radio in the ag news portion of his broadcast. Laurie will talk to the radio station to find out the cost for radio spots and arrange for the ag spot interviews. Laurie will do the mailings and also find out if we can be inside the polling place with information about the ordinance.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: The board was informed that the watershed information was now on the website and there was going to be an article about it in the upcoming newsletter. Whether or not to add Big Horn County's Rosebud Creek watershed members to our mailing list for the Watershed information was discussed.

Jim made the motion that we should include the Rosebud Creek landowners from Big Horn County in our mailings and Doug seconded. Motion passed.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT: Wendy Warren spoke to the board about replacing Bob Nansel. Jim Rogers moved that she be appointed to take Bob's place, Doug seconded it. Motion carried and Wendy accepted the position. Jim Rogers will look into getting another board member from Colstrip.

NRCS REPORT: Rocky reported on the EQIP projects. Almost a half million dollars was approved for Rosebud County. The projects are Swanson's, River Ranch, Luther's, Hugh Broadus, Dallas and Cindy Steiger (3 projects), Greg Lackman and Greg Milholland. The projects were all approved by the board.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANCE: We are still looking at getting someone in to check out the books.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Larry discussed the soil samples and the results that were returned from Energy Labs. Copies of the report were handed out. Larry will look into purchasing a water sample probe.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEWSLETTER: The board discussed and approved a contest to name the newsletter. Jim made the motion to approve and Steve seconded it. Motion was approved. A \$25.00 gift certificate will be the prize. Other ideas for the newsletter include showing an aerial photo of a ranch and giving the first one to correctly name it \$10.00. The board also asked Laurie to look into buying caps.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER COUNCIL: Dennis Kenny will no longer be attending the Council meetings. Steve Lackman or Laurie will attend in his place.

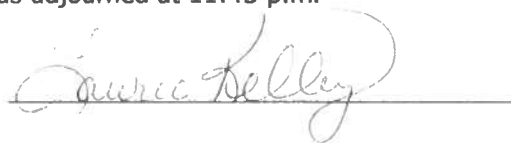
ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING: Grant writing school September 13-15th in Helena was discussed. Jim Rogers moved to pay for the class and Doug seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Larry and Laurie will be going to the training in Gillette the week of September 7th through the 9th as approved earlier.

COUNTY BUDGET: The draft was gone over and a few revisions were made. The final budget will be submitted Thursday August 26.

OTHER BUSINESS: The website was discussed. In order to have a more complex site, with videos, etc, it would mean hiring a web designer. The cost would be around \$550, including a domain name change, with updates costing around \$22.50 an hour. The board decided to keep the site on Yahoo.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.


Dave Davenport, Chairman



**ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUGUST MEETING TREASURERS REPORT**

CHECK #	TO WHOM:	FOR:	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCT	CAP FND GRANT	ROSEBUD 319	RWS GRANT	DEBIT ACCT
5912	Laurie Kelley	travel Hysham, Billings YRCDC	\$37,220.78	\$4,571.22	\$429,271.75	\$2,943.42	\$5,061.35	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
5913	Postmaster	land use ord. info to AG	\$101.29						
5914	Days Inn	Motel/Admin training/Helena	\$13.65						
5915	Larry Fox	Wages PP 15	\$128.20						
5916	Nicole Iversen	Wages PP 15	\$481.16						
5917	Laurie Kelley	Wages PP 15	\$496.16			\$678.80			
5918	Megan Sweedland	Wages PP 15				\$457.78			
5919	Nicole Iversen	fair candy	\$9.56						
5920	Laurie Kelley	Helena travel/fair supplies	\$340.74						
5921	Montana State Fund	Workers Comp	\$332.60						
5922	Postmaster	Newsletter exp	\$215.93						
5923	First State Bank	Debit card account	\$2,000.00						
5924	Dave Davenport	Hach Kit/RWS						\$1,037.55	
5925	Sutton's Sportswear	pens	****						
5926	Laurie Kelley	web site/ meeting expense	\$13.39						
5927	Russell Ameline	room rent/ RWS						\$250.00	
5928	Nicole Iversen	Wages PP 16				\$678.00			
5929	Larry Fox	Wages PP 16	\$481.16						
5930	Laurie Kelley	Wages PP 16	\$496.16						
5931	Megan Sweedland	Wages PP 16				\$374.88			
5932	Postmaster	2 rolls stamps	\$74.00						
5933	Rosebud County Plan	insurance	\$355.00						
5934	Jacks	fair and RWS and Board exp	\$84.22					\$11.79	
5935	Boss inc	office supplies	\$161.14						
5936	Range Telephone	phone	\$67.71						
5937	MACO/JPIA	building insurance	\$1,041.00						
5938	Verizon	phone	\$45.50						
5939	Yellowstone Pharmacy	fair supplies	\$32.07						
5940	Mickey Steward	RWS meeting travel exp							
5941	Laurie Kelley	RWS meeting/CD purchases	\$84.51					\$75.00	
5942	First State Bank	3rd Q PP 14, 15	\$908.56					\$79.60	
TOTAL EXPENSES:			\$7,963.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,189.46	\$0.00	1,453.94	\$ -

****check is for pens, they are not here, so we do not know amount of check yet.

RWS=Rosebud Watershed

**ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUGUST MEETING TREASURERS REPORT**

INCOME DURING MONTH:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCT	CAP FND GRANT	ROSEBUD 319	RWS GRANT	DEBIT ACCT
Loan Account	pmt G&J Hay			\$920.00				
Loan Account	pmt Melin			\$1,500.00				
County Cash	TCD share of travel exp/Helena	\$205.02						
TOTAL INCOME:		\$205.02	\$0.00	\$2,420.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$7,963.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,189.46	\$0.00	1,453.94	
Balance Carried Forward:		\$29,462.09	\$4,571.22	\$431,691.75	\$753.96	\$5,061.35	\$ 38,546.06	\$ 2,000.00

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ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Doug McCrae, Dave Davenport, Jim Rogers, Steve Lackman, Don Youngbauer, Wendy Warren

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, Larry Fox, Laurie Kelley

Dave Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in the conservation office.

MINUTES: Steve Lackman made the motion to accept the August 25, 2004 minutes. Doug McCrae seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Doug McCrae seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The report was mailed out earlier.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Amy Adler, Rosebud County Weed District, attended the meeting to discuss the Rosebud Watershed weed inventory. She suggested a weed survey, where maps are sent out to the Land owners who then inventory the weeds and send it back in. Using the survey, and information already gathered by Amy and Kirk Denny, it will be possible to get a good inventory together. She then went on to tell the board that the Rosebud County Commissioners were looking into abolishing the position of weed coordinator. She explained that there was a possibility that funding would be cut and weed coordination turned over to the Extension Office, which is already over extended. After discussion, Jim Rogers made a motion that the board send a letter to the Rosebud County Commissioners recommending that the Weed Coordinator position continues to be funded. Doug McCrae seconded the measure and the motion passed.

LOANS:

Greg Lackman: Loan application was reviewed and approved. We are waiting on title insurance.

310:

Tongue River Electric Coop: 310 board paperwork was signed.

Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River: Concrete was approved by Corp. of Engineers. DEQ to inspect. We are still waiting on word from DEQ. Message was left for DEQ.

Dallas & Cindy Steiger: Paperwork was signed.

Gil Weight: Gil submitted a joint permit to fill a wash within an irrigation field. It is about 50 linear feet in length along the Yellowstone River bank. Jim motioned to declare it a project, Don seconded. Motion passed. Steve volunteered to go on the 310 inspection with Shannon Warner of Army Corp of Engineers. Vic Riggs of FWP will go next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: The board discussed setting up a budget for educational purposes to get the information out about the ordinance. Radio ads and newspaper ads will be used to get the information to the voters. There was a discussion about using signs. It was decided to use the \$3000.00 that was originally budgeted for the land use ordinance. Informational spots will be run on KIKC, 5 days a week, 4 spots a day to let the voters know about the ordinance. Laurie will call KMTA in Miles City and get prices from them on informational spots as well. Wendy will record the spots. There will also be informational ads in the Independent Press during the month of October, starting the second week.

NRCS REPORT: Rocky reported that payments for some of the sprinklers and pipelines will be late this year due to the fiscal year ending. They will be sent out as soon as possible. Rocky brought up a book that he thinks the District should buy and have available in the office. It is ***Stockmanship*** by Steve Kote. The administrator will look into cost and availability.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANCE: Jackie from First Bank will come in to check out the books as soon as schedules allow.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Larry gave the Supervisors reports on his activities for the month.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED : The next meeting will be determined at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

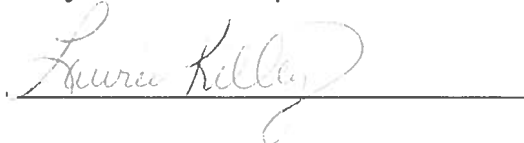
STATE CONVENTION: The board was informed that there is money available from NRCS for Supervisor's travel to the convention in Kalispell. Don Youngbauer and Doug McRae said that they may be able to attend and will let Laurie know as soon as possible so she can let NRCS know. Laurie is going to attend the convention.

NO INTEREST LOANS: The board discussed the land values that were given us by First State Bank. A few revisions were made. Jim made a motion to adopt the land values as amended and attach them to the loan applications, Doug seconded. The motion was carried.

LAPTOP COMPUTER: The board discussed purchasing a new laptop computer under the USDA contract. Laurie told the board about the grant available from NRCS for \$550.00 to offset the cost of the computer. Jim Rogers made a motion to purchase the laptop. Discussion was held. Wendy Warren suggested that the computer be the administrator's primary computer as the one being used now is fairly old and hasn't got much memory or speed. Wendy seconded the motion to purchase the laptop. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.


Dave Davenport, Chairman



**ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER MEETING TREASURERS REPORT**

CHECK #	TO WHOM:	FOR:	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCT	CAP FND GRANT	ROSEBUD 319	RWS GRANT	DEBIT ACCT
			\$29,462.09	\$4,571.22	\$458,116.63	\$753.96	\$5,061.35	\$38,546.06	\$ 2,000.00
5943	Larry Fox	wages pp 17	\$461.09						
5944	Nicole Iversen	wages pp 17	\$678.80						
5945	Megan Sweedland	wages pp 17	\$457.78						
5946	Laurie Kelley	wages pp 17	\$496.16						
5947	Postmaster	Rosebud watershed stamps							
5948	Laurie Kelley	travel, website	\$53.20					\$74.95	
5949	Energy Labs	soil samples RWS						\$1,047.65	
5950	void								
5951	Laurie Kelley	livingston trng, mile/meal	\$340.74						
5952	Big Sky Café	irrigation tour lunch	\$350.00						
5953	Montana State Fund	Workers Comp	\$155.15						
5954	Russell Ameline	lab rent						\$250.00	
5955	Larry Fox	wages pp 18	\$481.16						
5956	Nicole Iversen	wages pp 18	\$678.80						
5957	Laurie Kelley	wages pp 18	\$496.16						
5958	Megan Sweedland	wages pp 18				\$208.47			
5959	First State Bank	3rd Q taxes pp 16, 17	\$915.22						
5960	Boss inc	newsletter, supplies	\$603.03						
5961	North Star Technology	irrigation tour posters	\$16.00						
5962	Range Telephone	phone	\$79.34						
5963	Jacks	Meeting expenses	\$17.70						
5964	Laurie Kelley	CMB training travel/meals	\$258.00						
5965	Rosebud County Plan	insurance	\$355.00						
5966	Laurie Kelley	grant school/travel/meals	\$359.61						
5967	MACDEO	Dues	\$20.00						
5968	Verizon	phone	\$45.50						
5969	BSPA	workshop	\$100.00						
5970	Larry Fox	wages pp 19	\$481.16						
5971	Larry Fox	CBM training meals	\$69.00					\$75.00	
5972	Laurie Kelley	wages pp 19	\$496.16					\$79.60	
5973	Nicole Iversen	wages pp 19				\$395.73			
1	Grant Writing USA	workshop							
	TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$8,464.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$604.20	\$0.00	\$1,527.20	\$ 349.00

RWS=Rosebud Watershed

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER MEETING TREASURERS REPORT

INCOME DURING MONTH:		COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCT	CAP FND GRANT	ROSEBUD 319	RWS GRANT	DEBIT ACCT
Loan Account	Spannagel			\$3,200.00				
Loan Account	Youngbauer			\$610.00				
Loan Account	Payer			\$80.00				
Loan Account	Wacker			\$2,910.00				
Loan Account	Heinle			\$2,250.00				
Loan Account	Rolston			\$550.00				
Loan Account	Larsen			\$2,600.00				
Loan Account	Giesick			\$1,100.00				
Loan Account	McKinney			\$3,500.00				
Loan Account	Interest Income			\$562.08				
County Cash	Kenney	\$22.75						
County Cash	Treasure County	\$236.56						
TOTAL INCOME:				\$17,492.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,527.20	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$8,464.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$804.20	\$0.00	\$37,018.86	
Balance Carried Forward:		\$21,256.64	\$4,571.22	\$475,478.71	\$149.76	\$5,061.35	\$	1,651.00

projected

Administrator's Report

This has been another busy month here in the Conservation Office, and I LOVE IT! Larry and I went to training in Gillette as I told you in my last info letter. We learned a lot as I mentioned. I also went to grant writing training in Helena. It was a very good school but it did make me realize how much there is still to learn about it.

I have been getting things ready for our campaign to pass the land use ordinance. A mailing is going out the 27th and another will be going out right before the election. I have been talking to the radio station and got a price list for the radio spots as well as the information necessary to have Jim be interviewed. I have all of the info on the website and have been keeping that updated now that Megan has gone back to school. I also spoke with the Independent Press and got information from them about their prices. The price lists are in your packets.

Becky and Larry are working on the tree project, it is also on the website and will be in the newsletter which will come out before the end of October. The Newsletter will be chocked full of ordinance information as well as a lot of other interesting and informative things (I hope).

Jackie from First State Bank is going to spend the afternoon with me as soon as her schedule allows. I think she will be very helpful! She also sent the information we requested about loan values and that will be in your packets.

I will be attending the Area IV meeting in Billings Thursday the 23 and will give you all a brief update on that.

That is all I have right now, I just want to thank you all for the opportunity to work for the district and for all the training you have sent me to. I think it will be invaluable in the months to come.

See you all Wednesday the 29th. Please call if you won't be attending.

Have a great week!

Laurie 😊

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO Box 1200
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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Doug McCrae, Dave Davenport, Jim Rogers, Don Youngbauer

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, Larry Fox, Laurie Kelley, Dennis Kenney (associate supervisor)

Dave Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the conservation office. Steve Lackman and Wendy Warren were absent.

MINUTES: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the July 25, 2004 minutes. Doug McCrae seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Doug made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Jim Rogers seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A meeting is scheduled for November 8 at 7pm to consider the results of the vote on Land Use Ordinance #1 and the 310 law. The local workgroup meeting will also be held to help to discuss cost share ranking. The next regular meeting will be December 8, 2004.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: No questions were asked.

LOANS:

Greg Lackman: Loan application was reviewed and approved.

310:

Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River: Concrete was approved by Corp. of Engineers. DEQ to inspect. We are still waiting on word from DEQ. Message was left for DEQ.

Charles Hopf: Stockman bank asked that we subordinate our loan to them. Board approved request.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Two meetings will need to be held to approve the Land Use Ordinance if the vote is successful. One will be on the 8th of November and the other will be on the 8th of December. Tools need to be established to carry out the ordinance and bonding companies need to be investigated. Laurie will check into the bonding company and assist Jim Rogers in creating the tools.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: No decision was made as to when the next meeting is to be held. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

NRCS REPORT: Rocky asked that a workgroup meeting be held to discuss the next round of cost sharing. It will be held on November 8th. He has been working on the Diamond Cross Ranch recently. This project has

over 30 miles of pipeline. He has also been sending out cost-share payments. Becky Rusdal has been accepted into the donated leave program with NRCS.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANCE: The books will be checked out in the near future.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Larry discussed his trip to the Hanging Woman meeting in Sheridan.

NEW BUSINESS:

YELLOWSTONE RIVER COUNCIL: Dennis Kenny will no longer be attending the Council meetings. The board asked that Laurie find out if she can be their delegate. She will contact Stan Danielson and find out. Even if she can't be a voting delegate, she will attend the meetings from now on.

WEBSITE: The board discussed the pros and cons of moving the website to the NACD server. The board discussing installing Front Page software on the District Computer and creating a page to be put on the NACD server, since the program currently in use cannot be installed on the District computer. The current website will continue to be updated from the Administrator's home until the new site is up and running. Jim moved to approve and Doug seconded. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.


Dave Davenport, Chairman

**ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER MEETING TREASURERS REPORT**

CHECK #	TO WHOM:	FOR:	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCT	CAP FND GRN	ROSEBUD 319	RWS GRANT	DEBIT ACCT	ADMIN GRT
5974	Yellowstone CD	Area IV Meeting	\$21,256.64	\$4,571.22	\$475,478.71	\$149.76	\$5,061.35	\$37,018.86	\$ 1,651.00	
5975	Laurie Kelley	travel area IV meeting	\$30.00							
5976	Department of Rev.	State Taxes	\$32.95							
5977	UI Tax Program	unemployment taxes	\$39.77							
5978	Postmaster	yearly box rental	\$66.00							
5979	Larry Fox	wages pp 20	\$481.16							
5980	Laurie Kelley	wages pp 20	\$496.16							
5981	Montana State Fund	Workers Comp	\$223.42							
5982	Alphagraphics	land use ordinance	\$550.98							
5982 (b)	*Mailing expenses	land use ordinance	\$149.97							
5983	Laurie Kelley	Lame Deer Ord mtg	\$51.75							
5984	Larry Fox	Lame Deer, Blgs Trvl	\$120.00							
5985	KIKC	Ads for Land Use Ord.	\$575.00							
5986	Rosebud County Plan	health insurance	\$355.00							
5987	Laurie Kelley	wages pp 18	\$496.16							
5988	Russell Arneline	lab rent						\$250.00		
5989	Jacks	Meeting expenses	\$6.95							
5990	Range Telephone	telephone	\$65.48							
5991	First State Bank	taxes	\$795.46							
5992	Laurie Kelley	wages pp 21	\$496.16							
5993	Larry Fox	wages pp 21	\$481.16							
5994	Larry Fox	travel: Sheridan	\$115.50							
286	Hugh Broadus	loan payment			\$2,873.00					
5995	Laurie Kelley	trvl Bozeman, meals	\$254.00							
5996	Verizon	cell phones	\$45.50							
2	Best Western	Room for Don Y.							\$59.85	
3	Comfort Inn	Larry's room in Gillette							\$173.34	
4	Comfort Inn	Laurie's room in Gillette							\$ 183.04	
5	Days Inn	Helena/Grant Trng							\$ 178.55	
	TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$6,230.53	\$0.00	\$2,873.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$ 594.78	

*Alphagraphics pd postage, we reimbursed

INCOME DURING MONTH:								
	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOAN ACCT	CAP FND GRN	ROSEBUD 319	RWS GRANT	DEBIT ACCT	ADMIN GRT
Loan Account			\$730.00					
Loan Account			\$490.32					
Admin. Grant Acct								\$322.40
County Cash	\$8,397.87							
TOTAL INCOME:	\$8,397.87	\$0.00	\$1,220.32	\$0.00			\$	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$6,230.53	\$0.00	\$2,873.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$ 594.78	
Balance Carried Forward:	\$23,423.98	\$4,571.22	\$473,826.03	\$149.76	\$5,061.35	\$36,768.86	\$ 1,056.22	\$322.40

LOAN PAYMENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
BARB ROLSTON	1/7/1997	\$650.00		\$1,950.00		50769 01/08/04
BERNARD HEIN	1/6/1998	\$1,110.00		\$4,400.00		50766 01/06/04
GENIE MAY GARFIELD	1/6/1998	\$2,570.00		\$10,280.00		50765 12/18/03
MYSEE RANCH CO.	1/2/2001	\$1,120.00		\$7,840.00		50761 12/10/03
JANUARY TOTAL		\$5,450.00		\$24,470.00		

FEBRUARY	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
DON YOUNGBAUER	2/21/1996	\$1,540.00		\$3,080.00		50772 02/17/04
FEBRUARY TOTAL		\$1,540.00		\$3,080.00		

MARCH	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
DON YOUNGBAUER	3/4/1997	\$1,350.00		\$3,080.00		50771 02/17/04
VOV BIG PORCUPINE RANCH	3/10/1999	\$3,500.00		\$17,500.00		50774 03/01/04
MARCH TOTAL		\$4,850.00		\$20,580.00		

APRIL	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
SCOTT GIESICK	4/23/1998	\$1,714.28		\$1,714.32		50781 05/12/04
ANCHOR ISLAND	4/12/1999	\$1,040.00		\$5,200.00		50779 04/08/04
RAYMOND SMITH	4/25/2001	\$1,890.00		\$13,230.00		50780 04/24/04
APRIL TOTAL		\$4,644.28		\$20,144.32		

MAY	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
ADAMS LIVESTOCK	5/23/2002	\$2,470.00		\$19,760.00		50783 05/25/04
MAY TOTAL		\$2,470.00		\$19,760.00		

JUNE	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
SCOTT GIESICK	6/23/1997	\$1,100.00		\$3,300.00	2 RMDS SNT	50799 08/23/04
JACK PAYER	6/5/1998	\$300.00		\$1,200.00		50782 05/24/04
KIM NILE	6/8/1998	\$1,920.00		\$7,680.00		50786 06/08/04
RON GREGORY	6/5/2001	\$1,860.00		\$0.00	PD IN FULL	
G & J HAY	6/23/2003	\$920.00		\$8,280.00		50794 07/20/04
BOB MERENESS	6/21/2002	\$3,500.00		\$28,000.00		50787 06/17/04
JUNE TOTAL		\$9,600.00		\$48,460.00		

LOAN PAYMENT SCHEDULE

JULY	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
BUZZ THOMPSON	7/17/1996	\$3,500.00		\$7,000.00		50791 07/07/04
ROBERT THOMAS	7/3/2001	\$1,045.00		\$7,310.00		50788 07/01/04
BILL ASSAY	7/5/2001	\$2,410.00		\$16,870.00		50790 07/06/04
G & J HAY	7/3/2002	\$1,910.00		\$15,280.00		50789 07/02/04
JULY TOTAL		\$8,865.00		\$46,460.00		

AUGUST	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
ROBERT HEINLE	8/3/1994	\$190.00		\$0.00	PAID IN FULL	50793 07/13/04
DOROTHY SPANNAGEL	8/28/1995	\$3,200.00		\$6,400.00		50798 08/23/04
DON YOUNGBAUER	8/16/1999	\$160.00		\$800.00		50800 08/23/04
DON YOUNGBAUER	8/30/1999	\$450.00		\$2,250.00		50797 08/23/04
MICHAEL MELIN	8/22/2001	\$1,500.00		\$10,500.00		50795 08/16/04
AUGUST TOTAL		\$5,500.00		\$19,950.00		

SEPTEMBER	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
JOE HOFER	9/11/1995	\$2,000.00		\$6,000.00	DFRD	DEFERRED '04
ROBERT HEINLE	9/13/1996	\$2,250.00		\$4,500.00		13602 09/07/04
JACK PAYER	9/25/1996	\$80.00		\$160.00		13601 09/01/04
BARB ROLSTON	9/9/1997	\$550.00		\$1,650.00		13606 09/17/08
BUTCH HEIN	9/15/1998	\$340.00		\$1,350.00		13607 09/21/04
FRED WACKER	9/12/2000	\$2,910.00		\$17,460.00		13603 09/07/04
BILL MCKINNEY	9/4/2001	\$3,500.00		\$2,450.00		13605 09/08/04
LARSON LAND & LIVESTOCK	9/12/2002	\$2,600.00		\$20,800.00		13604 09/07/04
SEPTEMBER TOTAL		\$14,230.00		\$54,370.00		

OCTOBER	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	# PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
BRUCE SHAVER	10/11/1994	\$250.00		\$500.00		
JOE HOFER	10/31/1995	\$610.00		\$1,830.00	DFRD	DEFERRED '04
PAUL HOFER	10/30/1995	\$1,860.00		\$3,720.00		
STEVE LACKMAN	10/7/2003	\$730.00		\$6,570.00		13608 10/18/04
BYRON NEWMAN	10/9/2003	\$900.00		\$8,100.00	PD UP 04	
RON GREGORY	10/28/2002	\$920.00	PD IN FULL	\$0.00		
OCTOBER TOTAL		\$5,270.00		\$20,720.00		

LOAN PAYMENT SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	#PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
BUTCH HEIN	11/22/1995	\$900.00		\$1,800.00		
PAUL HOFER	11/22/1996	\$1,290.00		\$3,870.00		
BOYD SHAVER	11/22/1996	\$360.00		\$1,440.00		
GIL WEIGHT	11/24/1997	\$760.00		\$3,040.00		
LARSEN LAND & LIVESTOCK	11/23/1998	\$900.00	\	\$4,500.00		
JAMES HECKER	11/25/1998	\$230.00	\	\$1,150.00		
MARK HOLMES	11/3/1999	\$1,290.00		\$7,740.00		
STEVE SELEG	11/19/1999	\$1,190.00		\$7,140.00		
G & J HAY	11/25/2002	\$670.00		\$6,030.00		
BROADUS, INC	11/27/2002	\$1,590.00		\$14,310.00		
NOVEMBER TOTAL		\$9,180.00		\$51,020.00		

DECEMBER	LOAN DATE	PMT AMT	#PMTS	TOTAL DUE	COMMENTS	RCPT # / DATE
NEAL SHELTON	12/19/1994	\$1,700.00		\$1,700.00		
JOE HOFER	12/5/1995	\$390.00		\$1,170.00	DFRD	DEFERRED '04
PAUL HOFER	12/29/1995	\$350.00		\$700.00		
MARK HOLMES	12/2/1996	\$1,000.00		\$3,000.00		
STEVE SELEG	12/3/1996	\$530.00		\$1,590.00		
CHARLES HOPF	12/2/1997	\$2,350.00		\$9,400.00		
ARLENE HAM	12/31/1997	\$3,500.00	\	\$14,000.00		
J.M. NANSEL	12/22/1998	\$2,530.00	\	\$12,650.00		
J.M. NANSEL	12/22/1999	\$970.00		\$5,820.00		
STEVE LACKMAN	12/10/2003	\$2,230.00		\$22,300.00		
GIL WEIGHT	12/12/2001	\$380.00		\$3,040.00		
DECEMBER TOTAL		\$15,930.00		\$75,370.00		

Administrators Report

Wow! What a great month, I can't believe how fast the time is flying! Here it is, already the end of October and almost time for another board meeting. As you will notice in your packets, we need to go over the changes in the 310 rules. Please try to find the time to read them as I think it will make it much easier to go through. I sent a request to Treasure County to see if I could get a copy of their changes, etc as I thought it might make it easier for you having them here.

The grant administration training was awesome! I learned a lot, including who to talk to when I have problems or questions. Sometimes I think that is as important as the training. I am finding it very useful as I am doing the quarterly report for the LEP Grant.

I ordered caps from Boss last week. They are very nice looking with the logo as before. I had to order 48 of them as they weren't available in lots of 36. They did give me a better deal as a result. I asked Boss and some other companies about jackets and they are sending me the information. We need to get one for Mark Mees, his wife and Wendy. Anyone else who doesn't have one should let me know. I think we should probably get Larry one to wear as well. Seems like a good idea to have him wearing our Logo when he is out in the field.

I guess that's it for this month. I look forward to seeing you all next week. Give some thought as to when you would like to have the next meeting, the regular date won't work because of Thanksgiving.

See you all Wednesday the 27th. Please call if you can't attend.

Have a great week!!!

Laurie ☺

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO Box 1200
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 2004

Members Present: Doug McCrae, Dave Davenport, Jim Rogers, Don Youngbauer, Steve Lackman

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, Larry Fox, Laurie Kelley, Kendal Van Dyke, Mike Reisner, Dan Watson

Dave Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the conservation office. Wendy Warren was absent.

LAND USE ORDINANCE:

Rules regarding enacting the land use ordinance were read by Jim Rogers. The unofficial election results were discussed: 80% for the ordinance, 20% against. Election canvassing will begin November 9, 2004 and the Clerk and Recorder's office will send us the official results. The Board of Supervisors will consider official election results and determine whether submission of such regulations shall be enacted within the boundaries of Rosebud Conservation District at their next regular meeting which will be held December 8, 2004, at 7:30 pm at the USDA Service Center in Forsyth. The meeting is open to the public and comments will be reflected in the official minutes. Written comments will also be accepted through the close of business on December 8.

310 RULES:

The board went through the amended 310 Rules and added and revised sections to fit the Rosebud Conservation District program. A public hearing will be held on December 8, 2004 at 7 pm in the Conservation District office with the regular board meeting to follow. A notice will be drafted and placed at the post office, FSA building, IGA and courthouse. It will be on the KIKC Community Calendar and posted on the District website. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person. If no public comment is received, the board will vote to adopt the revised rules. A copy of the revised rules will be available at the district office or by calling 406-346-7479. It will also be on our website www.rosebudcd.org.

COST SHARING: The local workgroup met to discuss options for 2005 cost sharing. It was decided that land use will be the criteria for consideration, rather than size of contract. The group listed their main resource issues: soil health (and erosion), water conservation (and seepage), range health, weeds and forest health (tree encroachment). The 50 points county allocation was suballocated in this manner: 10 points to grazing land for percentage of operating unit under managed contract, 20 points to Yellowstone and Tongue River Corridor grazing plans, 10 points to seepage and 10 points to multiple pasture tank set ups.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Dave Davenport, Chairman

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2004 MEETING

Members Present: Wendy Warren, Doug McRae, Steve Lackman, Jim Rogers, Dave Davenport

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, Larry Fox, Laurie Kelley, Kendall Van Dyke, Mike Reisner, Scott Kaiser, Steve Schmitz, Larry Bloxsom

Dave Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office. Don Youngbauer was absent.

MINUTES: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the October 27th regular meeting minutes. Doug McRae seconded the motion and it passed. Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the November 8th Special Meeting Minutes and Doug McRae seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The board discussed keeping the extra money from the coordinator salary in a separate account. It was decided to do so. Wendy Warren made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as amended, Jim Rogers seconded and the motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next meeting will be held January 12, 2005.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: No questions were asked.

LOANS:

Greg Lackman: Still waiting on activity

310:

Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River: Waiting on final okay from Shannon Warner, DEQ. The board asked Laurie to write a letter to DEQ asking that they allow concrete as a means to stop severe erosion. The board will sign the letter and it will be sent to DEQ.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Jim Rogers moved that the board take its first vote to approve the land use ordinance and Doug McRae seconded. There was no public discussion on the vote. The motion carried. The final vote will be taken at the next regular board meeting which will be held on January 12, 2004. The board discussed the need to sit down with the Board of Oil and Gas and the Water Rights Bureau in order to assess bonding and beneficial use of water. Steve Schmitz, DNRC, congratulated the board on getting the ordinance passed. He stated that in the beginning, the department wasn't able to be supportive to the district, but with the change in administration, it looks like DNRC will be in a better position to assist the board. The board determined that it was very important to develop good links with the DNRC and DEQ and other agencies involved in the CBM process. Jim Rogers is going to work on developing ranch plans with Laurie's assistance.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: The steering committee consisting of Jewel Davenport, Norma Bixby, Doug McRae and Watty Taylor is meeting in Lane Deer on December 13, 2004 at 6:30 pm. Laurie Kelley will also attend as coordinator. Bylaws will be discussed. The board discussed the TMDL status for Rosebud Creek and the

Tongue River. It was decided that the district needs to send DEQ a letter formally asking that a study be done on both so as to get a better understanding of the baseline water data. It is necessary in order to determine the impacts of Coal Bed Methane production and other discharges to the water. Laurie will get together background information and write a letter to DEQ requesting that actual, not modeled TMDL studies be done.

NRCS REPORT: Rocky Schwagler told the board that the local work group's recommendations had been sent in. Since they do not follow the recommended guidelines, he is not certain how well they will be received. He updated the board on progress he and Larry Fox have made on the Diamond Cross Ranch pipeline project. There are three pipelines in the project covering over 52 miles total. He said that Larry Fox, District Technician, is doing a fantastic job! Rocky said that over 30 people had already signed up for EQIP. Rocky also said that until now FSA had done the EQIP payments, but now NRCS is doing them. Eligibility is determined by FSA. Rocky said that he is going to put in for technical assistance to come up with construction standards for irrigation.

TECHNICIAN REPORT: Larry told the board about working on the Diamond Cross pipeline project and attending the weed spraying training in Melstone.

310 RULES: There was no public discussion on the new rules, so Steve Lackman made a motion to formally adopt the rules. Wendy Warren seconded the motion and it passed. The board asked Laurie to send a copy of the final 310 rules with the changes RCD made highlighted, to Laurie Zeller of DNRC for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTERN: The board discussed having Megan Sweedland do some work over her Christmas break. There is enough money in the Income Capacity grant fund to pay for around 20 hours of work. Jim moved to allow her to work and Doug seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Next, the board discussed putting in for another grant for next year. Rocky said that the NRCS grant is available for up to \$12,500 this year. The money is to be spent to help the NRCS implement the Farm Bill. Once it is submitted, it must be approved by Dave Pratt, NRCS, Miles City. The board discussed getting two interns for the summer months. Jim moved to apply for a grant for 2 interns, and Doug seconded the motion. Motion approved. Rocky will help Laurie with the application.

OTHER BUSINESS:

COAL BED METHANE PROTECTION ACT: Steve Schmitz reminded the board that June 30, 2005 is the first day that people can ask for emergency help for damages caused by coal bed methane development. He suggested that the districts that are likely to be effected need to get together to develop some rules for the act. He offered to organize a meeting between Powder River, Big Horn, Prairie, Custer and Rosebud Counties so that they can begin the rule making process. He offered to facilitate the meeting himself. The board agreed that it was a good idea and asked that Laurie send an email to those districts asking that they attend the meeting. The board agreed that a technical advisory committee should be convened beforehand to help determine what rules are necessary. The plan is to get together members from each district that wishes to be involved, agree to work on the regulations, develop a process to evaluate need, put together minimal rules and then put it to the district for a vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.


Dave Davenport, Chairman
