

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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November 7, 2019

7:00 PM

USDA Service Center, 270 Prospect, Forsyth, MT 59327

Meeting called to order by Dave Davenport @ 6:58 pm.

7:00 PM

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Doug McRae

**Others Present:**

Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer, Heather Nenniger

**Guests:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

September 05, 2019 draft minutes in your packet.

Alan made a motion to approve the minute of the previous meeting,

Rocky seconded the motion,

All in favor and the motion passed.

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

**Administrator Report:** in Packet

**Admin assistant report:** in packet

**Outreach & Education:**

**Meeting Schedule:**

December 5, 2019 @ 5pm

**Loans:** Invoices go out this week.

- Don made a motion regarding DF loan, pay the current amounts due plus interest by January 15, 2020,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- Discussion to request cashiers check or cash from this point forward,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Bobbi will send a regular letter and a certified letter to DF.

**310- Permit Applications:**

Talen Energy- dredging pump site on the Yellowstone river west of Forsyth. They are requesting a 10 year maintenance permit.

- Don made a motion to approve the permit,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**AIS~ Aquatic Invasive Species:**

Monica will be going to Helena for the state wide training the first week of December.

**Soil Health Initiative:**

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Danny has some questions regarding producers planting grasses to be in compliance with NRCS programs.

**No-Till Drill:**

Alan Wetherelt has contacted us again and is ready when we are to order our next no till drill.

Not yet, current drill just went passed 2000 acres.

**Trackfiller:**

Alan & Jason- Alan will look at prices.

**Newsletter:** Monica

**New Business-**

**MOA & Statement of Work between Districts and NRCS:** templates of both in your packet. These will be updated for all cds by the end of December 2019.

The NRCS has not approved the last draft from DNRC could be the end of the year or into January before we have a document to go by.

**MACD: Don Youngbauer-**

Best meeting ever! MACD has hired a guy, Don is meeting with him on Thursday. Things seem to be calming down and settling.

**NRCS: Danny Pratt:**

Just finished the long range plan for Rosebud County, handed out copies to the board. He would like to have district input. There are no new rules or programs, CSP initiative pays \$18/acre/year up to 5 years.

**YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

The T&Y old flumes approximately 80 feet. The YRCDC had figured out the problems, now they are prioritizing and looking at tackling the problems.

Working with Don Rostad.

**Wildlife Ramps & Forsyth FFA:**

I have talked to Jan again and have requested all ordered ramps be completed and to producers by the end of 2019.

Jason still hasn't paid Jan for the ramps he received.

She said she would get the numbers together as soon as she has a few minutes.

**Sage Grouse Fence Markers:**

We had a small order and I have placed it through Petroleum CD, about \$.25 each. We only had 2400. I recommended the same to other districts. Its really not feasible to order bulk unless we have over 50k pieces.

**CD Van-** our van is great in the summer, but terrible in the fall, winter and spring.

A suburban or similar has the 3rd row seating and is available in 4wd.

Clearance is also an important factor when going in the field or on-site visits.  
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**Upcoming Events:**

MACD Convention in Kalispell on November 19-21<sup>st</sup>.

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

CBMPA-meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> in Hysham (Bobbi needs permission to attend)  
28<sup>th</sup> Annual National No-tillage conference in St Louis Missouri January 7-10, 2020

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

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

The board would be willing to pay for 5 producers to attend. Bobbi will get the paperwork to them and register them for the event.

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

***Range Committee: Dave Davenport***

***CBMPA:*** Committee meeting in Hysham on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

***Annual Plan:*** Updated with new programs, HID Project.

***Open Mike Board Members:***

9 pm: ***Public Comments:***

***Next Meeting:***

***ADJOURN: 9:02pm***