

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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January 8, 2018

5:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order by \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_ pm.

5:00 PM

**Board Members Present:**

Doug McRae, Bonnie Prince, Jason Brewer, Dave Davenport, Dennis Kenney, Don Youngbauer, Alan Mereness, Reg Hoff.

**Board Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer, Kami Kilwine, NRCS, Heather Nenninger, SGI

**Guests:**

**Treasure Report:**

Through Dec 31<sup>st</sup> in your packets

- Dave made a motion to move \$8,000 to the benefits budget category from the salaries to reflect the stipend,
- Don seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.
  
- Dave made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with update,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes:**

November draft minutes in your packet

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

**Expense Vouchers:**

Let me know if you have anything that needs to be added to your voucher.

**Administrator Report:** report in your packet

**Admin assistant report:** report in your packet

**Outreach & Education:**

Monica, Heather and I will be working with Melissa Ashley on another gardening workshop this spring. The focus will be local gardeners.

310 workshop- it has been a few years since we have had a 310 workshop in our area. Treasure has expressed interest in partnering with us. Bob Fleshure with DNRC is available.

Its time again to start planning with the county 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to organize conservation days 2018.

Augmented Reality Sandbox-information in your packets. Treasure has expressed interest in partnering. Bobbi can apply for grants to cover costs, approximately \$4,000.

Bobbi will be attending the Treasure County CD board meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Rolling Rivers Trailer at Colstrip High school Science on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Fair 2018-** we have reserved our space in the exhibition hall~ soil health, cover crops in local soil.

Heather is working with Monica and planning something during the first week of March with area 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

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## **Meeting Schedule:**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

## **Loans:**

John Polich has requested an extension on his no interest loan for one year. Request is in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to approve the request for a one year extension on his loan project,
- Jason 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

## **310- Permit Applications:**

Roger Lothspeich Violation and new application. The violation is in Custer County. He has applied for a permit in Rosebud County for stabilization of the bank, 580 feet. A copy of the application is in your packet, the application will be addressed at our February meeting after a site visit with FWP, Terracon and the applicant has taken place.

## **Reserved Water:**

Wegemans have submitted an application for reserved water for the additional water that they are now pumping with the larger pump.

2017 report a copy is in your packet.

**The Hammond irrigation ditch has water available- Bobbi will talk to Wegemans and have them visit with Reg.**

## **New Business:**

Off Stream storage- Montana Watershed Coalition meeting in Roundup on February 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. I have been added to the mailing list. They meet every other month and have invited the district to attend.

**Please add, Bonnie, Alan, Jason, Reg & Dennis on to their emailing list.**

## **Supervisor Elections:**

Bobbi has been working with JoAnn Duffield on the schedule for supervisor elections. She was able to find where our district was taken off the list for local district elections and has added us back to the list. 2018- Doug McRae & Dave Davenport are up for election and Jason and Bonnie's appointment through the city of Colstrip will need to be reappointed. JoAnn will send the forms for the election over to me.

## **Permissive Mill Levy:**

The district can request a permissive mill levy to help with the cost of employee health insurance. The marketplace prices on select policies were increased slightly over others. There is a process, and it would keep the cost of benefits from increasing the budget, but still keep insurance available to employees as premiums rise. We could also offer insurance to Monica as well.

## **Not interested**

## **Forestry Grants:**

Andy Miller is busy putting contracts together for both programs. The EMFR payments will have priority over the FIF due to the project deadline.

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**Soil Health Initiative:** 2018 can you believe it!

**No-Till Drill:** listing for sale for \$45k. The drill is still up for sale. We have had some interest in the drill.

The new drill will be delivered in mid-January, cost is \$61,600, and how would we like to pay for the drill?

- Dave made a motion to pay for the no-till drill out of the savings account at first state bank with a cashier's check,
- Reg seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Bobbi will call the bank and request that the check is completed and Alan/ Reg or Don will stop by and sign it before the drill is delivered.

**Newsletter:** Monica has been doing an excellent job on the newsletter. If you want to see something in the newsletter or write an article, please let her know.

**NRCS: Kami Kilwine~** acting DC

Acting until April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ranking period for equip

**Rocky Schwagler:** Retiring January 3<sup>rd</sup> from the NRCS

Retirement party is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Country Club in Forsyth. 4pm to 8pm. Food-ideas? Cake? Open to suggestions.

Pot luck for sides, if we have all of the Treasure supervisors and employees bring deserts and Rosebud CD supervisors and employees bring sides, I would like to ask Lana Hoff to help with the catering.

Bobbi is working with Monica, Jeff Bird and Danae Pinkerton on the party and on a presentation, and Heather Nenninger is working on a plaque.

- Alan made a motion that the district will purchase a yeti cooler and \$500 gift cards from Scheels for Rocky,
- Reg seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

The council will have an Americacore member in the Miles City office.

He will be working on the woody plant invasive species on the Yellowstone.

They meeting on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> in Billings.

**Upcoming Events:**

Soil Health Workshops, Brendon Rockey, Steve Kenyon, Wendy Taheri, & Derek Axten, Jan 16-19, various locations from around the state.

Billings Jan 18

Miles City Jan 19

Sidney Jan 19

NACD-Nashville this year end of January first week of February

2018 Range Forum- May 9&10 Billings

Montana Range Days-June; 18-20 2018, Red Lodge MT

Monica regularly updates the Calendar and list of events on the cd website.

**Range Committee: Dave Davenport**

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**CBMPA:**

**Next meeting Agenda:**

Annual Plan

Conservationist of the year for banquet

**Open Mike Board Members:**

**7 pm: Public Comments:**

**ADJOURN:**