

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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September 3, 2015

7:00 PM

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

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Doug McRae, RCD\_Chair @ 7:02pm.

**Board Members Present:**

Doug McRae, David Davenport, Dennis Kenney, Bonnie Prince, Reg Hoff, Dennis Kenney

**Board Members Absent:**

Alan Mereness

**Others Present:**

Rocky Schwagler, Bobbi Vannattan, & Makayla Chandler

**Guests:**

**Treasure Report:**

- Bonnie made a motion to approve the treasure report,
- Reg second the motion,
- All in Favor and the motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting,
- Dennis second the motion,
- All in Favor and the motion passed.

**Expense Vouchers:**

Reg travel to Bismarck

**Administrator Report:** Report included in this packet

**Outreach & Education:**

**Meeting Schedule:**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2015.

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**Loans:**

Steve Lackman has submitted a loan application for a pivot, he is working with Rocky on EQIP. Application is in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to approved the loan application,
- Don second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**ROM's:**

Arlene Ham- release completed

**310- Permit Applications:**

**Reserved Water:**

Yearly reports will go out in the mail in October.

**New Business:**

**Supervisors on Workman's Comp. Policy**

In order to cover any incidents or accidents while conducting cd business, supervisors need to be added to our insurance policy, cost is very minimal. I will have a sheet for you to fill out at the meeting. If I didn't get your info during the August meeting I will need it this meeting.

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## **Soil Health Tour in Bismarck on August 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Reg Hoff & Dennis Kenney both attended the workshop and will give a report

## **Office Work Center:**

I just can't find exactly what I want that will work in the space I have, but was able to find a used corner desk that will sustain for now. \$150.

## **Summer Interns:**

Makayla Chandler will be working after school and off days of school. I will have her working on keeping the website up to date and working on building our Facebook account. She will also be helping the office with some of the tedious office & secretary work.

## **2015 Soil Health Workshop:**

Flyers are on the website and Facebook, we will be working on promoting them through various Medias and word of mouth.

We need to line out who will be driving and transporting the speakers to and from the airport between Billings and Forsyth.

I have placed an ad for bids for caterer for 3 meals, lunch dinner & lunch. We are required to have at least 3 bids.

**Dave Davenport & Reg or Lana Hoff might be available to transport speakers to and from Billings**

## **Soil Health Initiative:**

2015- Sign ups

Jay Blankenship

## **No-Till Drill:**

**Newsletter:** we are running a little behind, because it has been such a crazy busy summer.

## **YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

First report is drafted- Tony Thatcher from Bozeman.

Intake- the core is trying to get the irrigators to take responsibility for maintaining the project.

## **NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:**

3 irrigation projects, next year conservation planning a couple of Range projects,

Might want to look at doing a local soil health tour, we have some producers in Rosebud & Treasure County doing some really good things with soil health.

## **Range Committee: Dave Davenport**

## **CBMPA: Doug McRae:**

Helena has approved four CBMPP claims for Powder River CD totaling over \$91,000. All the claims are near the MT/WY line along the Powder River. Helena is still unsure of our budget for this year. We have some funds left over from last FY and ending grants to CDs.

## **Forests in Focus:**

Grant Program Deadline of December 31, 2015 has been extended to December 31, 2016.

## **Resolutions 2015:**

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*Would like to put something together regarding MACD's role with Districts. RCD would like to see MACD taking a leadership role vs, just passing information with emails & forwarding emails & collecting money. We would like to see them for example, explain to cd's how the changes in the clean water act affect districts and what our role or actions should be. We would like to be a little better informed when there are changes coming from Helena as well.*

MACD has a new Resolution process and we must have our concept for a resolution by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Area IV meeting*** is September 22, 2015 in Columbus, we are hosting the 2015 Area IV meeting.

***Wrong its in Absorke.***

***Little Red IRM books:***

Diane has asked if the CD would purchase a few of these books and sell them to producers to use for record keeping, cost is around \$8/book.

***They are available free so we won't be purchasing any***

***Raffle drawing:***

1<sup>st</sup> place has choice and second takes the remaining item between the traeger and the yeti coolers.

1<sup>st</sup> drawing- Bonnie Prince drew Reece Stahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Drawing- Dennis Kenney drew Matt Potts.

***Next meeting Agenda:***

***Open Mike Board Members:***

***Public Comments:***

***ADJOURN: Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ PM***

***9:00 pm:***