

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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March 3, 2016

7:00 PM

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

5:00 PM Meeting called to order by DOUG MCRAE RCD CHAIR @7:08 pm.

**Board Members Present:**

Don Youngbauer, Dennis Kenney, Dave Davenport, Bonnie Prince, Doug McRae

**Board Members Absent:**

Alan Mereness, Reg Hoff

**Others Present:**

Bobbi Vannattan, Heather Nenninger, SGI & Rocky Schwagler, NRCS

**Guests:**

Jason Brewer

**Treasure Report:**

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

The draft minutes from the February 8, 2016 meeting are in your packet.

- Don made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Expense Vouchers:**

Let me know what you have going on.

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

**Outreach & Education:**

Tree Sales are increasing

Time to start planning the 6<sup>th</sup> grade conservation days

**Meeting Schedule:**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April, 7 2016.

**We will meet on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**Loans:**

**ROM's:**

**310- Permit Applications:**

Bill Fitzgerald has requested an extension on his 310 permit. It will expire in April.

- Dave made a motion to grant the extension on Fitzgerald's 310 permit,
- Bonnie second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

- Dave made a motion to approve Fergusons 310 application,

- Don second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Reserved Water:**

**New Business:**

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**Dennis Kenney** will be stepping down as a board member. Jason Brewer will be appointed by the city of Colstrip for the urban position, in their upcoming meetings.

A letter of recommendation for Jason has been sent to the Colstrip City Council and they will make the decision at their next meeting.

**Grant training workshop:**

DNRC is hosting a grant workshop for administrators and supervisors in April in Miles city and would like us to act as the fiscal agent on this.

OK-the workshop is the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Miles City

**2016 Soil Health Workshop:**

We have reserved Brendon Rockey and Jay Fuhrer. Jay had a couple of suggestions we should check out and I haven't heard back from Ray Archaletta.

**Soil Health Initiative:**

**No-Till Drill:**

We are in the process of ordering a new drill.

**Ordered!**

Ask about attachment to make it open or closed hydraulics.

**Newsletter:**

**YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

Study is done! Looking for more participation from other cd's that have not been included in the study. Trying to find a way to incorporate Wyoming into using the study. Working with Western Regional Resource Council. Laurie Zeller with DNRC has helped find the financing to hire Don Rostad as the Director and Warren Kellogg as Public Relations to show people how to use the study to improve irrigation.

**NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:**

1<sup>st</sup> project consult- FWP

CSP- March 31<sup>st</sup>

Special Initiatives- Pollinator plantings

Christine Jones- 8/3/16, will be in Baker and could do a day workshop here if we wanted.

**Range Committee: Dave Davenport**

**CBMPA: Doug McRae:**

**Forests in Focus:**

Our first payment for a partially completed project will be approximately \$26k. This is the first payment on this grant, and we will be making several payments over the next couple of months as projects are complete.

Do we want to plan a soil health tour for producers in August 2016?

**Next meeting Agenda:**

Soil Health workshop

**Open Mike Board Members:**

**Public Comments:**

**6:30 pm:**

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Heather Nenninger- if the district would be willing to purchase a microscope- she has found one that is a fraction of the cost and would be beneficial to the district and producers in Rosebud County.

- Dave made a motion to purchase a microscope,
- Don second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Is the district interested in planting a plot in the community garden? Plots are around \$20. We could incorporate some no-til gardening into the RCD Plot.

Talk to Kate Vogel about bringing her display to the County fair, and our Soil Health workshop in December.

**ADJOURN: Motion by Dennis Kenney @ 8:50 PM**