

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2020

7 PM

Rosebud Treasure County Fair Grounds Exhibition Hall
USDA Service Center, 270 S. Prospect, Forsyth, MT 59327

Meeting called to order by Doug McRae @7:04 pm.

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Board Members Present:

Doug McRae, Dave Davenport, Alan Mereness, Don Youngbauer

Board Members Absent:

Rocky Schwagler, Jason Brewer

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan, Danny Pratt

Guests:

Cole Cook, Katy Cardwell

Treasure Report:

At meeting- Monica has regretfully decided that she is not going to be able to continue doing the financials and bookkeeping for the district. She is just too busy with fulltime work and family right now. She is willing to train and help me take it over.

Tabled-bobbi will reach out to Rosebud County tax and financial to see if they would be willing to do our payroll and books.

Meeting Minutes:

June Minutes at meeting

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

Expense Vouchers: keep me updated on any travel you do for the district
Jason ntd work, Don & Alan sign checks

Administrator Report: at meeting

Outreach & Education: Fair booths have been cancelled so we will not be attending this year.

Meeting Schedule:

August 6 at 7pm-

Meetings and travel:

Keep Bobbi updated.

Supervisor travel and stipends for the last fiscal year will be at the meeting.

Program reports:

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: closed

No-Interest Loans:

We have a no interest loan for pipeline and fencing. Cole Cook will be attending the meeting, Danny is supposed to have the map, design and cost at the meeting.

- Dave made a motion to approve the no interest loan application for Cooks,
- Alan second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

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USDA office :

Options up to the board

Invite Tom Watson to next board meeting.

310- Permit Applications:

Coal Seam Fire Suppression Planning Grant: would like to put announcement in two weeks paper, just have to get to Miles city with the flyers to be inserted. I have to be there on the 15th so it might be the following week. I have not done any work on this project, just waiting on this fiscal year to start it.

Soil Health Initiative:

C. Weight

No-Till Drill:

Jason is working with Alan Wetherelt at John Deere on a new drill. The current drill required a bit of maintenance, new seed flaps, some extra washers, and Jason did some repairs on one of the springs that had come loose. The front brace was also broken and we were able to get a new one from Miles city and I visited with Rian at the Arts Tires and he was able to put the new one on and straighten out the front piece of the drill that had managed to bend a little bit. We have had issues with this one lowering again. Do we want to look at getting a hydraulic lifter?

- Alan made a motion to purchase the new drill quoted,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Bobbi will visit with Jason to proceed.

Trackfiller:

Alan & Jason

Newsletter:

New Business-

MACD DUES-\$5,007.80-tabled from the last meeting

MOA & Statement of Work between Districts and NRCS:-tabled from last meeting

Copy of the documents available at meeting.

Tabled

NRCS- Danny Pratt-

Tip Project is the Hathaway Irrigation Ditch with Lackman, Warren, and Heinlee Pivots. There are to SGI and 8 CSP projects. Hysham tip next year is conifer treatment, and the NRCS is working on an easement with Salmonds and Mt Land Reliance.

RCD Business:

Reg Hoff Scholarship:

Kaitlyn is going to submit an article for us to place in the newsletter, facebook, website and the newspaper.

Filling urban supervisor position:

Cavin Steiger and Tyler Larsen are both interested. How does the board want to decide who to appoint?

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- Alan made a motion to recommend Cavin Stieger be appointed as the Urban representative for the city of Colstrip on the board,
 - Don second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Bobbi will contact the city of Colstrip and give them the boards recommendation.

Pollinator programs:

DNRC has \$50k per year available to district to start pollinator education programs and provide pollinator seed mixes to individuals in conservation districts interested in planting. Info from pollinator training is available on hard drive. Was an excellent training.

Bobbi will have presentation and information at the next meeting.

Wildlife Ramps: we need to figure out something to get the needed ramps to producers, I have reached out to Jan banks several times and there hasn't been much progress on the orders, covid has taken the kids out of the shop and created shortages across our area for ramps.

Reach out to Todd Lackman who is the new ffa advisor in Colstrip schools

Upcoming Events: Area IV meeting hosted by Treasure County CD

Open Mike Board Members:

8 pm:

Public Comments:

Next Meeting:

Employee yearly review

MOU

July treasure reports

ADJOURN: 9:02 pm