

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2013

7:00 PM

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

7:00 pm: Meeting called to order by Doug Mc Rae, RCD Chair @ 7:06 pm.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Alan Mereness

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan

Guests:

Treasure Report:

January Treasure Report will be available at the meeting.

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

Meeting Minutes:

The draft minutes from the December 6, 2012 meeting are in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 6, 2012 meeting,
- Dennis second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

8:00 pm:

Expense Vouchers:

Keep Bobbi updated on any expenses and travel that need to be added to your FY 13 travel and expenses.

Administrator Report:

Report is in your packets.

Outreach & Education:

Conservation Days is currently scheduled for April 30, May 2 and May 7th. Forsyth, Hysham & St Labre have confirmed the dates. Trees will be delivered and available for pick up on April 26th.

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is on February 7, 2013.

Wednesday, February, 6, 2013

Loans:

Most NIL Payments due have been received with a couple left. Hein Cattle Company submitted receipts for the first portion and tank on their pipeline, well and stock tanks project.

ROM's:

310- Permit Applications:

Douglas Bing submitted a 310 application to repair two holes on the streambank where existing riprap has deteriorated.

Mike Backes, Dennis Kenney conducted a site visit. FWP's report is in your packet.



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- Steve made a motion to approve Bings 310 application as a maintenance permit, with the condition that no new construction take place,
- Don second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Bobbi will give Douglas Bing a list of local contractors to contact regarding the project. Muggli, Pontious, Scanlon, Jerett Const. and Jeremy Pyle are all in the area.

Reserved Water:

New Business:

- NACD Convention is in San Antonio TX this year from January 27th-30th, 2013. Anyone planning to attend?
 - Dave will attend, he does not like window seats.
- The Annual Department of Administration report is in your packet, we ended the year with a balance of \$358,817.52. We are not required by the state to have an audit; Dave Davenport said he would speak with Jackie Manley.
 - ok
- It is time again to review and revise the RCD Annual Plan for 2013.
- Supervisors board positions.
 - Dave move to appoint by acclamation,
 - Steve second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.
- The Winter Grazing Seminar is in Harlowton on January 16-17, 2013.
- Bobbi would like to get a different office chair.
- Cascade Conservation District is hosting a Supervisor Boot Camp on February 27, 2013. The information is in your packet.

Soil Health Initiative:

The packets for the 2013 are available for signups. So far I have one producers signed up.

Steve Lackman and Dave Davenport are interested.

No-Till Drill:

Floyd Dalhman has paid the \$40K for the 2011 NTD. I did submit the final payment and the 2011 NTD. The 2012 Drill has been received and is currently in Miles City. Payment was officially paid on December 27, 2012.

Discussion- if need be, in the future, get 2 drills and run in Treasure and Custer Counties, will discuss again in June.

- Need to get an adapter to hook lights to pickup.
- Make sure that all three boxes are cleaned not just the one used.

Newsletter:

Next deadline is January 15, 2013.

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YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

Sec of Dep. of Interior flies out to meeting, creating national blue-ways- getting all in a room and coordinating working together-Controversy note trust product of navigable waters programs, no trust between Washington DC and here.

Want to facilitate you getting dollars-the concern is that they are coming after our water, want an MOU-Memorandum of Understanding- don't just want to get the study finished, see no problem, but if they step out of line, would be able to back out. Need to be in the middle instead of on the outside. Is the cd comfortable being involved? Yes.

It is going to cost 1.5 million to finish the study, going to look at alternatives to finish what is left of the economic study.

Fitzgerald at MDU- Brad Sauers would cost \$10k to do the study and it cost \$750K for ACE to complete the study.

Mission is to finish by 12-31-2015. Ending date.

CBM-looking for a letter of support- Rebecca Waters is the one to talk to Methane underground harnessing- there is a field research station in Birney-Elliot Barnhart of MSU- working with algae and this will become a nationwide study. It does not use the water in the river and will not drain the aquifer. This would be an ongoing process. Technology has break throughs and they can be used worldwide. Energy resources multiplied thousand of times, pipeline ship methane to China.

The same technology will apply to exhausted oil wells, harvest with microbes-oil out of shale more than when they started, need support from a grass roots level. Colstrip-mines the coal, turn to methane- there could be 10-12 industries spawned off of this.

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

Would like to see a range tour of the areas that burned-include the state personnel in the tour.

CBMPA: Doug McRae:

Forestry Grant: Western Competitive Grant: Scott Hicswa:

Scott's report will be available at the meeting.

Whitetail Divide Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Grant: Chris Pilesky:

Chris's report will be available at the meeting.

Mini Education Grant: Rosebud School Composting:

The final report is due on January 15, 2013.

Ten Minute Training:

None

Next meeting Agenda:

Annual plan

Markers on the drill

Soil health reports from 2012 initiative.

Open Mike Board Members:

9:00 pm:

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Steve Lackman- cover crops on 7 acres- did 102- 36 did not get cows on it, so plowed under, will see what happens.

70 acre pivot at Anderson, not going to be fertilized for start of wheat. 80 head might get 2 months on it-doing better than in a feed lot.

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: Motion by Doug McRae @ 10:02 PM