

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2013

7:00 PM

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

7:00 pm: Meeting called to order by _____, RCD _____ @ _____ pm.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Steve Lackman

Others Present:

Leanna Johnson, CBMPA; Bobbi Vannattan, Rocky Schwagler

Guests:

Amy Adler-Rosebud County Weed

Leanna Johnson-CBMPA

Treasure Report:

May Treasure Report be available at the meeting. Do you want to transfer out of the county before the end of the fiscal year?

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

8:00 pm:

- Dave made a motion to move all funds for the Fiscal year 2013 to the RCD Regular account at First State Bank of Forsyth,
- Don second the motion ,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting Minutes:

The draft minutes from the March 6, 2013 meeting are in your packet.

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

Expense Vouchers:

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

Adminstrator Report:

Report is in your packets.

Outreach & Education:

Conservation Days will hopefully have been a huge success.

Arbor day is at the Forsyth Schools on Friday the 3rd of May- NRCS will do a station for the younger kids and I have the Rolling Rivers Trailer for the older kids.

5th grade fishing days in Colstrip is scheduled for Thursday May 9th.

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 6th, 2013.

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Loans:

ROM's:

Peterson ROM

310- Permit Applications:

Reserved Water:

New Business:

- Amy Adler with the Rosebud County Weed Department has some concerns with where rock comes from for 310 projects and spreading of noxious weeds.
 - Did not attend the meeting
- Montana Governor's Range Tour-
 - Potential sites to visit on the tour?
 - Date- September 9th and 10th?
 - Soil Health-Steve Lackman's place
 - Mark Henning has a rainfall simulator
 - Visit some of the fire sites and possible see a grinding demonstration for thinning
 - Fort Keogh? Find out what they have going on there.
- Board Biographies- I will send a form with this packet for each of you to fill out to give me some information about you and your history, and commitment to agriculture and the conservation district ect. I will also be updating photo's, If I do not have a good photo on file of you I want to take one.
- Youth Camp Scholarships for the summer- Youth Range Camp, NRCS Natural resource Camp, & Montana Range Days.
 - Dave made a motion to award 2 scholarships per camp,
 - Alan second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Women Stepping forward Agriculture Symposium Sponsorship, information is in your packet.
 - Don made a motion to award 2 scholarship @\$60 each and a \$100 sponsorship,
 - Dave second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- Rosebud Treasure County Fair- July 18th-21st-giveaways- cups- water bottles-flags-bracelets -Hats- we haven't ordered hats in years they are \$10 each and come 24 in a box from Carolyns embroidery in Miles City. I visited with Treasure about putting together a couple of baskets for drawing and any other ideas they may have. I have a few for the fair I will visit with you about.
 - Dennis made a motion to order 2 boxes (48) hats from Carolyns embroidery,
 - Dave second the motion,

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- All in favor and the motion passed.
- Request no screen and no buckles, prefer Velcro.
- Bobbi will order cups, Bic Pens for the fair.
- Have a contest to id cover crops and enter to win 20 free acres on the NTD.

- Administrator summer work schedule- options- Intern- part time summer intern- I put together a possible outline of the position in your packet.
 - Alan made a motion to hire a summer intern @ minimum wage for 30 hours per week,
 - Don second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.

Bobbi will put an ad on the radio and in the newspaper. Resumes in by the 17th, and interview on the 20th @ 7 pm.

Bobbi will purchase the office equipment for the intern.

Soil Health Initiative:

The packets for the 2013 are available for signups.

No-Till Drill:

busy

Newsletter:

Next Deadline for articles is June 15th.

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

Each YRCDC will invite one supervisors- Don will invite Dennis Kenney and Dave Davenport to attend the Yellowstone River boat tour.

Funding-Jon Tester \$750K each year of the biennium

Intake- when the ACE built the ramp they raised the project by 2 feet, now have to do more rock and cannot finish the project unless they dam is raised 2 feet.

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

Done with EQIP contracting- 13 total- 8 for fire and 5 for range/sgi.

Over \$1million.

No irrigation or land use. There was a lot of implementation and a lot of request for CTA-Conservation Technical Assistance.

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: Doug McRae:

Leanna Johnson- visit with the board regarding the grant and water monitoring she had mentioned at the previous meeting. A copy of her letter is in your packets.

Elliot Barhart attended the last meeting of the CBMPA. His presentation is the future of the CBM Approach, very technical capturing methods that nature makes the methane and will work in fracking.

LeAnna can do the monitoring and testing for Rosebud County.

New Forestry Grant: Chris Pilesky:

Chris's report will be available at the meeting.

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The new grant has been signed and we need to have the final signatures from DNRC before the grant is active.

Ten Minute Training:

None

Next meeting Agenda:

Budget

Employee Review

No-Till Drill-purchase a 2nd drill

Board Bio's

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: Motion by _____ @ 10:45 PM

9:00 pm: