

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 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 @7:15 pm.

Board Members Present:

Doug McRae, Bonnie Prince, Reg Hoff, Alan Mereness, Dave Davenport

Board Members Absent:

Don Youngbauer, Dennis Kenney

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan & Rocky Schwagler

Guests:

Dinner:

Treasure Report:

Treasure Report will be available at the meeting.

Do we want to transfer remaining County Funds to First State Bank Account?

The state is really pushing towards QuickBooks for accounting and record keeping for CD's. I would suggest we contract someone who is proficient in QB's to convert our ledgers to QB and pay a monthly fee to do our QB book keeping. Dollars can come from the grant operations and admin fees and not the yearly budget and would not need to be someone in the office and hours would be minimal after the accounts were set up. This would not interfere with the County or Fjelstad accounting for payroll, and would save me a lot of time each year on financial report, the yearly admin report and also for grant and budget tracking.

- Dave made a motion to approve the treasure report,
- Reg second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.
- Dave made a motion to find a local person to setup quickbooks for the new fiscal year,
- Reg second the motion,
- All in favor motion passed.

Meeting Minutes:

The draft minutes from the April 2, 2015 meeting are in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to approve the minutes,
- Reg second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Expense Vouchers:

Bonnie~flowers \$50

Administrator Report: Included in your packet

Outreach & Education:

Reminded Doug we would be at his place for conservation days on the 13th of May

Meeting Schedule:

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

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Loans:

Dick Ferguson would like to ask for an extension on his no interest loan, he plans to complete the stabilization project this fall.

- Alan made a motion to approve Dick Fergusons request for a one year extension on his no interest loan,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

ROM's:

310- Permit Applications:

Reserved Water:

New Business:

Office Work Center:

I would like to request a different work station, my desk is difficult to work in, the current setup is straining for both my back and my wrists and hands. If we could sell, trade or give away the existing setup, I would request a corner type setup, similar to the FSA across Hall but would match as well as can be, I wouldn't need more space, just would find something more comfortable and accessible for working.

Bobbi will look for a unit and put together a quote and bring to the board before purchasing.

Fair:

What are we going to do at our booth this year? We have the same space as before inside the Exhibit Hall.

~the board is supportive of Bobbi working with Treasure CD on organizing the fair booth, focusing on soil health and the workshop in December. Alan will visit with Kate Vogel on a display that she uses.

Summer Interns:

Ad in the paper. We advertised for two, but it will depend on the applicants as to whether we hire one or two.

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2015 Soil Health Workshop:

Still waiting on estimate from the Eagles Club in Miles City. Updating the grant application.

- Alan made a motion to hold the workshop at the Exhibit Hall in Forsyth at the fairgrounds,
- Dave second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Forsyth and or Colstrip FFA may want to host a breakfast for the event. Look at local caterers, Redneck Grill, Jeff Shaw, Roadrunner Express.

2015 Youth Range Camp:

Week of July 27, 2015 in Colstrip.

Bobbi will call and remind Doug and Dave before the 27th of May, that instructors for the camp are meeting and touring the areas. Rocky will put together maps.

Soil Health Initiative:

2015- Sign ups

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No-Till Drill:

A producer has requested that we purchase a GPS or some sort of Marker system for the drill for producers who are struggling to see where they had already seeded.

Newsletter: Next deadline is June 5th.

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

Jay Fuhr- soil health tours in Bismarck scheduled,

August 5th, Practical Farmers of Iowa

August 6, Minnesota Conservation District

August 19, Canadian Group

Do we want to put on a soil health tour from our area in Bismark?

Rocky will work on the arrangements.

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: Doug McRae:

Southeast MT Fuels Reduction Grant: Chris Pilesky & Andy Miller:

Grant Program Deadline is June 30, 2015.

Forests in Focus:

Grant Program Deadline is December 31, 2015.

Next meeting Agenda:

Yearly Employee Review

FY 2016 Budget

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: Motion by Alan Mereness @ 8:32 PM

9:00 pm: