

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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February 10, 2014

5:00 PM

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

**5:00 pm:** Meeting called to order by Doug McRae , RCD Chair @5:20pm.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Alan Mereness, Dennis Kenney

5:05 **Others Present:**

5:25 Bobbi Vannattan

5:40 **Guests:**

5:55 Jan Banks, Forsyth Ag Teacher

BNSF Rep-on phone if needed

**6:15pm** Cennex Rep-Riley Killion

David Patrick-Eco Asset Management LLC out of Helena-Did not attend due to weather

**Treasure Report:**

Treasure Report will be available at the meeting.

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

The draft minutes from the January 2, 2014 meeting are in your packet.

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

**Expense Vouchers:**

Keep Bobbi informed of your travel.

Don has some receipts from NACD Convention.

**Adminrator Report:** Included in your packet

**Outreach & Education:**

Conservation Days are scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, at Forsyth, Crazy Head Springs, and Colstrip Castle Rock Lake.

**Meeting Schedule:**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014.

We will meet on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm.

**Loans:**

**ROM's:**

**310- Permit Applications:**

310-14-01- BNSF- Rosebud Creek- bridge replacement-application is in your packet- diagrams are with the original application- 310 site visit scheduled for Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.

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- Dave made motion to approve the application,
- Steve second,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

*310-14-02- Cenex- Rosebud Creek-pipeline replacement- application is in your packet- diagrams are with the original application- 310 site visit scheduled for Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.*

Dave made a motion to approve the application.  
Motion died due to lack of second.

- Steve made a motion to approve the 310 application as modified, stating that it is more reasonable to drill than to trench, and if they are forced to trench that they take into consideration the time of year on the stream and take into account the fish spawning, the vegetation and the possibility for erosion,
- Don second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

## **Reserved Water:**

All application forms are now available on our website.

## **New Business:**

- We are hosting the Rosebud Treasure Annual meeting March 21, 2014 at the Forsyth Country Club at 1pm through dinner.
  - DVD's GMO's cover crop panels- SGI- Morgan from fort Keogh. Maybe talk to Bob Lee on the Montana Group for sage grouse.
  - Start time is 1pm at the Forsyth country club
- Cooperative Working agreement between RCD and NRCS
  - The board signed all three copies and will return to Rocky.
- EPA- Draft letter at the meeting.
  - Don made a motion to send the letter as written,
  - Bonnie second the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
    - Bobbi will send out to all cd's Testers office and local representatives.
- Fort Keogh- would like to rent the drill for a study they are doing with cover crops
- Let them use and report back with information that they gather and ask them to speak at the next annual meeting.
  - Bonnie made a motion to allow Fort Keogh use the NTD Rent free,
  - Don second the motion,
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- MACD Dues
  - Don made a motion to pay 100% of the MACD dues requested,
  - Bonnie second the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
- CD Area Display Boards- What do Cd's do and how to get the word out. Dave Martin s working with all of the area's and a 223 grant will fund the project. Information in your packets-
  - Soil Health
  - 310's
  - No-Interest Loan Program- money rolls over to the local economy
- MARS- Montana Aquatic Resources Services- Yellowstone River Channel Migration easement program- Non profit info in your packets.
- Review annual plan
  - Dave made a motion to approve the annual plan,
  - Steve second the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
- Purchase a vehicle for cd use.
  - Bobbi will look for options for government agencies to purchase vehicles.

## **Soil Health Initiative:**

2014- sign ups

Dave Davenport will sign up

## **No-Till Drill:**

Alan- was going to look into ordering a cover when he ordered his.

People are already signing up for the spring.

**Newsletter:** the next deadline is March 15, 2014.

## **YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

When they did the project at intake they built it 3 feet to high and now it will only take in water when the water level is high.

Need to make the problem the solution and build an off stream storage not build the dam three feet higher.

Off stream storage- fill when the water is high use when it is low and sell the extra to the petroleum industry to help pay for the cost of the project.

-don would still like to see something done about the predator-prey species- if a predator species is going to be listed then there should also be a plan in place to make sure that the prey species are kept up and available.

## **NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:**

## **Range Committee: Dave Davenport**

## **CBMPA: Doug McRae:**

Rosebud Conservation District will be hosting the next CBMPA Meeting on February 12, 2014 at the M&M Pizza.

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

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Chris & Andy will have a report ready for the meeting.

Need to sign a couple of contracts.

**Ten Minute Training:**

None

**Next meeting Agenda:**

**Open Mike Board Members:**

Steve- now on the weed board and the Northwest Farm Credit Advisory Council  
**9:00 pm:** Some of the projects they have been doing- new roof for the Howard School House

Rural Community grant- available to the public for projects that are good for the community.

**Public Comments:**

**ADJOURN: Motion by Don @ 9:40 PM**