

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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August 3, 2017

7:00 PM

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

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Doug McRae, RCD Chair, at 7:07pm.

**Board Members Present:**

Reg Hoff, Don Youngbauer, Bonnie Prince, Doug McRae, Jason Brewer, Dennis Kenney, associate

**Board Members Absent:**

Alan Mereness, Dave Davenport

**Others Present:**

Bobbi Vannattan, Monica Boyer, Heather Nenninger, Rocky Schwagler

**Guests:**

Terri Grefe No interest loan application

Allen Wetherelt 310- application

**Treasure Report:**

Available at the meeting,

- Reg made a motion to approve the treasurer's report,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes:**

July draft minutes in your packet.

- Reg made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting,
- Bonnie seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Expense Vouchers:**

Let me know if you have anything that needs to be added to your voucher.

**Administrator Report:** Report in packet

**Admin assistant report:** Report with Administrator report in packet.

**Outreach & Education:** Fair is over. We will be working with schools setting up conservation days for 2018. We do have the soil tunnel, the groundwater demonstration, rolling rivers that are available to reserve for education out reach.

**Meeting Schedule:**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2017.

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**Loans:**

Terri Grefe-pipeline, tanks and solar well, application\$20k

- Bonnie made am motion to approve Grefe's no-interest loan application,
- Don seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**310- Permit Applications:**

Allen Wetherelt- repair access to existing pump site on the Yellowstone

- Jason made a motion to approve the 310 application,
- Bonnie seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

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## **Reserved Water:**

# RS-025-YL-Bryon Bennet, has been numbered and is in line for process at the DNRC office.

## **New Business:**

### **MACD & SWCDMI:**

#### **Resolutions:**

Any resolution to be discussed at the Area IV meeting must be provided to MACD by September 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Partial dues letter:**

Prepared and ready for approval and signature to be mailed.

#### **Monthly reports:**

MACD has agreed to provide all districts with a copy of their monthly reports and financials. You will be provided a copy at the meeting and in the future will be mailed with meeting packets when possible.

## **Area IV Meeting:**

Hosted by Upper Musselshell in Harlowton on September 22, 2017.

## **CD's affected by the Fires:**

How can we offer assistance to cd's that have been affected by this year's fire season? Monica suggest ordering a bunch of trees and delivering trees to be distributed. Any suggestions are welcome.

- Bobbi will reach out and see what kind of help they need or any programs they need assistance with.

## **Hats/coats:**

Stiches for you in Miles City has agreed to set up an account with the cd so that supervisors who would like a new coat and order the size and style that works best for you. You can also order through Monica myself, or stop in the store in Miles city. They still have the template that Carolyn's used for our hats and coats previously. We can keep this design or design something new. There are many options, there will be a few printed out for the meeting.

- Gravel, greyish black or charcoal are both nice!

## **Display/flyers:**

3D printing in Colstrip has very good prices on displays and banners. We are working on a district banner, and an area banner. What would you like to see on the banner?

**Supervisor Summit**: hosted by Cascade CD in Great Falls- flyer is in your packet. Cascade is working on scholarships to help cover the costs for cds. This is a great opportunity for new and seasoned supervisors and staff.

## **New projects the district may be interested in working on:**

AG Expo in Hysham with Treasure CD

Recycling programs-

If you have any ideas or thoughts on programs, please bring them to the meeting.

## **Track filler:**

Alan will check on more information

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## **RCD Local Soil Health Tour:**

Rocky will confirm the date, but looking at September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will need to work out the timeline and schedule.

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1-5ish.

Monica will work on the flyers and advertising. We will go to Cavin Steigers, Jason Brewers, Reg Hoff and maybe Alan Mereness.

Jason offered to have his two drills on site.

We will have a bbq and the end of the tour at Marcey's Park.

**Soil Health Bus Tour:** we sent letters out a few producers, so far we don't have any that can attend because of the date of the event. We do have extra funding for more than two people to attend through a grant held by McCone Conservation District.

**Doug McRae & Dennis Kenney have registered to attend.**

## **Forestry Grants:**

Ready go! Currently 3 producers lined up to apply, still room for more if you know anyone who may be interested.

## **Soil Health Initiative:**

Yablonski

## **No-Till Drill:**

Ordered with markers and open close valve. Delivery date to Miles City is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>. Purchase order is in your packet.

**Newsletter:** If you have anything you would like to add to the newsletter let Monica know by the second week of August so that she can get it to print.

## **NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:**

No hiring yet, the USDA currently is still slow on hiring.

They will be doing lots of inventory in the coming month. EQIP for Fire is the same as 2012, Defere grazing and help fix fences and tank.

FSA- emergency Meeting on Monday- signups for ECP-Drought- failed Water Sources.

## **YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

Dan Rostad has asked if Monica would be interested in keeping up the website for the Yellowstone River, 1 to 5 hours a month. They will reimburse the district for Monica's time. Monica is willing to do this.

-intake- the irrigation district is stuck with the maintenance, and the screen that was put in is 3 feet to high.

**Upcoming Events:** for more information ask Bobbi or Monica

Soil Health Series Webinar, August 8, 12pm-1pm

MACD Board Conference Call, August 14, 8am

MACD Executive Committee Conference Call, August 28, 7:30 am

Soil Health Buss Tour September 12-14

Montana Range Tour September 6-7, Lewistown

MACD Board Conference Call, September 11, 8 am

Soil Health Series Webinar, September 12, 12pm-1pm

Musselshell Watershed Tour, September 18-20, Harlowton

Jim Gerrish Sustainable Grazing Workshop, September 19, Dodson MT

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Supervisors Summit, October 31-November 1, Great Falls

MACD Annual Convention, November 14-16, Bozeman

Soil Health Workshops, Brendon Rockey, Steve Kenyon, Wendy Taheri, & Derek

Axten, Jan 16-19, various locations from around the state

**9/25-17-FFA DISTRICTS IN FORSYTH- WORKING WITH JAN BANKS**

***Range Committee: Dave Davenport***

***CBMPA:***

***Next meeting Agenda:***

***Open Mike Board Members:***

***Public Comments:***

***ADJOURN:***

***9 pm:***

Don move to adjourn at 9:09 pm. Bonnie Seconded.