

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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February 13, 2018

5:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order by \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

5:00 PM

**Board Members Present:**

Doug McRae, Reg Hoff, Dennis Kenney, Jason Brewer, Alan Mereness Dave Davenport

**Board Members Absent:**

Bonnie Prince, Don Youngbauer

**Others Present:**

**Guests:** Terracom representative for Vision Enterprise 310 application.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Through January 31st in your packets

CD funding Breakdown mailed 2/8/18.

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

January draft minutes in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting,
- Alan 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:** mailed 2/8/18.

**Admin assistant report:** report in your packet

**Outreach & Education:**

~The Rolling Rivers trailer at the Colstrip School on the 29<sup>th</sup> went well. Instead of 3 classes, 7 classes attended throughout the day.

~6<sup>th</sup> Grade conservation days the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. We have confirmation for all schools except Colstrip. We will first plan on the original sites for each day, and reserve the Castle Rock Lake as an alternative.

~Arbor days at the Forsyth School are May 5<sup>th</sup>.

~Stewardship week is the last week of April and first week of May. All NACD Materials are now available on line for free printing. We will encourage schools to submit for the poster and photo contest. The theme this year is "Watersheds: Our water, Our Home"

~Farm to Table-we would like to work on a farm to table workshop in late summer early fall.

~Heather is planning to do some education with 4<sup>th</sup> graders and would like the district to cover the cost of the materials.

~Augmented Reality Sandbox- Training and demonstration for Area 4 Administrators/employees/supervisors. February 21<sup>st</sup>-Billings MT. Half of Travel Expenses have been requested by Lake County CD for \$275.

**Meeting Schedule:**

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To meet the requirements and timeline for the Reserved Water public notices we will need to schedule our March Meeting for the 15th

## Loans:

ROM Pratts

## 310- Permit Applications:

Roger Lothspeich Violation and new application. He has applied for a permit in Rosebud County for stabilization of the bank, 580 feet. A copy of the application is in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to approve the 310 permit application,
- Alan seconded the motion
- All in favor and the motion passed.

## Reserved Water:

Vision Enterprise reserved water has been put out for public notice and comment. March 15<sup>th</sup> Duane Claypool will attend the cd meeting with his recommendation to the board.

We have received the preliminary determination to grant a change to our CD reserved water right to include the area south of the interstate near Hathaway.

## New Business:

~Annual Banquet with Treasure CD March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, Hysham School

~Conservationist of the Year Award: Lohoffs?

~Dues Forsyth Area Chamber of Commerce \$60/year and listed on website.

- Alan made a motion to pay the dues to the chamber,
- Dave seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed

~Dues MACD-\$4,827.82

- Tabled to next meeting

~Dues-PMC (Bridger Plant Materials Center) \$25

- Jason made a motion to pay the \$25 dues to the SWCDMI for PMC,
- Reg seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.
- The district would like to plan a tour this summer of the Bridger Plant Materials Center.

## 2018 Annual Plan:

Review and update. A draft of the annual plan is in your packets.

- Allan made a motion to approve the annual plan with the changes,
  - Reg seconded the motion,
  - All in favor and the motion passed.
- remove watershed and water monitoring, update Monica into the newsletter

## Forestry Grants:

Andy Miller is busy putting contracts together for both programs. The EMFR payments will have priority over the FIF due to the project deadline.

Contracts need signed.

Soil Health Initiative: 2018 can you believe it!

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## **No-Till Drill:**

~calendar is already filling up for this spring

~listing for sale for \$45k. The drill is still up for sale. We have had some interest in the drill.

~New drill has been delivered, cover has been ordered.

~Options to sell, lease or what are we going to do with this drill if we can't sell it?

- Alan made a motion to increase the cleaning fee to \$500, forfeit the cleaning deposit,
- Reg seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.
- Reg made a motion to remove the minimum acres use,
- Jason seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed. \
- Jason made a motion to run the 2<sup>nd</sup> drill through the spring season ending June 15,
- Alan seconded the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

**Newsletter:** please submit articles by the week of Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> if you have an article or want to see something in the newsletter.

**NRCS: Kami Kilwine~**

**Rocky Schwagler:**

Rocky sent a thank you card to the district and everyone in the office.

**YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:**

~If Monica can work about a year on AIS that they would like her to help with providing information to the people in South central and South Eastern Montana.

~Letter and survey for irrigation water management feedback. In your packets.

## **Upcoming Events:**

~310/Exempt water rights Forsyth March 13<sup>th</sup>.

~Local gardening workshop Forsyth first or second week of April

~2018 Range Forum- May 9&10 Billings

~Montana Range Days-June; 18-20 2018, Red Lodge MT

~Supervisor Summit- Helena August 30-31st

- ~Monica regularly updates the Calendar and list of events on the cd website.
- Exempt workshop was moved to March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Melissa Ashley to send out on the extension list serves.

**Range Committee: Dave Davenport**

**CBMPA:**

**Next meeting Agenda:**

Visions Enterprise Reserved Water-Duane Claypool

**Open Mike Board Members:**

Request for next meeting~ provide minutes for the meeting that approved the health care stipend that Bobbi receives and a copy of the cost of living policy in the Rosebud CD policy manual.

7 pm:

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*Public Comments:*

*ADJOURN: 8:45pm*