

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2017

7:00 PM

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

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Doug McRae @ 7:05 pm.

Board Members Present:

Doug McRae, Bonnie Prince, Reg Hoff, Dave Davenport, Don Youngbauer, Jason Brewer

Board Members Absent:

Alan Mereness

Others Present:

Bobbi Vannattan, Heather Nenninger, Monica Boyer, Rocky Schwagler, Lisa Bennett, Jan Banks, David Pratt, Sierra Berry, NRCS Pathways.

Guests:

Bryon Bennet-No Interest loan \$50k Pivot-

Cody Bennet- No interest loan \$26K Pivot

Jan Banks-FFA districts held in Forsyth this next year.

David Pratt-Yellowstone River Council Irrigation Projects

Jan Banks, Forsyth FFA Advisor- their chapter is going to host the districts in January or February 2018 and would like to have the help and support of the district where needed.

- Dave made a move to pay for scholarships the MT Range days up to \$625,
- Bonnie second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Treasure Report:

Transfer of funds at end of FY from Regular County to Regular FSB. We are waiting on final numbers from the county. We also have an entitlement that will come in June and the reimbursements for the forestry grant. We expect to have all of this information for the meeting.

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

Meeting Minutes:

May draft minutes in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting,
- Bonnie second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Expense Vouchers:

Supervisor travel checks are available. You will need to sign and return to Bobbi if you agree with the voucher.

Administrator Report: Report in packet

Admin assistant report: Report in packet

Outreach & Education: All of the conservation days went very well.

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 6th, 2017.

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Loans:

Bryon Bennet-pivot application \$50k

Cody Bennet-pivot application \$26k

~will come back to the July meeting

310- Permit Applications:

Reserved Water:

Bryon Bennett has applied for RW through the district, Application # RS-025-YL. I have forwarded to Duane Claypool and he will begin the process on his end of the project.

New Business:

Budget for FY 18:

Up to date 6/1/2017 treasure for FY 17 and copy of FY 17 Budget in your packets.

- Reg made a motion to approve the proposed budget of \$132,350,
- Bonnie second the motion,
- Reg made a motion to amend the motion to add \$2,500 to the Dues portion of the budget bringing it to \$134, 850,
- Bonnie second the amendment,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Trackfiller:

New track filler- we need to find a dealer and not a company, any thoughts. We will continue to work on this.

Alan has some information-table to next meeting.

RTC Fair: planning and ordering promotional items.

Dues:

MACD-We have received our dues invoice for the amount of \$5,107.45.

- Don made a motion to pay \$2,500 dues to MACD,
- Reg second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

NACD-\$775 is what we have paid in the past. PD

Soil Health Tour: there are some coming up in Bismarck if the district is interested in sending anyone from our board or county. Rocky will have the information at the meeting.

- Dave made a motion to sponsor 2 people to attend the soil health bus tour to Bismarck in September,
- Don second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Forestry Grants:

CD Contracts are signed and individual contracts and work will begin in July for the FIF 17 and the WSF-14-008.

Soil Health Initiative:

No-Till Drill:

Some minor cleaning and repairs have been done. Working on the hoses and securing them. We are at 1800 hundred acres on this drill. If you are planning to order a new one and selling this one, it should be done before the summer is over to ensure delivery. Tabled to next meeting,

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Newsletter: Monica is doing an excellent job putting this together and she has also done a great job getting some of our articles to the local paper.

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

Soil Health Tour in September to Bismarck,
Local soil heal would be best in July and August.

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer

David Pratt is working with the River council-visited with the board about the studies have been completed now is time to decide what to do with the information. David is looking for local contact through cds to get the working group together and start planning for project that may be ready to go if they can find the funding and move forward. Jason Brewer may be interested in working with the group. Irrigation needs include: siphon on the Hammond Irrigation Ditch needing to be replaced, of laterals fixed, pipelines and technical assistance. David mention that the pressure in state is going to be in stream flow, pallid sturgeon and economics to the producers.

Dan Rostad is working with David on setting up the first working group meeting, probably in Billings. Bobbi will let Jason know when the meeting is scheduled

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: meeting the 29 of June, funding was passed for \$190K for the biennium, now we need to see what we decide to do next to.

Employee Reviews: forms in your packet

Jason move to table, Don second, all in favor and the motion passed.

Tabled to next meeting

Next meeting Agenda:

Track filler,

Employee reviews.

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: 10:53 pm Don Youngbauer

9 pm: