

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2014

7:00 PM

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

7:00 pm: Meeting called to order by Doug McRae, RCD Chair @7pm.

Board Members Present:

Doug McRae, Dennis Kenney, Don Youngbauer, Dave Davenport, Bonnie Prince, Alan Mereness, Steve Lackman

Board Members Absent:

7:15pm **Others Present:**

Bobbi Vannattan, Rocky Schwagler

Guests:

David Patrick- Eco Asset Management LLC- mitigation bank

Dick Ferguson- NIL Application.

David Patrick- Eco Asset Management

David would like to visit with the district about the mitigation bank that he works for and if there is a possibility of working together.

~David owns 7 mitigation banks in montana-1 in Wyoming and 1 in South Dakota. His specialty is 404 and wetland impacts.

Developing a Regulatory process and he is not responsible for the mitigation law.

Working mostly with BNSF, Montana Department of Transportation, Western Energy, and big cities. He hasn't done a lot of work with individual producers.

What they do is work with a producer repairing in advance of a disaster and creates credits. He finds places and works with the producer creating an easement and they fix the problems and rebuild the habitat essentially earning credits that he can then sell. Any restoration project has to meet 12 components of mitigation and the restoration has to be permanent, and water rights go with the easement.

The average mitigation required per linear foot is 5-9 debits, and the average cost for mitigation is \$35K to \$45K per acre.

One credit bank can only be used in the area that the bank is located.

Credits offset debits; a project done before the impact has happened is a one on one credit to debit. A project requiring mitigation after the impact is a 1.5 to 1 credit to debit ratio.

Treasure Report:

Treasure Report will be available at the meeting.

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

Meeting Minutes:

The draft minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting are in your packet.

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

Expense Vouchers:

8:00 PM

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Keep Bobbi informed of your travel.

Don NACD Hotel Receipts

Administrator Report: Included in your packet

Outreach & Education:

Conservation Days- May 6th-8th

Fishing days is scheduled for May 13th

Arbor day at the Forsyth schools is April 25th

Trees will be delivered the last week of April.

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014.

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Loans:

Dick Ferguson- is submitting a no-interest loan application to repair his pump sites that were damaged by the recent ice jams.

- Steve made a motion to approve Dick's loan application,
- Bonnie second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

ROM's:

310- Permit Applications:

Reserved Water:

New Business:

- Purchase a vehicle for cd use.
 - Dave made a motion to spend up to \$16k on a vehicle for the CD,
 - Alan second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.
 - Steve and Alan will be on the committee to purchase the vehicle
- Fair booth 2014- ideas
 - Steve made a motion to purchase a Little Texas Elite Traeger grill and have a drawing at the fair,
 - Alan second the motion,
 - All in favor and the motion passed.
 - Bobbi will see who will give us the best price.
- Summer Intern-NRCS is coming up with a list of projects and duties they would like help with and I will have a list of duties for the conservation district available at the meeting.
 - Bobbi will advertise and close on April 30th, review resumes at the May 1st meeting.

Soil Health Initiative:

2014- sign ups

Steve

Dave

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No-Till Drill:

Due to the weather we are going to have a late start on the drill.

Newsletter: want to have it in mail boxes by April 15th.

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

There is a questionnaire coming out about the intake project.

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

Reviewed the civil rights and responsibilities and handed out a copy to each supervisor on the Conservation District Board.

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: Doug McRae:

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

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

Ten Minute Training: YES WE DO HAVE ONE THIS WEEK☺

How To use your NO Till Drill! We will watch a segment on the DVD we purchased.

Next meeting Agenda:

Ham Reserved Water Change of ownership

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: Motion by Alan @9:45 PM

9:00 pm: