

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 23, 2006**

**Supervisors in Attendance:** Jim Rogers—Vice Chair, Doug McRae—Supervisor, Wendy Warren—Supervisor, Steve Lackman—Supervisor and Don Youngbauer—Supervisor.

**In Attendance:** Rocky Schwagler—DC NRCS, Laurie Kelley—Administrator and Dennis Kenney—Associate Supervisor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Doug made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Steve seconded. The motion carried.

**Loans:** There were no new loan applications.

**310's:** Daryl Luther applied for a permit to put in two culverts on Rosebud Creek. The board expressed concern over the size of the culverts, suggesting that they may need to be larger to handle flood events. The board also felt a hydrology study might be necessary, because Rocky did not feel that NRCS was qualified to design the project. The board agreed to table the application until more information was submitted by the landowner and Fish Wildlife and Parks could comment. The administrator will send a letter to the landowner.

**Annual Plan:** The items for the months of August and September include the Range Monitoring Workshop, which was postponed due to fire danger and the Irrigation Tour which will be held on September 18.

**Rosebud Watershed Group:** The next meeting will be held on September 7, at 7 pm in Lame Deer, room 205 of the Chief Dull Knife College. Doug Martens will be on hand to discuss the biomass project and brief the group about current fire conditions. Soil and water sampling will also be discussed.

**Coal Bed Methane Protection Act:** Jim reported that DNRC is looking over the proposed guidelines and should have their decision soon. DNRC has still not paid the district for their efforts on the guidelines. Laurie will contact the other districts to see if their costs have been reimbursed. If they have not yet received payment, she will request copies of their vouchers and submit everything to the DNRC. A copy will be sent to Jim Rogers.

**YRCDC:** Don reported that the last meeting was a teleconference. The studies are going well, and the big push now is for money. The council has requested a one time million dollar appropriation for the studies; of that amount they will probably get \$650,000.

**Land Use Ordinance Appeals Board:** The administrator sent a letter to Mary Sexton approving the Land Use Ordinance Appeals Board.

**310 Workshop:** The board agreed that early December or mid-late January would be best for the workshop. The administrator will contact Big Horn CD with this information.

**Resolutions:** The AFO/CAFO Resolution has been sent to Stillwater CD so it can be discussed at the area meeting. The irrigation resolution has been sent to Pat Riley, DNRC, and others for review.

**Technician Report:** Larry was not in attendance.

**NRCS Report:** The special EQIP fire signup runs until October 2. The program offers \$11 per acre flat fee for deferring grazing until October of 2007. There has not been a lot of interest yet. ECP will be available to replace fences, etc and that will probably be more widely utilized.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Election of CD Officers:** Jim nominated Doug as chair and Steve seconded the motion. The motion carried. Wendy nominated Steve as vice-chair and Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried. Don nominated Wendy as secretary and Doug seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Range School:** The group all expressed interest in attending the school in Judith Basin County, but none could attend.

**Montana Watershed Coordination Council Workshop:** Laurie, Megan and Don will attend the workshop near Livingston, September 11-13. No one else was able to attend.

**Rosebud Treasure Irrigation Tour:** The tour will be held on September 18, departing from the Hysham USDA center at 8:30 am. Wendy will be attending the tour and others expressed interest. They will notify the administrator if they will be attending.

**Area IV Meeting:** Don and Laurie will attend the meeting, which will be held on October 3 in Columbus. Don will present the resolutions.

**BSPPA Training:** The board discussed having the administrator attend the training in Whitefish. Doug made a motion to send Laurie to the training and Don seconded. The motion carried. The administrator will try to find another administrator to travel with.

**MACD State Convention:** Don and Laurie will attend the convention in Great Falls, November 7-9.

**Open Mike Board Members:** Don asked if the board was going to tackle the Prairie Dog issue. He strongly feels that something needs to be done about it. The group will look into a course of action to take.

**Public Comment:** Dennis Kenney asked about Prince's water reservation. They can't get water now and will need to trench to their pump site. It is in an old overflow channel. They can produce cement, but not wash gravel. They will put in a 310/404 permit.

***The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.***

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Doug McRae, chair

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Laurie Kelley, administrator