

# ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

**Members Present:** Doug McCrae, Dave Davenport, Jim Rogers, Steve Lackman

**Others Present:** Rocky Schwagler, Larry Fox, Laurie Kelley, Nicole Iversen, Wendy Warren

Dave Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the conservation office. Don Youngbauer was absent.

**MINUTES:** Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the July 25, 2004 minutes. Doug McCrae seconded the motion and it passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Steve Lackman made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Jim Rogers seconded and the motion passed.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** The report was mailed out earlier.

**Intern Report:** Nicole reported on her activities this summer. The board thanked her for her hard work.

### LOANS:

**Greg Lackman:** Loan application was reviewed and approved. We are waiting on title insurance.

### 310:

**Tongue River Electric Coop:** This was declared a non-project. Tongue River Electric was informed.

**Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River:** Concrete was approved by Corp. of Engineers. DEQ to inspect. We are still waiting on word from DEQ. Message was left for DEQ.

**Dallas & Cindy Steiger:** Jim moved that Steve Lackman, Larry Fox and FWP should inspect the pump site to determine if it is a project. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**LAND USE ORDINANCE:** Vote is scheduled for the November 2, 2004 general election. It was decided to promote the ordinance with radio spots, two mailings, information in the Newsletter, and having Jim do live interviews with Dick at KIKC radio in the ag news portion of his broadcast. Laurie will talk to the radio station to find out the cost for radio spots and arrange for the ag spot interviews. Laurie will do the mailings and also find out if we can be inside the polling place with information about the ordinance.

**ROSEBUD WATERSHED:** The board was informed that the watershed information was now on the website and there was going to be an article about it in the upcoming newsletter. Whether or not to add Big Horn County's Rosebud Creek watershed members to our mailing list for the Watershed information was discussed.

Jim made the motion that we should include the Rosebud Creek landowners from Big Horn County in our mailings and Doug seconded. Motion passed.

**SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT:** Wendy Warren spoke to the board about replacing Bob Nansel. Jim Rogers moved that she be appointed to take Bob's place, Doug seconded it. Motion carried and Wendy accepted the position. Jim Rogers will look into getting another board member from Colstrip.

**NRCS REPORT:** Rocky reported on the EQIP projects. Almost a half million dollars was approved for Rosebud County. The projects are Swanson's, River Ranch, Luther's, Hugh Broadus, Dallas and Cindy Steiger (3 projects), Greg Lackman and Greg Milholland. The projects were all approved by the board.

**ACCOUNTING ASSISTANCE:** We are still looking at getting someone in to check out the books.

**TECHNICIAN REPORT:** Larry discussed the soil samples and the results that were returned from Energy Labs. Copies of the report were handed out. Larry will look into purchasing a water sample probe.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEWSLETTER:** The board discussed and approved a contest to name the newsletter. Jim made the motion to approve and Steve seconded it. Motion was approved. A \$25.00 gift certificate will be the prize. Other ideas for the newsletter include showing an aerial photo of a ranch and giving the first one to correctly name it \$10.00. The board also asked Laurie to look into buying caps.

**YELLOWSTONE RIVER COUNCIL:** Dennis Kenny will no longer be attending the Council meetings. Steve Lackman or Laurie will attend in his place.

**ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING:** Grant writing school September 13-15<sup>th</sup> in Helena was discussed. Jim Rogers moved to pay for the class and Doug seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Larry and Laurie will be going to the training in Gillette the week of September 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> as approved earlier.

**COUNTY BUDGET:** The draft was gone over and a few revisions were made. The final budget will be submitted Thursday August 26.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The website was discussed. In order to have a more complex site, with videos, etc, it would mean hiring a web designer. The cost would be around \$550, including a domain name change, with updates costing around \$22.50 an hour. The board decided to keep the site on Yahoo.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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Dave Davenport, Chairman