

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 26, 2006**

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

**In Attendance:** Rocky Schwagler—DC NRCS, Dan Watson—Rosebud County Commissioner, Larry Fox—Rosebud Conservation District Technician and Laurie Kelley—Rosebud Conservation District Administrator.

**Minutes:** Doug McRae made a motion to approve the May 24, 2006 meeting minutes and Wendy Warren seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Rogers made a motion to accept the June treasurer's report and Doug McRae seconded it. The motion carried.

**Meeting Schedule:** The next regular meeting will be held on August 23, 2006.

**Administrator's Report:** There were no questions.

**Loans:** Catherine and Bernard Hansen submitted an application for irrigation improvements on their ranch. They offered a 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage on 3,960 acres. Jim Rogers moved to approve the \$50,000 loan, and Doug McRae seconded. The motion carried.

**310's:** Tongue River Electric Cooperative submitted seven 310 applications for rebuilding an existing 3/0 power line. They will cross the Tongue River seven times using existing ranch crossings, and no vegetation will be disturbed. Doug McRae made a motion to approve all seven applications, and Jim Rogers seconded. The motion carried. Catherine and Bernard Hansen submitted a 310 application for a pumping facility on the Yellowstone River. Fish Wildlife & Parks had already signed off on it. Wendy Warren made a motion to approve the application, and Don Youngbauer seconded it. The motion carried.

**Annual Plan Items:**

## **July:**

- ◆ **Irrigation Tour:** It is Treasure County Conservation District's turn to plan the tour. Rosebud Conservation District will pay half of the cost of the lunch. Wendy Warren, who plans the tour, asked that Laurie Kelley help her contact people to speak on the bus, since Treasure CCD is currently without an administrator. Potential sites of interest to visit are: Bottrell's Linear, Crossbar's sediment retention dam, Scott Lackman's pivot, Dallas Steiger's nutrient management, and Icopini's moisture probes. The tour date will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- ◆ **Fair Booth:** Rosebud Conservation District was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$150.00 for their fair booth this year. The main theme was the loan program. Nearly 300 people participated in the coloring contest.
- ◆ **Newsletter:** The quarterly newsletter was sent out on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Copies were available at the fair.

## **August:**

- ◆ **Range Monitoring Workshop:** The workshop has been postponed until the first week of July, 2007 due to fire danger.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**YID:** Larry Fox reported that the drainage ditch has been thoroughly cleaned and there is no "white" to be seen this year.

**Rosebud Watershed Group:** The next meeting will be held in August.

**Coal Bed Methane Protection Act:** Jim Rogers gave a report on the Coal Bed Methane Protection Act Procedures. Doug McRae put forth a motion for Rosebud Conservation District to adopt the draft Standards for Emergency Loss of Water Supply Compensation Claim Procedure. There was no public comment. Jim Rogers seconded the motion and it carried. The document will now go to the DNRC for their review and approval. Dave Davenport suggested putting together a Memorandum of Understanding with DNRC to pay the costs associated with audits that have been triggered by CBMPA money passing through district accounts. Laurie Kelley and Jim Rogers will look into it.

**YRCDC:** Don Youngbauer reported on his trip to Ft. Benton for YRCDC, where he had the opportunity to discuss funding for the YRCDC studies with Jason Weller, Office of Management and Budget. Don will be following up with him soon.

**Land Use Ordinance Appeals Board:** The board approved Mary Sexton's recommendations. The members will be Michael Wendland, Hill County Conservation District Supervisor, Sandra Brown, Prairie County Conservation District Supervisor and Administrator and Tim Haffla, Garfield County

Conservation District Supervisor. The administrator will send a letter to Mary Sexton.

**310 Workshop:** Preparations are still underway for this event.

**AFO/CAFO Resolution:** Don Youngbauer reported that he read the resolution to the MACD board members and it was well received.

**Technician Report:** Larry Fox informed the group that over 1,300 trees were sold this year and there has already been interest in the program for next year.

**NRCS Report:** Rocky Schwagler summarized two CRP contracts that needed to be signed. Hofer's contract was for a grass reseeding, and Brewer's was for grass and legumes. Brewer's will also include some wildlife food plots and seeding of big sage as it is in the sage grouse priority area. Jim made a motion to accept the Hofer application and Wendy seconded it. The motion carried. Jim made a motion to accept the Brewer application, Wendy seconded and the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**D.O.T. Resolution:** Wendy proposed putting together a resolution that would require transportation corridors to accommodate landowners who need to move water. Currently it is very difficult to get permission to run water lines for irrigation and stockwater under rail or roadways. The board agreed to pursue this. Wendy and Laurie will work on the language.

**Open Mike Board Members:** There were no comments.

**Public Comment:** Dan Watson said a public meeting will be held in August to discuss the potential for using waste trees for heat. A consulting firm is being paid to take the lead on the project. According to Dan, the goal is to find a use for the by-product of the tree growing and thinning process which will make tree growing more productive.

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Dave Davenport, chair

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Laurie Kelley, administrator