

Rosebud Watershed Group
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Minutes
2/27/07

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by chair Scott Egan.

In attendance were Jewel Davenport, Dave Davenport, Jerry Jones, Doug McRae, Bobbi Vannattan, Debbie Zarnt, Clint McRae, Amy Adler, John Bailey, Scott Egan and Laurie Kelley

Doug made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Jerry seconded. The motion carried.

Scott asked the group what they felt we should do to improve the conditions of the watershed. Some of the ideas were:

Biological weed control—Jewel's bugs

Jerry is interested in using biological weed control methods on his place. Amy suggested working with the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund. The next round of grants isn't until next year. She also suggested talking to **Jim Larson**, Stillwater County GIS, because he is president of the North American Weed Control Association. His cell phone number is 321-2270.

Prairie dog mitigation—within a specific town, because if you just “hit and miss it”, they will come back with a vengeance.

It was suggested that the group look into cost-share money from the county. People to contact are **Mark DeCock** for predator control and **Monty Sullen**, dept of Ag in Billings. There may be county money to help with this problem.

Educational Workshops—work with Montana Watercourse.

Water and soil sampling—continue with this effort.

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Seminar on Water Rights—since Rosebud Creek will be adjudicated sometime in the near future, people should be educated on what their rights are and what the landowners need to do to get ready.

Laurie will check with other watershed groups to see what they are doing to prepare.

Silent Auction at Know Your Watershed Workshop—it will take a lot of effort from everyone in the group. Part of the idea behind it is to spark interest along the watershed.

Dave Davenport suggested selling a hunt for deer or pheasants. It could possibly be done over the internet. It was suggested we look at Varminter Magazine.

