

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

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

Others Present: Rocky Schwagler, Larry Fox, Megan Sweedland, Mike Carlson, Laurie Kelley

Dave Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. in the conservation office. Don Youngbauer was Absent.

MINUTES: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the June 23, 2004 minutes. Doug McCrae seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Rogers made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Doug McCrae seconded and the motion passed. Jim motioned to start a bank account at 1st State Bank so that we can make purchases with a debit card. Reasons cited were the need to pay for the website, lab instruments for watershed work, and other necessary expenditures. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the conservation office.

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

Intern Report: Megan reported her work on the website and newsletter.

LOANS:

Greg Lackman: Loan application was reviewed and approved. Guidelines for setting the value for collateral were discussed. It was decided to ask Darrel Grogan at 1st State Bank for the agricultural land values of the area.

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Tongue River Electric Coop: application submitted. Doug motioned, Jim seconded to send it to FWP.

Harlan Steiger, 04-08, Yellowstone River: Concrete was approved by Corp. of Engineers. DEQ to inspect. Still waiting on word from DEQ.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAND USE ORDINANCE: Discussed was the need to call Candace West and see how her review was going. Administrator will do so. August 25 is the cut-off date for a mail in ballot on the ordinance.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED: It was decided to send 4 samples (of 4) to Energy Labs for testing. The cost will be approximately \$1600.00. It was decided to charge the grant \$10.00 for technician and administrators labor. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9 in Lane Deer at 7 pm.

NRCS Report: Rocky reported that EQIP had been finalized for the year. There are 4 irrigated projects amounting to \$247,000 and 4 rangeland projects for \$217,000. All of the contracts are managed.

NEW BUSINESS:

EASTERN PLAINS RC & D: Mike Carlson was here to discuss the possible splitting of the Eastern Plains RC&D. He discussed how large the area is and how it is impossible to cover it all with the limited funds and staff that they have. He says if the district is split, it will have to be approved and funded by the government or else it won't happen as they don't have enough funding to split without help.

ROSEBUD WATERSHED GRANT: The budget was discussed and it was decided to present it at the next watershed meeting.

IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENT TOUR: The board discussed having the tour this year. The district will be responsible for buying the lunch. The rest of the money will come from irrigation dealers. Dave motioned and Jim seconded. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING: Training in Bozeman for grant administration was discussed. Jim motioned and Dave seconded the motion to approve the training. Also discussed was having the administrator take a grant writing class. Jim motioned to pay for a grant writing school. Laurie will look into finding a good one.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT: Replacing Bob Nansel was discussed. Wendy Warren had expressed interest in being on the board. Possible conflict of interest concerning her BLM position was discussed. The board also wondered if anyone other than the current members up for election had applied. It was decided to call Laurie Zeller about the possible conflict of interest and ask Geri Custer (Clerk and Recorder) if anyone else had applied. If no one else had applied and there was no conflict of interest, it was motioned by Steve and seconded by Dave to ask Wendy Warren to take the position. All approved. Election of a chairman was held. Dave motioned and Doug seconded Jim Rogers as chairman, but Jim declined. Discussion was held. Doug motioned that Dave be made chairman, Jim seconded and the motion passed. Dave's replacement as Vice-Chairman was discussed. Doug motioned to elect Jim and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANCE: Having an accountant come in to check out the books was discussed. Jim motioned to have an accountant go over the books and sign off on them and Dave seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Dave Davenport, Chairman

