

**STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Columbus USDA office Conference Room  
COLUMBUS, MT  
April 4, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Steve Story at 7:01 PM. Supervisors present were Steve Story, Butch Behrent, Corky Kem, Bob Van Oosten, Rod Fink, Will Downs, Noel Keogh, and Jim Edwards (Associate). Also present were Jim Stampfel, Garrett Larson, Jason Rhoten, Krist Walstad and Tanya Lester.

**MINUTES**

Bob Van Oosten moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Butch Behrent moved to accept the treasure's report and pay bills as presented. Noel Keogh seconded. Motion carried. Next the proposed budget was presented along with an application for an Admin Grant application to DNRC. Bob Van Oosten moved to approve applying for the Admin Grant in the amount of \$10,167. Rod Fink seconded. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Noel – Josh Harris of the Stillwater mine called to have him to look at culvert on an unnamed tributary to Little Rocky Creek on the Benbow Road to see if it is in our jurisdiction. After explaining where the culvert is and showing pictures the consensus was that it is not in our jurisdiction, but if they need a paper trail they will have to submit application and we will call it “not a project”.

Tanya – Working on Range Days website. Working with YRCDC to find out how to help with their website. Have 134 kids expected for Conservation Day in May. Will be receiving 450 trees from 2 nurseries over the next 2 months for 2 purchasers. DEQ will be doing a study on the Yellowstone over the next 2 years and is looking for local input. Lewis and Clark Conservation District is looking for districts interested in an Area Work Group. No volunteer came forward so SCD will not be participating.

Krist – Has been trying to hire someone to replace Garrett, but the federal hiring freeze has not allowed anything to proceed so he is utilizing the Columbus office for help. There will be a Range Days meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds in Red Lodge. Hopes to have registration open by April 15<sup>th</sup> and the study guide information up by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Does not believe that there will be any new EQIP contracts in the Joliet office this year.

Garrett – Attended contract reviews for EQIP on March 28<sup>th</sup>. NRCS has 1 contract that is preapproved and 3 more that are ready to go if approved. There are about 92 CSP re-enrollments in Stillwater County this year. They will be presented at the next meeting. There are 8 applications for CSP. Discussed some local problems with Red Root Pigweed.

Public Comment: None

### 310 APPLICATIONS & COMPLAINTS

17-007 – Stampfel Bank Stabilization – Jim Stampfel was in attendance to discuss this project. It is an application for rip rap and some barbs to protect a bridge abutment on a private bridge over East Rosebud. The team member report made a modification that the preferred method would be to run linear rip rap along the bank, but that if other permits prohibit that, the barbs could be used. Bob Van Oosten moved to make it a project. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried. Bob Van Oosten moved to approve as modified per the team member report. Corky Kem seconded. Motion carried.

17-005 – Peck Road Maintenance AMP – This application is to get an annual maintenance permit to maintain a road along the Stillwater River. The team member report recommended the modification that debris can be removed and that the applicant does not intend to install stabilization structures. Noel Keogh moved to approve with modifications per the team member report. Rod Fink seconded. Motion carried.

17-006 Perkins Bridge – This application is for a new 70' bridge over Fishtail Creek. Bob Van Oosten Moved to make it a project. The Will Downs seconded. Motion carried. The team member report recommended to approve as proposed. Noel Keogh moved to approve as proposed. Rod Fink seconded. Motion carried.

17-008 Flanagan Debris Removal - This application is to remove trees and debris from a 3 mile stretch of Spring Creek. Bob Van Oosten moved to make is a project. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried. Noel Keogh and Jason Rhoten will inspect in April.

17-E01 Evans Tree Removal – Barbara Evans turned in a notice of emergency to report that the tree that she had been worried about came down when she had a tree removal company look at it. The tree fell across the river. Since the tree removal company was there they got the tree out of the river and cut it up and removed it. Noel Keogh move to approve the emergency with no further action needed. Corky Kem seconded. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Grant Updates:

RRG-14-1605 – Nothing to report.

RRGL application Yanzick/Brey Riddle – HB14 funding was moved to HB6 and is still working its way through the legislature.

223 Grant – Lower Stillwater Assessment – Lindsey received 3 responses to the Limited Solicitation: Warren Kellogg gave a bid, Karin Boyd said she would not have time and Confluence Consulting said there was not enough money in our budget. Lindsey will now work on setting up a MOU or contract with Warren.

#### Applications

RPG – Osborne/Foard Headgate Rehab PER – Ken Joki and Burt William asked to have this application withdrawn for now. It may be something we work on in the future.

WMG – Comprehensive Implementation of SVWC's Natural Resource Enhancement Goals – SCD received a letter that we did not receive the WMG for this round of funding. Some options for making the application better were given and we may apply again in the next fiscal year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

YRCDC Alternate – Steve Story moved to make Noel Keogh the alternate for SCD at YRCDC meetings. Bob Van Oosten seconded. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

FWP – Jason Rhoten – AIS and Mussel Response Presentation – Jason Rhoten went over what current Aquatic Invasive Species there are in Montana and where they are located. He then explained what has been found in Tiber and Canyon Ferry Reservoirs. He explained the States Mussel Response Team and what part FWP plays in that response.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2017 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Lester  
Administrator

Steve Story  
Chairman, SCD

Robert Van Oosten  
Secretary, SCD