

STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

USDA Office Conference Room Columbus MT

April 03, 2018 @ 7PM

Meeting called to order by Bob Van Oosten at 7:10 PM.

Supervisors Present: *Bob Van Oosten, Steve Story, Noel Keogh, Will Downs, Rod Fink, Corky Kem and Butch Behrent.*

Supervisors Absent:

Others Present: *Sharon Flemetis, Garrett Larson, and Linsey Clark*

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Will Downs moved to approve the March 13th Meeting Minutes. Noel Keogh seconded. Motion carried.

FINANICAL REPORTS

Steve Story moved to pay bill as stated in the Financial Report. Corky Kem seconded. Motion carried.

Butch Behrent moved to apply for the Admin Grant. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Story moved to approve with modification to the Annual Working Plan. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried.

Will Downs moved to email the Budget for comments and approve via email due to timeline. Noel Keogh seconded.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Sharon Flemetis- *Update on Stillwater County Road decision to abandon the Road. New 310 application has been mailed to David Carse for him to reapply for a permit.*

Garrett Larson- *Updated Board about the April 18 workshop on Gardening/Farming soil health.*

Lindsey Clark- *Stillwater Valley Watershed Board Meeting is scheduled for April 18th at 6pm*

Public Comment (3 Minute Limit)

No comment

310 APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

17-006 Perkins/Mulhall Bridge Project- *Request for extension 4/5/18 to 4/5/19. Noel Keogh moved to extend the project/permit for 1 yr. Expiring 4/5/19. Steve Story seconded. Motion carried.*

17-008 Flanagan-Spring Creek- *Bill Flanagan did not attend meeting as scheduled.*

18-004 William Mytton- Jackstone Creek- *3/26/18 inspected -10yr Maintenance Permit requested. Steve Story moved to make a project. Rod Fink seconded. Motion carried. Corky Kem moved to approve the permit. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried.*

18-005 Stillwater Ditch Company-Stillwater River- *3/26/18 inspected -10yr Maintenance Permit requested. Noel Keogh moved to make a project. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried. Butch Behrent moved to approve the permit. Steve Story seconded. Motion carried.*

18-006 Kelly Exc. – West Rosebud - *3/26/18 inspected –Bridge project Corky Kem moved to make a project. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried. Will Downs moved to approve the permit. Corky Kem seconded. Motion carried.*

18-007 Kelly Exc. – West Rosebud - *3/26/18 inspected – Pond/Tree removal Steve Story moved to make a project. Corky Kem seconded. Motion carried. Steve Story moved to approve the permit. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Updates

- * RRG-14-1605 Groundwater Evaluation – *Waiting for final 10%.*
- * RRGL – Yanzick/Brey Riddle – *Pioneer will be starting soon.*
- * 223 Grant - Lower Stillwater Assessment – *Meeting will be held April 14th at the VFW Fireman’s Point. 1-3pm*
- * Education Mini Grant- *\$500.00 for supplies, and things needed for Conservation Days.*
- * Application for FY2019 Administration Grant- *Needing the Approved FY 2019 Budget and 2018 Annual Work Plan*

2018 Tree Orders –

Conservation Days- *May 15th in Carbon, May 16th in Stillwater*

Drawstring Back-pack and a strawberry plant to take home for each kid attending 2018 Conservation Days.

Planning a site visit on May 11th.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from concerned land owner to Montana FWP- *see letter and photos. Sharon will talk with Jason.*

Employee Evaluation - *9/11/17 to 3/11/18 – 6 month Probation period ended on 3/11/18. Evaluation review was given out and was to be email or mailed back to Bob Van Oosten.*

Permissive Mill Levy- *Noel Keogh moved to approve the Permissive Mill Levy. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried. Corky Kem moved to start the base Stipend in July 2018 at the amount of \$83.38 per month, as employee benefit. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion Carried.*

District Development Grant- *Butch Behrent moved to apply for the April 25 deadline grant. Rod Fink seconded. Motion carried.*

Next Stillwater Conservation District Board Meeting- **May 1st**

Rangeland Restoration Workshop and Tour, Billings MT -**May 8th**

Montana Range Forum, Billings MT - **May 9th & 10th**

Conservation Days **Carbon/Stillwater- May 15th / 16th**

Montana Range Days, Red Lodge- **June 18th-20th**

2018 Montana Range Tour, Sidney MT **Sept 5th & 6th**

Meeting adjourned

Approved on 5/1/18.