



Stillwater Conservation District
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January 13, 2026-Agenda

Time: 6pm **Location:** USDA Service Center Conference Room (334 N. 9th Street, Columbus, MT)

This meeting is being recorded for accurately recording any motions made, the outcome of votes, and the decisions reached to create the Minutes of this meeting.

Meeting called to order by: _____ **at** _____.

Please state your name for the recording

Supervisors: Robert Van Oosten (*Chairman*), Noel Keogh (*Vice Chairman*), Butch Behrent (*Treasurer*), Steve Story (*Secretary*), Dorothy Gallagher (*Supervisor*), Lynda Grande (*Supervisor*) and Darryl Thompson (*Associate Member*)

Supervisors Approved Absent: 1 vacant seat

Others Invited: Sharon Flemetis (*District Admin*), Garrett Larson (NRCS), Bryan Giordano (FWP), Colton Shimer (USACE), Cindy Grover, (Stillwater Floodplain)

Public Comment * 3 Minute Limit * The Public will conduct themselves in a professional manner or be asked to leave.*

REPORTS

▪ Bob Van Oosten	▪ Dorothy Gallagher	▪ Garrett Larson
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▪ Steve Story		

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting October 7th, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Motion: **Seconded:** **Discussion:** **Vote:**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting October 28th, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: **Seconded:** **Discussion:** **Vote:**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting December 2nd, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion: **Seconded:** **Discussion:** **Vote:**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Grant Updates to the Board - USFS, ARPA,

Financial Reports **Motion:** **Seconded:** **Discussion:** **Vote:**
Monthly Warrants **Motion:** **Seconded:** **Discussion:** **Vote:**

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

Supervisor Roles for calendar year 2026

Chairman- is to provide leadership to the board. Keep the board on the mission, vision, and goals of the board. Manage business matters. Represent the Stillwater Conservation District.

Motion for Chairman: -Elected person: _____ Seconded: _____ Discussion: _____ Vote: _____.

Vice Chairman-is to assume all duties and responsibilities in the absence of the Chairman in conducting the meetings. Also assist the board in decision making and represent the Stillwater Conservation District.

Motion for Vice Chairman: -Elected person: _____ Seconded: _____ Discussion: _____ Vote: _____.

Treasurer-is to overlook the financial transaction & records including Bank Statements for accuracy. Also assist the board in decision making and represent the Stillwater Conservation District.

Motion for Treasurer: -Elected person: _____ Seconded: _____ Discussion: _____ Vote: _____.

Secretary- is to assist (backup) with agenda or/and minutes. Also assist the board in decision making and represent the SCD.

Motion for Secretary: -Elected person: _____ Seconded: _____ Discussion: _____ Vote: _____.

Member- is to assist the board in decision making and represent the Stillwater Conservation District.

Motion for Member: -Elected person: _____ Seconded: _____ Discussion: _____ Vote: _____.

Member- is to assist the board in decision making and represent the Stillwater Conservation District.

Motion for Member: -Elected person: _____ Seconded: _____ Discussion: _____ Vote: _____.

Member- is to assist the board in decision making and represent the Stillwater Conservation District.

Motion for Member: -Elected person: _____ Seconded: _____ Discussion: _____ Vote: _____.

Associate Member - is to assist the board in decision making and represent the Stillwater Conservation District.

Motion for Associate Member: -Elected person: _____ Seconded: _____ Discussion: _____ Vote: _____.

310 Survey-

OLD BUSINESS

Carbon Conservation District vs Stillwater Conservation District

310 APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

APPL. #	Name	Stream	Project	Received	Decision
	Bernie Kelly		Emergency near fishtail	12/19/25	Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote:
26-001	Big Ditch	Yellowstone	Headgate repair		Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote:
					Motion: Second: Discussion: Vote:

COMPLAINTS/VIOLATIONS

#23- 052V & 23-065V -Krone

#25-006CV – Lincoln Ponds on Stillwater River side channel

#25-014CV – Lincoln Powers- berm-closing off a side channel

SAVE THE DATES:

01/19/26 - Holiday Office Closed		
2/3/26 Monthly Meeting		

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: _____ SECONDED: _____ MEETING ADJOURNED AT: _____ pm

CLOSED MEETING

Executive Session- Purpose -Confidential Attorney-Client Communication & Legal Strategy

310 Applications must be received by 12pm seven days prior to the meeting or otherwise approved to come in late and have been inspected to be reviewed. Agenda items must be submitted to the CD Office by Noon the Monday before the scheduled meeting. Agendas are available at the CD Office upon request and at stillwatercd.org once finalized. All meetings of the CD are open to the public. Once approved the minutes will be available at stillwatercd.org and the County Clerk and Recorders Office.

All Meetings with SCD will be recorded and the recording is a tool to help the SCDBS or SCDA with the creation of meeting minutes, only. Audio recordings of any meeting with the SCD will be retained until after the minutes of that particular meeting have been adopted by the SCD Board. This will allow space for future audio recording.