

**STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Columbus USDA office Conference Room
COLUMBUS, MT
February 7, 2017**

Chairman Steve Story was excused from the meeting. Corky Kem moved to make Bob Van Oosten temporary Chairman for one meeting Will Downs seconded, motion carried. The meeting was called to order by temporary Chairman, Bob Van Oosten at 7:05 PM. Supervisors present were Butch Behrent, Corky Kem, Bob Van Oosten, and Will Downs. Also present were Tanya Lester, Travis West and Aaron Clausen (by phone). Supervisors Rod Fink, Steve Story, Noel Keogh and Jim Edwards (Associate) were excused.

MINUTES

Butch Behrent moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Corky Kem moved to accept the Treasure's report and pay bills as presented. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Tanya – SCD received a thank you from Cedar Magone at the NRCS office for hosting a Livestock Nutrition Workshop on Jan 24th. There is a BWMA meeting schedule for February 22nd at the Firehall and an Administrator meeting in Billings on February 9th.

Public Comment: None

310 APPLICATIONS & COMPLAINTS

17-003 – Thompson Rip Rap – The application is for approximately 280 feet of rip rap along the Stillwater River in the Dolan Subdivision. Travis West was on hand to answer questions and said that due to conversations with the Floodplain Engineer and ACOE that there may be some changes to the plan in regards to rock size and mitigation issues. Corky Kem moved to make it a project. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried. Corky Kem moved to table approval until Travis could get back to use with plan revisions. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried.

17-001 – Keogh Tree Removal AMP – The application is to get an annual maintenance permit to remove trees and debris that gets caught on a bridge in the Stillwater River. Butch Behrent moved to make it a project. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried. Butch Behrent moved to approve as proposed. Corky Kem seconded. Motion carried.

15-003 – Langston Rip Rap – The application for rip rap on the Yellowstone River near Reed Point was originally approved in 2015 and extended once in 2016. The applicant has asked for a second 1 year extension. Butch Behrent moved to approve the extension. Corky Kem seconded. Motion carried.

17-002 - Langston Headgate AMP – The application is for an annual maintenance permit to clean debris out of the headgate and repair rip rap surrounding the headgate on the Yellowstone River. Corky Kem moved to make it a project. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried. Corky Kem moved to approve as proposed. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried.

17-004 Triangle Telephone Buried Utility – The application is to do 2 directional borings and 1 knifed (plow) through Gooseneck Creek and Lost Creek in Northern Stillwater County. Will Downs moved to make it a project. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried. Corky Kem moved to approve as proposed. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Updates:

RRG-14-1605 – Quarterly Billing was reviewed.

RRGL application Yanzick/Brey Riddle – Bob Van Oosten, Lindsey Clark and Theo Yanzick went to Helena on January 20th to testify before the Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

223 Grant – Lower Stillwater Assessment – The contract between the SCD and SVWC was reviewed. Corky Kem moved to approve the contract. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried. Next will be a limited solicitation bid to do the assessment.

Upcoming SVWC request for grant support – Tanya is working with Lindsey on putting together a RPG to get a PER on a headgate on Fishtail Creek. It was ranked in the SVWC December meeting and we have ditch user support. We will also be looking into a WMG to help out the SVWC with some other work.

NEW BUSINESS

Pheasants Forever Request – Aaron Clausen invited the supervisors to CRP meetings happening this week in Ryegate and Billings. Most of the presentations will be done by NRCS and FSA, but there is help need to fund the lunches for the participants. Pheasant Forever would like to request help with funds to provide the lunches. There was no motion from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Lester
Administrator

Steve Story
Chairman, SCD

Robert Van Oosten
Secretary, SCD