



Stillwater Conservation District

Protecting Montana's Natural Resources in Stillwater County

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STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2026 | 5:00 PM

Location: USDA Service Center Conference Room, 334 N. 9th Street, Columbus, MT

Meeting called to order by: **Bob Van Oosten**, Chairman, at **5:20 PM**.

Supervisors Present: **Bob Van Oosten** (Chairman), **Butch Behrent** (Treasurer), **Steve Story** (Secretary), **Lynda Grande** (Supervisor).

Others Present: Sharon Flemetis (District Administrator), Judi Powers, Lincoln Powers, Denise Revett, Amy Bailey (Admin, Carbon Conservation District), Pam Schwend (Supervisor, Carbon Conservation District)

Approved Absent: **Noel Keogh** (Vice Chairman) & Darryl Thompson (Associate Member) was not yet present.

PURPOSE

Chairman Van Oosten opened the public hearing on the Stillwater Conservation District's permissive medical levy. The permissive levy funds the District's share of group health and related benefits for SCD employees. Under state law, the levy may be imposed without a taxpayer vote; however, the public has the right to comment. The proposed levy for fiscal year 2026–2027 is \$10,000, unchanged from the prior fiscal year. Health insurance coverage rolled over with no major change in costs.

Public Comment

No public comments were received.

Motion: **Bob Van Oosten** moved to set the Stillwater Conservation District's permissive medical levy for fiscal year 2026–2027 at **\$10,000**. **Seconded:** **Butch Behrent** **Discussion:** **None** **Vote:** **Unanimous — Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:23 PM.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by: Sharon Flemetis

Minutes Approved on

8/4/26

Signed by Bob Van Oosten