

STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

USDA Service Center Conference Room (334 E. N. 9th Street, Columbus, MT)

December 5th, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Will Downs at 6:00 pm.

Supervisors Present: Will Downs, (Chairman), Robert Van Oosten (Vice Chairman), Butch Behrent (Treasurer), Steve Story (Secretary), Noel Keogh (Supervisor), Ben Walker (Urban Supervisor), Kylie Ballbach - phone (Urban Supervisor), Darryl

Thompson (Associate Member) **Supervisors Absent:**

Others Present: Sharon Flemetis (EWP Project Manager), Garrett Larson, NRCS, Nate Jones

UNAPPROVEDMINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting: Noel

Seconded: Ben

Discussion: none

Vote: Approved

FINANCIALREPORTS

Motion to approve Financial Report presented by Sharon: Noel Seconded:

Steve

Discussion: none

Vote: Approved

REPORTS

Will Downs – No Report

Robert “Bob” Van Oosten - No Report

Butch Behrent – No Report

Stever Story – No Report

Noel Keogh- No Report Ben

Walker- No Report

Garrett Larson – No Report

Sharon Flemetis – No Report

Public Comment (3 Minute Limit) NONE

310APPLICATIONSANDCOMPLAINTS

APPL. #	Name	Stream	Project	Rec'd	Decision
#22-117	Noble	Stillwater	Riprap 1 yr Extension Granted	7/8/22	Motion: Ben Second: Butch Vote: Approved as is
#23-080M	Woodard Ditch Users	W. Rosebud	10 year Maintenance App.	11/7/23	Motion: Noel Second: Butch Vote: Approved as is
#23-081	Greg & Vickie Langford	Yellowstone	Riprap	11/20/23	Motion: Second: Vote: Tabled for Eng report
#23-082C	Holly Paton/ S Blank	Stillwater	Complaint	11/22/23	Motion: Second: Vote: Tabled to see if landowner complies
#23-083	Trenton & Sarah Russell	Side channel of W. Rosebud	Ag Bridge	11/26/23	Motion: Steve Second: Noel Vote: As Is

UNRESOLVED COMPLAINTS & VIOLATIONS

#23-052V Judy Krone – Yellowstone River

#23-064V Montana Rail Link – Yellowstone River

#23-070V Montana Rail Link – Yellowstone River

#23-076V – Darren Donnes - Rosebud Creek

GRANT UPDATES

EWP –

Mendenhall – Sharon gave update

Forrest Service/ERLA -

NEW BUSINESS

DNRC Conservative District Accountability Assessment – Reviewed and answered each question, Will signed as Chairman.

- Motion to approve as answered in meeting: Steve
- Second: Noel
- Vote: Passed

Insurance Quote – Went over quote and approved to pay premiums

- Motion: Bob
- Second: Noel
- Vote: Approved

Health Insurance Quote – SCD will pay \$600 towards premiums once the District is insured

- Motion: Butch
- Second: Noel
- Vote: Approved

Employee Hire - \$18 to start with Sharon being the employees direct supervisor

- Motion: Will
- Second: Noel
- Vote: Approved

FWP – Tabled for next meeting when FWP can be present

End of the Year Evaluation –

- Projects Evaluation
- 310 Projects Evaluation
- Employee Evaluation – closed meeting, verbal evaluation only

Supervisor Elections and Appointments –

- Kylie chose not to be re-appointed for the next term
- Re-appoint Ben Walker as an Urban Supervisor for another term ○ Motion: Will ○ Second: Noel ○ Vote: Approved
- Urban Supervisor Nate Jones will be sworn in at next meeting to fill Kylie's position ○ Motion: Bob ○ Second: Ben ○ Vote: Approved

Save The Dates

December 13, 2023 – Additional General Meeting Day

December 25, 2023 – Christmas Holiday, office closed

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:

SECONDED:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 10:05

Approved on: *01/09/2024*

310 Applications Must be received by 12pm 7 days prior to the meeting 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.

All meetings of the CD are open to the public and voice recorded for accuracy.