

STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Columbus USDA office Conference Room
COLUMBUS, MT
October 3, 2017

Chairman Steve Story called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Supervisors present were Steve Story, Bob Van Oosten, Noel Keogh, Rod Fink, Corky Kem, and Butch Behrent. Also present were, Lindsey Clark and Sharon Fletmetis. Will Downs and Jim Edwards (Associate) were excused.

MINUTES

Butch moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with no corrections. Noel seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Corky Kem moved to pay bill as stated in the Treasurers report. Treasurer's report included Montana Dept. of Revenue, Federal 941 Quarterly payment, UI-5 Quarterly payment, Sept. Payroll and Area 4 Meeting. Rod Fink seconded. Motion carried.

Bob moved to approve payment for NACD Membership for 10/2017-09/2018 of \$100.00. Corky seconded. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Bob – Gave an update on new subdivision; Beartooth Subdivision. Traffic Study was denied. Also gave update on Area 4 Meeting (under New Business).

Noel –

Garrett -

Public Comment: Lindsey Clark gave updates on current Grants (under Grant Updates).

310 APPLICATIONS & COMPLAINTS

17-E02 Cove – Headgate work for Ditch Repair- Needs Inspection- On Hold

17-002 Langford- Yellowstone River- Sharon will contact land owner for update.

17-008 Flanagan-Debris Removal- Sharon will contact land owner for update.

17-011 Wahl – Bridge Maintenance -Completed

17-012 Murphy – Rosebud (Absarokee) – Bob moved to table this 310 application until next meeting due to needing the property owners signature on the application. Noel seconded. Motion carries.

17-E03 Ostrum- Butcher Creek (Emergency) – Noel moved to table until a new application is turned in. Corky seconded Motion carried.

17-013 Ostrum- Butch Creek -Approved

17-014 Carse –Ylwstone/Stillwater (Columbus)– Noel moved to make a project. Rod Seconded. Motion carried. Road has been confirmed to be a country road instead of the landowners. Discuss about which permit was needed based on it being a county road.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Updates:

- **RRG-14-1605** –Billing from Montana Tech was received in the amount of \$14,652.66. DNRC has been invoiced in the amount of \$16,117.93, signed and being mailed out. Once Payment is received from DNRC, payment to Montana Tech will be processed. Sharon will contact Kevin Chandler and set up time for the Final Project Report, and Public meeting. Once completed then Sharon will invoice DNRC the remaining 10% of Admin (\$999.35).
- **RRGL application Yanzick/Brey Riddle** –Meeting occurred with some landowners, Dan Rostad, Chad Raisland, Lindsey Clark and Sharon Fletmetis. Lindsey will update the rest of the landowners about current issue with funding for this grant.

- **FY 2018 Admin/310 Grant** – Grant funds are being released in October.
- **223 Grant - Lower Stillwater Assessment-** Warren Kellogg is finished with the actual stream assessment and was planning to go back to visit a couple head gates last weekend when the river was lower. He should have a final report ready by early spring.
- **223 Grant - Woodard Ditch** - The SVWC board approved to sponsor this irrigation efficiency improvement project where the NRCS identified some ditch leakage points this summer. The plan was to clean the worst places of a two mile stretch in hopes of being able to get water to the end ditch users and decrease the subbing to other users. Lindsey called DNRC in Helena last week and they informed her that there was no money at this time to support the next round of 223 funding and in fact funds that were awarded in the previous grant cycle were on hold since Coal Tax funds were down and the state had to borrow from this fund to help fight summer wildfires.

ST 1601 Hamilton Water Reservation – On Hold

Special Fund Acct at Yellowstone Bank – Noel moved to have the inactive bank account at Yellowstone bank remain open and used for the upcoming landowner payments and grant money for the Yanzick/Brey Riddle project. Rod seconded. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Area 4 Meeting Update- Copy of new By-laws will be sent out to all Stillwater Conservation District Supervisors and will be on the agenda to discuss at the November 7th Board meeting. Board will need to be ready to vote at the MACD Annual Meeting in November.

All Yellowstone Bank accounts- New signature cards, and contact info sheet with copy of Driver’s License needed in order to update bank accounts. Butch motions to have Tanya Lester removed and Sharon Flemetis added to all Yellowstone Bank accounts. Corky seconds. Motion Carried. New signer on all Yellowstone Bank Accounts will be Steve Story, Kenneth (Corky) Kem, Butch Behrent, and Sharon Flemetis.

Schedule for Final Project Report on RRG-14-1605- Sharon will be in contact with Kevin Chandler.

Mill Levy updated- Sharon will get in contact with Laurie Zeller.

MACD Annual Meeting Nov. 14-16th in Bozeman (sign up) Sharon, Steve and Bob will be attending

Scholarship for Admin for MACD Annual Meeting has been completed- Will be notified mid Oct.

MACD Raffle Tickets for sale- Need stub and payment before event

Annual Audit Report -Signed and mailed out

FY2018 Grant Deadline Oct 18th, 2017- Noel moved to allow Sharon to apply for grants with the deadline of the 18th. Rod seconded. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Leadership Training Oct.10th 2017- Sharon, Corky, and maybe Noel will attend the free workshop.

Kick Start Real Change Oct31-Nov1st- No one from the board will be attending.

Soil Health Workshop Jan2018 in Billings- Save the date

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 7th, 2017 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Story
Chairman, SCD

Robert Van Oosten
Secretary, SCD

Sharon Flemetis
Administrator, SCD

Approved on _____