

# STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

USDA Office Conference Room Columbus MT

February 13th, 2018 @ 7PM

Meeting called to order by Bob Van Oosten at 7:13 PM.

**Supervisors Present:** *Bob Van Oosten, Corky Kem, Steve Story, Noel Keogh, Will Downs and Butch Behrent.*

**Supervisors Absent:** *Rod Fink*

**Others Present:** *Sharon Flemetis, Garrett Larson, and Kevin Chandler*

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

*Will Downs moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with correction of adding Lindsey Clark as present. Steve Story seconded. Motion carried.*

## FINANICAL REPORTS

*Noel Keogh moved to pay bill as stated in the Treasurers report. Corky Kem seconded. Motion carried.*

## REPORTS

Steve Story- *Gave an update on the Hamilton Water Reservation/Cove Irrigation Ditch.*

Noel Keogh – *Update on Annual Meeting Stillwater Valley Watershed Meeting in Fishtail. Also attended the Winter Grazing Seminar.*

Will Downs – *Updated the other board member about the Local Working Group meeting in Fishtail.*

Sharon Flemetis- *Updated the board on Conservation Days progress.*

Garrett Larson- *Gave updated on the Soil Workshop that was held in Billings, Equip Rating, and CSP. Discussed the outcome of the comments about what the public wanted to focus on for the Local Working Group.*

*Noel Keogh moved to make "Organic matter on Cropland" the focus for the Local Working Group. Will Downs seconded. Motion Carried.*

## Public Comment (3 Minute Limit)

## 310 APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

17-002 Langford- Yellowstone River- *waiting for signed 273 form.*

17-008 Flanagan-Debris Removal- *Bill Flanagan will be attending the March 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting to discuss this 310*

17-014 Carse –Ylwstone/Stillwater (Columbus) –*After discussion and updates about the commissioner meeting, Butch Behrent moved to deny the Application at this time. Landowner will need to resubmit a new Application. Noel Keogh seconded. Motion carried.*

17-015 Nelson – Stillwater (Columbus) –*signed form 273 from Applicant was received. -Completed-*

18-001 Lamoreaux- *Ditch Cleanout is ok to do. Application for the Stillwater project does not have enough info to Approve at this time. Corky Kem moved to deny the 310 application. Noel Keogh seconded. Motion Carried.*

18-002- Key O Inc/ Stillwater River - *Corky Kem moved to make a project and approved it as stated in the application. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion Carried. Noel Keogh abstain.*

18-003- Jack Wegner /Shane Ditch- *Corky Kem moved to make it a project. Noel Keogh seconded. Motion Carried. Butch Behrent abstain.*

## OLD BUSINESS

### Grant Updates

- \* **RRG-14-1605 Groundwater Evaluation** – Kevin will be here to present to the board member as the Final Report. Kevin will forward the final report to DNRC.
- \* **RRGL – Yanzick/Brey Riddle** – Letter and Agreement to landowners were mailed out 2/7/18. Waiting for the contract with DNRC.
- \* **223 Grant - Lower Stillwater Assessment** – Received booklet and CD. Public meeting is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> at Fireman's Point.
- \* **223 Grant - Woodard Ditch** – No update to report

**ST 1601 Hamilton Water Reservation** – Cove Irrigation Board had a meeting in Dec. Waiting for Justin to submit paperwork to DNRC.

**Technology Assistance Program**- Social Media Policy – Tabled for next meeting

**2018 Tree Orders** – Still taking in orders

## NEW BUSINESS

**Montana Women- From the Ground up** –Book will be released beginning of May. Carbon CD and Sweetgrass CD talking about Stillwater CD joining them for a 3 county Book Signing Event Mother's Day Weekend. Conservation CD cost for the book is \$11.00. Retail Price is \$21.99. Conservation Districts keeps profit from book sales. Linda Brander with DNRC conservation Districts should at least purchase 20 books. Noel Keogh moved to pre-order 40 books for the Conservation District to sell. Will Downs seconded. Motion Carried.

### SAVE THE DATE:

BWMA Annual Meeting - Columbus Fire Hall **Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm**

Yanzick/Brey Riddle Ditch Landowners Meeting- Absarokee **Feb. 23<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm**

Next Stillwater Conservation District Board Meeting- **March 6<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Lower Stillwater Assessment –VFW Fireman's Point **April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Conservation Days **May 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> Carbon/Stillwater**

Montana Range Days **June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Red Lodge**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm**

Approved on 3/13/18