

**STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Columbus USDA office Conference Room
COLUMBUS, MT
May 2, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Steve Story at 7:06 PM. Supervisors present were Steve Story, Butch Behrent, Bob Van Oosten, Will Downs, and Noel Keogh. Also present were Lindsey and Lainey Clark, Garrett Larson, and Tanya Lester. Corky Kem, Rod Fink and Jim Edwards (Associate) were excused.

MINUTES

Bob Van Oosten moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Butch Behrent seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Van Oosten moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay bills as presented. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Noel - There will be a SVWC meeting on Wednesday May 3rd. It will be 7pm at the Fishtail Community Center. Received a call from a neighbor about a headgate that was put in over the winter without a permit. It is on Forest Service property and Tanya will call Laurie Zeller to discuss jurisdiction.

Bob - Planning board will meet to look at an addition to the Mountain Range RV park. They would like to increase parking areas and will also need a larger drain field.

Tanya – Have 134 kids expected for Conservation Day on May 17th. Looking forward to July, the 1st Tuesday falls on the Fourth of July and we will need to find a date to reschedule. MACDEO Training will be June 14-16 in Helena. MACD Annual Convention has move to Bozeman and will be November 14-16.

Butch – Has been working with the soil amendment for cheatgrass and will keep us updated on how it is working.

Garrett – There will be a Range Days meeting in Red Lodge on May 11th. NRCS is moving forward with the CSP program and working through the changes that were made.

Public Comment: None

310 APPLICATIONS & COMPLAINTS

15-002 – Oltrogge/Nygaard – The supervisors had requested a re-inspection of this rip rap project after completion. On April 27, 2017 Noel Keogh and Jason Rhoten re-inspected and reported the rip rap looked good and was within SCD guidelines.

17-008 Flanagan Debris Removal - This application is to remove trees and debris from a 3 mile stretch of Spring Creek. This project was inspected on April 27, 2017. It was recommended to approve with modifications of leaving as much of the rootwads in place as possible, minimize bank disturbance, and control weeds. Noel Keogh moved to approve with modifications. Bob Van Oosten seconded. Motion carried.

17-003 Thompson Rip Rap – A report was submitted by the engineer that the project was completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Updates:

RRG-14-1605 – Have quarterly bill to submit to DNRC.

RRGL application Yanzick/Brey Riddle – Received notice from DNRC that funding was approved for the first 26 projects on the RRGL list. SCD was ranked 9th.

223 Grant – Lower Stillwater Assessment – Warren has been selected as the contractor to do the assessment. He will be walking the river after high water.

NEW BUSINESS

DNRC Rolling Rivers Agreement – Will Downs moved to accept the agreement to use the Rolling Rivers Trailer for Conservation Day. Bob Van Oosten Seconded. Motion carried.

Nye Community Foundation – Butch Behrent moved to make accept the agreement to use the Nye Community Foundation Party Trailer for Conservation Day. Noel Keogh Seconded. Motion carried.

Custer CD/YRDCD Contract – Bob Van Oosten Moved to approve the contract with Custer CD for Tanya to work for YRDCD for technical services on their website.

CRP Conservation Plans – At 8:00 pm the meeting was closed for Garrett to go over CRP Conservation Plans with the supervisors. At 8:10 pm the meeting was reopened. Bob Van Oosten moved to approve all of the current CRP Conservation Plans for renewal. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2017 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Lester
Administrator

Steve Story
Chairman, SCD

Robert Van Oosten
Secretary, SCD