

**SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
July 10, 2007 @ 7:00 PM
USDA BUILDING**

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Jeff Wivholm. Present were: Tim Holte, Kent Nathe, Rom Hedges, and Jeff Wivholm, Supervisors; Judy Benson, SCCD; Monica Friedrich, NRCS.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2007 Meeting

After reviewing the minutes from the June 12th meeting, Tim Holte made a motion to approve the amended minutes and Kent Nathe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial reports were reviewed. The payments on the outstanding grant invoices in the amount of \$44,342.09 had been received since the last meeting. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Tim Holte and seconded by Rom Hedges. The motion carried.

Bills to Pay

The bill payments totaling \$382.64 as listed on the Check Detail (today) were reviewed, as well as payroll, health insurance, payroll taxes, travel expenses for Judy's trip to Bozeman, Mt. Tech invoices, Lincoln Oakes for trees, and Mickey's June mileage. The total expenditures in the amount of \$32,405.90 were listed on the Check Detail for the month. The Unpaid Bills Detail summary was reviewed. A motion for approval of all expenditures was made by Kent Nathe and seconded by Tim Holte. The motion carried. The checks were signed by Jeff Wivholm and Tim Holte.

NRCS – Monica:

- Certifying completed practices and installing pipelines, spring developments this month. New grass seedings and tree plantings look good with all the rain!
- Scheduled the Box Elder Dam inspection with engineer from Culbertson and Ron Anderson from city council for tomorrow morning (7/11) at 8:00 a.m.
- Attended Froid Farm Tour on June 28. Positive response from portion of tour on Todd Marsh feedlot.
- Evaluating and preparing to contract Continuous CRP applications. These are primarily for saline seep, farmed wetlands, buffer strips, and tree plantings.

- Portion of Ag Open Tour may be held in Sheridan County on irrigation pivots. Date is tentatively set for morning of Aug. 8. Tour planners are interested in District Water Reservation process.
- Asked supervisors for their opinion on proposal to move NRCS cost-share payments back to FSA. This would eliminate paperwork duplication, but could delay timeliness of payments.

Unfinished Business:

- Vehicle

The insurance on a new vehicle was reported to be approximately \$600 per year depending on the value of the vehicle as per a quote from Western States.

Mickey's Vehicle Rental Proposal with cost estimates of \$10,241.00 per well, \$10,200.00 per mile and \$5,400.00 for a District owned vehicle were handed out to each supervisor as Mickey was on vacation.

Jeff Wivholm had checked prices on a 2007 Silverado 1/2 ton, 4door, 4x4 with all of the options at Murphy Motors for a cost of \$28,500 with 0% interest over 3 years.

Tim Holte had checked on a lease option from Gem City Motors on a 2007 extended cab, 1/2 ton. The lease payment would run between \$500 and \$550 per month depending on the vehicle selected.

Vehicle management was discussed as to a gas card, maintaining a daily mileage log and service log. The type of vehicle was discussed as well as the uses of the vehicle.

After further discussion to determine specs on a vehicle, a motion was made by Tim Holte to submit bids to area dealers for a new 2007 work truck with the following specifications; regular cab, white in color (will consider an extended cab), 1/2 ton, 4x4, V-8 engine, AT, AC, radio, locking tail gate and receiver hitch with electrical wiring harness. The motion was seconded by Kent Nathe. Motion carried.

Bid requests are to be mailed to Solberg's of Scobey, Gem City of Plentywood, Eagle Country Ford and Action Auto of Sidney, Camrud Motors of Wolf Point, Hi-Line Ford and Newton Motors of Glasgow. The deadline for the requests will be August 1, 2007.

Mickey's Report

Aquifer

- Well measurements on schedule
- Dave Thuesen application SC-032 – no additional information.
- Eric Nielsen application SC-031 – No new information

Big Muddy 319 grant

- No activity.

Oil Brine Grant

- Grant completed.
- Will continue to monitor sites treated with Salt-Be-Gone

USGS

- USGS crew will be here to drill wells the week of July 16th. Some materials still need to be ordered. USGS personnel will drill wells and Mickey and Jon Reiten will install casing etc.

223 Grants

- 223 grant request for \$10,000 for equipment replacement status.
 - Remaining equipment to purchase:
 - 2 TruTrack in-well digital data loggers

Total	\$ 500
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R C & D

- Next quarterly meeting is in Wibaux on July 25th instead of July 18th.

Misc.

- Updated web site.
- Assisted Dr. Stoner with GPS of proposed fitness facility
- Used personal vehicle for aquifer well measurements

New Business:

- There was no new business.

The pass-around files were reviewed by the members present. .

Adjournment:

- Tim Holte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Kent Nathe. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Judy A. Benson,
District Administrator

Jeff Wivholm
Chairman
Date: September 11, 2007