



SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Sheridan County Conservation District
Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2007 @ 11:00 AM
USDA Building – Conference Room
119 N Jackson – Plentywood, Montana

MINUTES

SCCD Supervisors Present:

Chairman: Jeff Wivholm
Supervisor: Jon Bolstad
Supervisor: Tim Holte
Supervisor: Kent Nathe
Associate: Steve Hove

SCCD Supervisors Absent:

Supervisor: Rom Hedges
Supervisor: Todd Marsh
Supervisor: Manuel Vazquez

SCCD Staff:

Judy Benson, District Administrator
Mickey McCall, Technician

NRCS:

Monica Friedrich, District Conservationist

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman, Jeff Wivholm called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2007 Meeting

After reviewing the December 11, 2007 minutes, Jeff Wivholm noted that a correction be made on page 2, second paragraph, NRCS Report. It should read,

“Plan to hold a meeting for interested producers in January so they know how it will work”. Kent Nathe made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction made as true and correct. Jon Bolstad seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present.

Financial Report:

After review of the Financial Reports, including the bank balances, the deposit detail, the profit and loss, and balance sheet. Jon Bolstad made a motion to accept the Financial Statements. Kent Nathe seconded. The motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present.

Bills to Pay

The expenditures totaling \$8,044.51 as listed on the Check Detail dated December 11 through January 8(today) were reviewed. In the figure are the regular monthly bills for December as well as payroll, health insurance, Workman’s Compensation, monthly payroll taxes, and Supervisors annual per diem and mileage. The Unpaid Bills Detail summary was reviewed. Jon Bolstad made a motion to approve the total expenditures as listed. Tim Holte seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present. The checks were signed by Jeff Wivholm and Tim Holte.

NRCS Report – Monica Friedrich

- Meeting for Precision Ag participants is Thursday, Jan. 10 in Culbertson at 1:00 pm at the 1st Community Bank. We have 13 applications from Sheridan County.
- Provided site maps for proposed Fitness Center for grant applications.
- Continue to check out and certify completed projects, thanks to mild winter weather.
- Tim and I still collecting signatures on funded EQIP applications.
- We’ve heard that funding levels will be approximately the same as 2007 for all of our programs. The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) was re-instated. We have several applications to evaluate.

SCCD Technician’s Report – Mickey McCall

Aquifer

- Well measurements on schedule
- No information on new contract from Steve Schmitz as of this date.
- Water use invoices mailed
- TAC meeting scheduled for March 6, 2008

Big Muddy 319 grant

- Data compilation to be completed by the end of January.

USGS

- Compiling data

RC & D

- Annual meeting scheduled for January 30th at the ARS building in Sidney.
- Mike Carlson, coordinator, Retired January 2, 2008.

Misc.

- Attended RC & D meeting in Glendive with Eastern Plains Economic Development District board.
- Attended Irrigation workshop in Williston
- Updated Web Site.
- Worked on Newsletter.

Coming Up

- RC & D Annual meeting in Sidney January 16th

Unfinished Business:

- CD Renewals
Judy Benson reported that the Rocky Mountain Bank CD #7007894 in the amount of \$17,599.01 due for renewal December 29, 2007 was renewed for 7 months at a rate of 4.3% transferred to #7008578. Rocky Mountain CD #7006159 in the amount of \$4,898.54 due for renewal January 6, 2008 was also renewed for 7 months at a rate of 4.3% transferred to #7008579. Both were renewed January 7, 2008.
- Research Farm donation to ARS Travel
The Board suggested that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the ARS Focus Group requesting that an itemized statement or request for funds be submitted prior to the Board making any decisions to approve disbursement of Research Farm funds. It will be the decision of the Board to determine on a case by case basis as to the purpose of the meeting involving the travel expense. The letter will be written prior to the next meeting.
- Cooperator of the Year
The Board members and Monica Friedrich with NRCS discussed several possibilities for Cooperator of the Year for 2007. Tim Holte made a motion to nominate Nathan Shackelford as the 2007 Cooperator of the Year. Kent Nathe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present.
- 2007 Annual Planning Board Report
Kent Nathe presented the Board with the 2007 Annual Planning Board Report. The report was reviewed by the members present

- Holiday Party
Available dates for the belated Holiday party were discussed. Possibly a Thursday or Sunday will work the best. Dennis Paulbeck will be contacted as to whether he would serve prime rib for a group of 20 to 25 and also quote a price.

New Business:

- Montana Salinity Control Annual CD Liaison Appointment & Executive Board Election Ballot
As per the request by the Montana Salinity Control Association to fill out and return the ballot to elect a supervisor from the Northeast Montana Saline Seep Assn. and reaffirm our CD liaison person to MSCA; Tim Holte made a motion to cast our ballot for Mike Christofferson (Roosevelt CD) to the MSCA Executive Board. Jon Bolstad seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the board members present. Jon Bolstad made a motion to reaffirm Todd Marsh as Sheridan County Conservation District liaison to MSCA for future communications. The motion was seconded by Kent Nathe. The motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present.
- 2008 Annual Plan of Operations
The 2008 Annual Plan or Operations was passed out to the Board Members present. The plan will be reviewed and any recommendations will be made at the February 12 meeting.
- Election of Supervisors
An e-mail from Laurie Zeller regarding the election of supervisors, nomination petitions, and supervisor terms was reviewed by those present. It was also noted that Todd Marsh and Kent Nathe's terms would be up the end of this year. They must submit a nominating petition between January 22, 2008 and March 20, 2008 to the county election office. Elected supervisors' terms are four years. A letter will be sent to the Town of Medicine Lake regarding the reappointment of Jeff Wivholm. Urban supervisors' terms (appointed by municipality) are three years.

Adjournment:

- Jon Bolstad motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kent Nathe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.
- Next Meeting:
Tuesday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m.

January 8, 2007 Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Judy A. Benson,
District Administrator

Jeff Wivholm
Chairman
Date: Feb. 12, 2008