



SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Sheridan County Conservation District
Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2008 @ 11:00 AM
USDA Building – Conference Room
119 N Jackson – Plentywood, Montana

MINUTES

SCCD Supervisors Present:

Vice Chairman: Rom Hedges
Supervisor: Jon Bolstad
Supervisor: Todd Marsh
Supervisor: Manuel Vazquez
Associate: Steve Hove

SCCD Supervisors Absent:

Chairman: Jeff Wivholm
Supervisor: Tim Holte
Supervisor: Kent Nathe

SCCD Staff:

Judy Benson, District Administrator
Mickey McCall, Technician

NRCS:

Monica Friedrich, District Conservationist

Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman, Rom Hedges called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2008 Meeting

After reviewing the January 8, 2008 minutes, Jon Bolstad made a motion to approve the minutes as true and correct. Todd Marsh 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. Todd Marsh seconded. The motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present.

Bills to Pay

The expenditures totaling \$9,397.62 as listed on the Check Detail dated January 8 through February 12(today) were reviewed. In the figure are the regular monthly bills for January as well as payroll, health insurance, Workman's Compensation, and quarterly payroll taxes. The Unpaid Bills Detail summary was reviewed. Todd Marsh made a motion to approve the total expenditures as listed. Jon Bolstad seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present. The checks were signed.

NRCS Report – Monica Friedrich

- Finished contracting 6 Precision Ag EQIP applications, totaling \$98,749. This brings total EQIP dollars obligated in Sheridan County for 2008 to \$323,045.
- We are already receiving applications for funding in 2009. We are still waiting to hear when and how the new Farm Bill will affect our programs.
- Provided updated drawing for Prairie Wind Fitness Center architect, which outlined existing buildings and locations from our survey data.
- Assisted City of Plentywood and 4-H group with grant for trees to replace fence in Mill Park.
- Tim Solberg attended the Winter Grazing Seminar in Sidney, and gave a report to the supervisors.

SCCD Technician's Report – Mickey McCall

Aquifer

- Well measurements completed on schedule
- Received new contract for Water Reservation monitoring from DNRC.
- Water use invoices mailed
- TAC meeting scheduled for March 6, 2008

Big Muddy 319 grant

- Data compilation should be completed by the end of the week of 2/11/08.

USGS

- Reviewing proposed new project that would include oil field brine movement near wetlands. This project would continue the work started by SCCD/MBMG in the Oil Brine Reclamation Project completed in 2006.

R C & D

- Annual meeting held on January 30th in Sidney.
- Mike Carlson, coordinator, Retired January 2, 2008.
- Dick Iverson is temporary acting Coordinator.

Misc.

- Updated Web Site.
- Worked on Newsletter.

Coming Up

- Meeting with USFWS / MBMG about Big Muddy water quality march 5th.

Unfinished Business:

- 2008 Annual Plan
The 2008 Annual Plan was reviewed by the Supervisors present. Jon Bolstad was added to Research. It was decided to table the Annual Plan until the March meeting to vote on the approval.
- Holiday Party
The holiday party will be held at the Last Chance in Raymond on Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 6:00 PM. Dennis Paulbeck will be notified later today as to the number that will be attending.
- Amendment for #RD-SCCD-273 – Groundwater Management Program
The Board members present reviewed the approved Amendment for #RD-SCCD-273 – Groundwater Management Program that was returned to us by DNRC, Steve Schmitz, February 1 for our records.

New Business:

- Jeff Wivholm Appointment – Oath of Office
Jeff Wivholm was reappointed by the Town of Medicine Lake at their January Council meeting as their representative on the Sheridan County Conservation District to serve another 3 year term. Jeff was unable to attend today's meeting and will take his oath of office at the March 11 meeting.
- Nominating Petitions – 2 Positions (Todd Marsh & Kent Nathe)

The nominating petitions for Todd Marsh and Kent Nathe were passed around for signatures. After gathering the 10 required signatures, they will file with the Clerk & Records office prior to the March 22 deadline.

- Printer Purchase
Mickey McCall presented a new printer proposal on a HP Office Jet Pro L7780 in the amount of approximately \$700.00. There is an Admin Grant available for computers and accessories in the amount of \$550.00 or 75% of the purchase price. We will apply for the grant to assist in the cost of the printer. Jon Bolstad made a motion to purchase the printer and Todd Marsh seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by the Supervisors present.
- New USGS Proposed Project
Mickey McCall explained a new USGS Project that Rick Sodja is proposing that would include oil field brine movement near the wetlands. The project would continue the work started by the Sheridan County Conservation District and the Bureau of Mines in the Oil Brine Reclamation Project completed in 2006.

Adjournment:

- Jon Bolstad motioned to adjourn the meeting. Todd Marsh seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by the supervisors present. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
- Next Meeting:
Tuesday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy A. Benson,
District Administrator

Approved,

Jeff Wivholm
Chairman
Date: Mar. 11, 2008