



Blaine County Conservation District



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*District Meeting / USDA Building Chinook, MT
August 18, 2015*

PRESENT: Gary Unruh, Bruce Anderson, Kurt Hansen, Dennis Mitchell, Sonny Obrecht, Shannon Sattleen, Danny Pratt (DC NRCS) Chair supervisor, Gary Unruh opened the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Kurt Hansen motioned and Bruce Anderson seconded the motion to approve the July 2015 meeting minutes as distributed. The Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Shannon Sattleen

Expenditures for the month of July 2015 are as follows: In Fund #2310 Soil Conservation, expenditures were: Salaries of \$2,284.20, Office Supplies of \$8.96, Dues of \$549.55, Travel of \$97.75 and Insurance expenditure of \$1,103.00. For a Total of \$4,043.46 spent. Fund #2313 Balance of \$2,000. In Fund 2314 Administrative Grant #2314 No expenditures because account has been fully expended. In Fund #2141 Weed Management Grant, no expenditures. Kurt Hansen moved and Dennis Mitchell seconded the motion to pay all bills and approve the July 2015 financial report as reviewed.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (DC NRCS)

Danny Pratt

Danny Pratt, Blaine County District Conservationist report: Danny presented two conservation plans for discussion and approval. The conservation plans addressed energy concerns associated with irrigation practices in the Milk River Valley. The members present discussed the conservation plans and conservation district president, Gary Unruh, signed off on both plans.

Danny reported that he, Tracy (FSA) and Gary (BCCD) met with the Blaine County Commissioners on July 31st, regarding sending a Blaine County Emergency / Drought designation request to the Governor for endorsement who would then send the request to the Secretary of Agriculture for approval. So far we have not heard if our request is being considered.

Announcements: Marlene Moon, administrator for Liberty and recently Tool county Conservation Districts retired July 23rd. Also, sadly longtime Big Sandy Conservation District administrator Sonia Silvan Passed away August 9th.

BILLS: \$81.75 Shannon's Travel to Fort Belknap USAccess trips to acquire USDA LinkPass Card! FINALLY a success! Kurt Hansen moved and Sonny Obrecht seconded the motion to pay Shannon's mileage for trips to Fort Belknap. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Area III meeting –MACD Area III meeting is Tues, September 29th, in Fort Benton to be held in the Museum of the Northern Great Plains/ Montana Ag Center. Registration will be \$15/person. Deadline to register is September 4th. Gary stated that he plans on attending.

Administrative Grant - Shannon reviewed the Administrative and 310 grant agreement #CDA-16-1723 for a total of \$10,595.07 with the board. \$9,700.00 will be for CD administration and \$895.07 will be for 310 administration. Sonny Obrecht moved and Dennis Mitchell seconded the motion to agree with the contents of Grant agreement CDA-16-1723. Motion passed.

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STATE OF MONTANA BLAINE COUNTY

RECORDED: 09/25/2015 1:30 KOI: MINUTES

SANDRA L. BOARDMAN CLERK AND RECORDER

FEE: \$0.00

BY: *Sharon Sue Regg*

TO: BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MRCDC – Bruce stated that he participated in the MRCDC executive committee meeting this morning. Highlights discussed were the preparation of the upcoming events that include the 2015 River Rendezvous on Tuesday August 25th at the Devil’s Creek Campground, Fort Peck Lake in Jordan Montana. Also on that same day the Montana Saltcedar Team will be meeting. Then on August 26th, the CMR CMG will meet in Circle to discuss the FWP Bison EIS. If anyone would like to go please let Bruce know. The MRCCD are continuing efforts to put 2 rangeland monitoring technicians on the ground to meet increased needs for professional help to initiate rangeland monitoring and provide the technical assistance landowners need as they wade through the myriad of conservation programs currently being offered. Rachel is awaiting on the final details on one position that would be funded through a partnership with NRCS, and she submitted the full proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the second position.

Pest Management Tour– MSU Pest Management tours are being offered in our area October 5th through October 9th. In Chinook, the tour will be located at Wallner Hall, October 5th, starting at 8:30 a.m. Private/commercial/ Government applicator credits will be available. Lunch is on your own. Contact Ben Hauptman at 357-3200 for more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Montana Range Tour– The 2015 Montana Range Tour will be in Ennis Montana this year, September 16th & 17th. The registration fee is \$50 and \$60 if you register after September 8th. Shannon has a registration form for those who are interested in attending. Or contact Karl Christians at (406) 444-3022.

Ranching for Profit WS– There will be ranching for profit workshop September 3rd, in Malta at the Tin Cup Golf restaurant from 9 – 3 p.m. Lunch will be on your own.

Public Comment: None

CORRESPONDENCE: DNRC & MACD “The Montana Conservationist.”

Sonny Obrecht moved and Kurt Hansen seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Shannon Sattleen
BCCD Administrative Assistant