

RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MEETING MINUTES – January 2, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Ruby Valley Conservation District was called to order by Gary Giem, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at the NRCS Conference Room, Sheridan, Montana.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Giem	George Trischman	Rick Sandru
Jim Powell	Jeremy Miller	John Anderson
		Shirley Galovic, District Administrator

GUESTS PRESENT:

John Wagoner, NRCS

Approval of the minutes of last meeting (Dec. 5), motion by John to approve as mailed, second by George, motion carried.  
Treasurer's Report for December 2018, no report at this time.

Excused absences: Motion by George to excuse Neil, second by Jim, motion carried.

310 BUSINESS:           NEW APPLICATIONS  
                              REVIEW -- DECISION  
                              SIGN 273  
                              SET UP INSPECTIONS  
                              INSPECTION COMPLETE

RV18-13 Butch Frediani, Granite Creek Ranch – Browns Gulch – construct dam for irrigation & recreation pond. Matt & John inspected 4/4/2018. Tabled

NRCS REPORT: John Wagoner, NRCS, written submission attached. Highlights: Farm Bill passed; NRCS not shutdown operating on leftover funds from 2017; working on conifer encroachment project in South Tobacco Roots - requesting funds this summer for contracts in 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Planning Board – no report, no Dec. meeting
2. Watershed – written submission from David that included report from Claudia.
3. Carcass Management Program – Wildlife Conservation Society – 2019 carcass program in progress again
4. BLM California Creek Monitoring Grant #L17AC00338 (Ruby WS Restoration) – in progress
5. DEQ 319 Grant – Ramshorn Creek – (David) – in progress
6. 223 Grant – Ramshorn Creek – (David) – revegetation – in progress, extended to 7/31/19
7. DNRC Watershed Management Grant (WMG-18-0037) – (David) – final report sent 12/18/18
8. DNRC Drought Resiliency Grant (WM-RVCD-167) – in progress
9. Upper Ruby Weed Mgmt. Co-op, FWP-WHIP Grant, approved for full funding, FWP finished payment structure and submitted. Should have instructions to us soon. RVCD will need to pay vendors and be reimbursed by US Fish & Wildlife Svc.
10. RITP GT#RITP-18-0143 – Granite Creek restoration, survey & design – extended to 9/30/19
11. FWP #18-641 Ruby Watershed Low Stream-Flow Water Mgmt. & Resiliency Dev. – in progress
12. DNRC Dist. Dev. Gt #23G-19-3602 (David) – in progress
13. U. S. Forest Service Gravelly Landscape Collaborative Group – USFS in process of NEPA on Greenhorn Project area. New Forest Service Supervisor – Sharon Ford.
14. Strategic Alliance – next meeting, January 14, 2019, Moraine Center, 10a-2p – MT water compact

NEW BUSINESS

1. RVCD Election of Officers for 2019

2018 Officers – Gary Giem, Chairman

Neil Barnosky, Vice Chairman

Rick Sandru – Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Jim to retain entire slate of 2018 Officers for 2019, second by George, motion carried. Elected by acclamation.

2019 Officers – Gary Giem, Chairman

Neil Barnosky, Vice Chairman

Rick Sandru – Secretary/Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. MACD Montana Conservationist – Jan. 2019 – copies available (emailed)
2. Ruby Watershed Council Mtg. – Jan. TBD, Moraine Center?, 6:00pm
3. Soil Health Workshops – January 2019 – closest one: Jan. 15, Three Forks, The Gathering Place
4. Grazing Conference – Jan. 17-18 – Missoula
5. Youth Ag Couples – Jan. 16-19 – Helena

“OPEN MICROPHONE” - Other comments from the public.

With business completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Signed,

Shirley Galovic  
District Administrator

Gary Giem  
Chairman