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


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.
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
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
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       Gary Giem
District Administrator Chairman