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REGULAR MEETING

November 7, 2019

Vice Chairman Steve Schanaman called the regular district meeting to order at 1:45 pm at the USDA building in Hardin. Additional supervisors present were Dan Kern, Kent Murdock, and Phillip Miller. Also present were Carter Miklovich, Associate Supervisors; Maria Hopkins, District Administrator; Molly Masters with MSU Extension; Evan Van Order with NRCS, and Jim Chalmer with Big Horn River Alliance.

Following discussion Dan K. motioned, seconded by Phillip, to dispense with the reading of the October 3rd, 2019 meeting minutes and approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried – unanimous.

Maria presented the treasurer's report. The checking account has \$16,330.19; the county account as of 10/31/2019 has \$18,870.84. The following bills were presented:

MT Dept Revenue	\$ 138.00	October 2019 State Withholding
Maria Hopkins	\$ 92.80	Mileage and Expense Reimbursement
Cincinnati Insurance Company	\$ 70.00	Liability Insurance Premium
Seanna Torske	\$ 40.00	Water Quality Workshop
Payroll	\$ 6,084.99	October 2019 Wage
Montana Tech	\$ 964.35	Groundwater Project
NACD	\$ 250.00	Dues
Rosebud CD	\$ 4,140.00	Winter, Spring, & Summer Newsletters
Big Horn County Fair Board	\$ 150.00	Ladies Ag Night
Phillip Miller	\$ 87.00	AIS Meeting Billings
Roy Neal	\$ 35.96	Vententa Workshop Travel

Following discussion, Dan K. motioned, seconded by Phillip, to approve the report and pay the bills presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

County Weed Management discussions have been postponed to a separate meeting after the district's meeting. No action meeting.

The watercraft inspection station closed October 26th. Over 2000 boats were checked this season.

There was a meeting in Billings on October 16th at the FWP Region 5 Office to discuss the future of the Saint Xavier and Fort Smith stations. Bighorn Canyon NRA has already re-hired a seasonal employee for their 2020 season and are committed to be a part of check stations. After some negotiating it was proposed to combine the two station into one to better serve the community. It was also decided that our current location provides the best protection to the waters. The plan is to have the Bighorn Canyon NRA seasonal staff join our team and represent the federal agency at the local level. This change will allow the station to run seven days a week. No action taken.

Maria has a meeting in Miles City on November 13th with FWP and the other districts that have stations to discuss how the 2019 season went and the plans for the 2020 season.

The district needs Wildlife Ramps. Roy will contact Ty Neal with Lodge Grass FFA about getting some built. Tabled until next meeting.

310 Application, 2019-07 was reviewed. The applicant wants to repair the Big Horn River riverbank at Section 25, T6S, R35E. Following discussion, Phillip motioned, seconded by Kent, to approve the project. Motion carried – unanimous.

310 Application, 2019-08 was reviewed. The applicant wants to stabilize the Big Horn River riverbank at Section 10, T4S, R35E. Following discussion, Dan K motioned, seconded by Phillip, to approve the project. Motion carried – unanimous.

There were no new Conservation Compliance Plans to present. No action taken.

Jim Chalmers presented on the Big Horn River Alliance Research Initiative and the results of the 2019 study. He also presented the proposed 2020 work plan. No action taken.

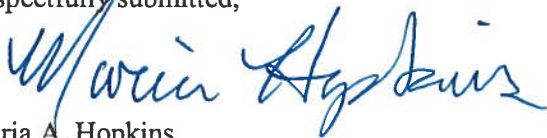
The current Annual Work Plan was reviewed. Maria will update the plan for the board's approval at the December meeting. No action taken.

Upcoming meetings include the Feral Swine Coordination Summit in Billings on November 15th, MACD Convention on November 18th to the 22nd, AIS Summit on December 4th and 5th, Soil Health Symposium on February 4th and 5th, and NACD Convention on February 8th to 12th.

Evan reviewed the field office report. No action taken.

As there was no response to a call for public comment and no further business to come before the meeting the chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria A. Hopkins
District Administrator

APPROVED:

