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The MACDEO fall meeting was held at 7 a.m. on Wednesday November 19, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula Montana.

Introductions were made. In attendance were:

Area 1: Patricia Johnson, Valley CD (Treasurer & Area I Director)  
Amanda Hom, Garfield County CD (Area I Director)  
Carie Hess, Petroleum County CD  
Judy Benson, Sheridan CD

Area 2: Julie Goss, Richland County CD (Area II Director)

Area 3: Jennifer Kenck, Hill County CD  
Kody Farkell, Pondera County CD  
Teresa Wilhelms, Judith Basin CD (Area III Director)  
Pat Anderson, Phillips CD  
Shonny Nordlund, Fergus CD

Area 4: Guelda Halverson, Sweet Grass CD  
Tina Bonnell, Treasure County CD

Area 5: Lori Zeiser, Missoula CD (Chair)  
Julie Ralston, Bitterroot CD (Vice Chair)  
Sharon Patterson, Mineral County CD (Area V Director)  
Chris Malgren, Lake County CD  
Jean Dunn, Green Mountain CD (Area V Director)  
Patsy Meredith, Eastern Sanders CD

Area 6: Chris Evans, Lewis & Clark CD (Secretary & Area VI Director)

MACD: Steve Hedstrom  
Pete Woll  
Jeff Tiberi

NRCS: Randy Phelan

RC&D: Sue Sutherland

DNRC: Laurie Zeller

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting were reviewed and despite a missing sign up sheet for attendance there was a motion by Jean Dunn, second by Pat Johnson to approve the minutes; motion carried.

**Financial:**

Kody gave a brief statement on the financial statement. There was a correction to the Board meeting expenses line item for the proposed budget. Kody indicated that she scattered raffle tickets on the table for those who may be interested in selling more. Motion by Jean Dunn to accept the financials as modified, second by Pat Johnson; motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

**Reports:**

Envirothon: Shonny made the report for the Envirothon. She has study guides and brochures if people are interested.

NRCS report: Randy Phelan was present as the NRCS liaison. Randy indicated that any district that is hooked to the NRCS computer server, printers or other equipment needs to arrange to get a LincPass. He indicated that NRCS will not be using that access card to get into the NRCS buildings in Montana.

MACD report: Steve Hedstrom and Pete Woll were both present to answer any questions and offer their help as the EO needs. Jeff indicated that the board approved the formation of a “futures committee” for doing some public meetings statewide to listen to people’s ideas about how MACD is doing and where some changes might need to be made. He also hopes that the committee would look at employee issues such as health insurance and such. Ray Ledgerwood’s presentation will be discussing CD’s and the statutes that guide them and will be giving a look at how district goals can diverge from what they currently are doing. Jean Dunn asked about the legislative session and how bills will be tracked and districts informed when something needs to be followed up on by districts. She indicated that she hopes that MACD continues that procedure. Steve Hedstrom talked about the concern about administrator turnover the past year and what is causing it. He said that they will be searching out what the causes are and seeks input from administrators.

DNRC: Laurie Zeller indicated that there is significant project money still available. Also they have money available for equipment like computers, printers, cameras etc. Up to \$550 is available (no more than 75% of the cost).

Tree Booklet: Julie Goss indicated that while they were planning a reprint, she found out that NRCS had boxes and boxes of them that they should be bringing to the convention. These are the old booklets, and there will be a reprint done later on. It was noted that Russian Olive will need to be crossed out on these booklets.

**New Business:**

Approval of the Treasurer and Secretary position appointments: Pat Johnson volunteered for the Treasurer position and Chris Evans volunteered for the Secretary position. Motion by Jean Dunn

to approve the two appointments and indicated her regret that Kody is leaving the Treasurer position, second by Chris Malgren; motion carried.

If anyone is interested in running for any of the EO positions they will be up for re-election next fall. Teresa Wilhelms indicated that we may want to form a new nominating committee since the 3 that have been doing the job have been doing it for 3-4 years. Lori said she'd be looking at new nominating committee volunteers at the spring meeting.

MACDEO Action Plan Review: See the attached for the Draft Action Plan that the group put together with the facilitation of Sue Sutherland.

MACDEO Scholarships & Fundraising: Kody Farkell indicated that Tina Bonnell, Jennifer Kenck and Sharon Patterson were the recipients this year. Lori said she'd like to have the group take a look at the scholarship form in the spring. Discussion regarding raising money for district administrators to attend the convention: Jean Dunn commented that it adds to the burden of what the administrators are already responsible for so it may or may not be feasible statewide. Julie Goss recommended looking at possibly getting statewide corporate sponsors instead of individual administrators going looking for funds. Chris Malgren requested that MACD look at having CD administrators on their future's committee.

EO Event: There will be fliers at lunch describing directions. There will be a bus for transport to and from the site. If people want to drive, take the street that crosses Reserve in front of the hotel and go to Airway Blvd.

Silent Auction net proceeds: There was discussion as to how much of the proceeds of the EO event go to the Cancer Society & Breast Cancer Awareness this was proceeds after final expenses are in: Motion by Sharon Patterson, second by Pat Johnson, to split the net proceeds half and half between the scholarships and the Cancer Society & Breast Cancer Awareness groups; motion carried. Lori indicated that the EO baskets will be displayed on a table out by the registration desk. Pat Johnson will be taking the checks for the baskets.

EO Raffle: Update on the raffle was made by Kody Farkell. Again there are raffle tickets on the table, get the tickets and money to Kody Farkell. It will be drawn Thursday night.

Old Business:

Montana Silver Smiths—Logo/pins. The group had decided at the spring meeting to hold the cast. The company has decided that to hold it, we have to order something. It would cost us around \$400 to have it re-cast. MACD may decide to partner with us on keeping the cast. They can put the logo on just about anything. Jeff Tiberi indicated that MACD would commit for \$150. Julie Goss and Chris Evans and Barb Berry and Judy Benson and Lori Zeiser will work on the committee.

Teresa Wilhelms gave a report on the Displays for the 223 grant. She indicated that photo resolution is very important.

Grant Administration Certification 2<sup>nd</sup> Module—Rob Rung would like to give that at the Spring Meeting. The spring meeting will be in Havre, June 2&3, 2009. It was decided that this training will be held at the spring meeting – we will work in the meeting in conjunction with the training.

Other business:

Lori Zeiser made a request to have two people help out at the opening ceremony. Pat Johnson volunteered and so did Julie Goss.

Pat Johnson motioned to adjourn, Chris Evans seconded; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m. and was turned over to Sue Sutherland to work on the Action Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Evans  
Secretary