



# MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:**

**Attendance:**

MACD Board Members:

Others in attendance:

Jeff Wivholm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elena Evans, MACD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Suta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
William Bernard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Dean Rogge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Also In Attendance:	
Tony Barone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Frost	
Roddy Rost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Coverdale	
Bob Peterman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jane Holzer	
Bob Breipohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jamie Cottom	
Steve Hedstrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Shows	
Judi Knapp	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Beck	
Shirley Parrot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karl Christians	
Don Youngbauer	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Jim Simpson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Pete Woll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Gary Giem	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Steve Granzow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Daryl Stutterheim	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Jack Judisch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Dwight Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**Meeting Called to order at 7:26 a.m.**

**Approve February Minutes-** Dwight Crawford motions to approve Tony Barone seconds, motion passes.

**Financial Statement-** We have sent a check for the convention. The check has not yet cleared our bank account as the hotel is experiencing issues due to new ownership. Dues are starting to come in. Jim Simpson motions to approve, Dean Rogge seconds, motion passes.

**Public Comment- N/A**

## **Discussion**

- 1) Washington D.C. Report-** Elena has sent out the report to the partners and will send it out to everyone else upon receiving feedback. We were able to meet with a large number of people and stress the importance of our partnerships. We will continue to move forward with them and appreciate their support.
- 2) Dues Report-** Dues are steadily coming in. We are doing our best keep in contact with the districts to ensure the amount from the Department of Revenue are correct. We have had 12 districts pay so far and are sending thank you notes upon payment.
- 3) Committee Meetings and Agenda Items-** Committees are coming along. Steve Tyrell to head the Soil and Land Use

Committee. Water Committee Meeting scheduled for April 18 and District Operations April 20<sup>th</sup>.

- 4) **Spring Board Meeting Items-** The meeting is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a larger discussion on the financial report at the Spring Board Meeting. The meeting is being held at the Capital and rooms are reserved at the Radisson Colonial Hotel.
- 5) **Resolution Timeline-** Plans to work out any issues with the Resolution Timeline and the finalize it at the Spring Board Meeting. District Operation Committee will work on this as well.
- 6) **Partner Reports**
  - **SWCDM-** All the hiring for open positions is complete. Cheryl Schuldt has started in Miles City. Cheryl is a range technician for the Custer Conservation District and surrounding area. Emily Standley starts April 18<sup>th</sup> in Lewistown. Emily is a range technician for Fergus County, Petroleum County, Phillips County, Blaine County and surrounding area.
  - **DRNC-** DNRC is developing a follow-up publication for the 2014 publication called DNRC Economy. This publication focuses on conservation and partnerships between DNRC and conservation districts.

There is a new CARDD staff member, Stephanie Hester. Stephanie is the new RDG program manager. Recruitment for RRGL program manager has closed and applications are being reviewed. We will be posting a job listing for a new position, Conservation

Districts Bureau Stream Permitting Coordinator, later this week.

Reclamation Development Grant deadline is May 15.

Renewable Resource grant deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Watershed grant closes April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Invasive Species Summit will be at the Gateway Center in Helena on April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

NRCS- Chief Jason Weller will be in Montana on April 18<sup>th</sup> to do videos with NPR. He will not be meeting with any partners.

State Technical Committee Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> in Great Falls at the Hampton Inn.

**Possible Next Meeting:**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 a.m.**