



# 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"/>	Jeff Tiberi, MACD	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Bernard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann McCauley, SWCDM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dean Rogge	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Tony Barone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Martin	
Roddy Rost	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Frost	
Bob Peterman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stacy Barta	
Bob Breipohl	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lori Zeller	
Steve Hedstrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Beck	
Judi Knapp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gayla Wortman	
Shirley Parrot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Youngbauer	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Jim Simpson	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Pete Woll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Gary Giem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Steve Granzow	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Daryl Stutterheim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Jack Judisch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Dwight Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**Meeting Called to order at 7:30 a.m.**

**Financial Report: Forego approval at this time.**

**Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes (action item)**

**Public Comment- N/A**

**Discussion**

**1) Area Reports:**

- Area 6 Served a lawsuit for “due process” for not allowing 28 days’ notice prior to open meeting regarding violations and fines.
- Permits for water reservation next to the National wildlife refuge to pass.
- Judith Basin- Annual Range school June 2, 2016.

- American Prairie Reserve purchased the PN Ranch in Fergus.
- Eastern Sanders county there were shots fired during a 310 inspection.
- Area 2 meeting next fall in Wibaux.

**2) Dues report-** 27 districts 100 ,2 60-65, 4 at 50% 2 at 10%.

23 districts paid a total of \$90,252.03 in for dues.

### **3) Committee Meetings-**

- **Water committee-** April 12<sup>th</sup> Jim Beck attended the invasive species summit. They were seeking input on how to handle invasive species.

- **Water Quality Interim committee meeting-** Possible local assumption of 404 permits, may be turned over to the state and/or conservation districts.
- **Water Resources committee-** Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> 2016
- **Soil and Land Use committee and Forestry committee-** Meeting went well in lining out direction but next meeting has not been scheduled.
- **Districts Operation-** There will be a discussion regarding this at the spring board meeting.
- **Spring Board Meeting-** May 14<sup>th</sup> Executive committee meeting. May 15 & 16 SWCDM and MACD board meetings to work on SWCDM bylaws, our financial report, resolution timelines, how committees work, and staff.

- **Legislative Objective Update-** There are 2 new Resolutions to be presented to Area 2 meeting and then again at convention.

#### **4) Partner Reports-**

- **SWCDM-** Programs are going well. Bring on Staff, and field staff. Working through financials with accounts and will report more on this at Spring Board meeting.
- **BMPC-** Gene Hodges, secretary for 21 years, retired at the end of April. Lori LeBrun to take her place after NRCS computer certification
- **DNRC-** Working with conservation districts on Mill Levy Permits. 4 have levied the permit on mill probably 8-10 more to do the same.

RCAC Meeting May 25<sup>th</sup> and will be giving out remainder of our fiscal year money and approving administrative and 310 grants for the upcoming fiscal year.

2 districts have filed to object to water right issued in 1973 and has not been diligently pursued.

Legislation issues consist of Conservation District law books, 15% holding, Mill levies.

The Rangeland forum went well and gave some added direction and momentum for the future.

There is a new council member in Carter County, Doug Bonsil.

The range tour in Sweet Grass County will be September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Cascade County Conservation District will be sponsoring the Youth Range July 31-August 4<sup>th</sup>

**5) MRCDC-** Working on Ranching for rivers project and were able to provide cost share for 5 different projects. River Rendezvous will be June 9<sup>th</sup> is the and will be showcasing some of the work done with this project.

Natural Resource Field Day will be May 18 with about 200 children attending if anyone would like to come and help out.

**Possible Next Meeting:**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:25**