



MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2016

Attendance:

MACD Board Members:

Others in attendance:

Jeff Wivholm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elena Evans, MACD
Mark Suta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Tiberi, MACD
William Bernard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ann McCauley, SWCDM
Dean Rogge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Tony Barone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Also in Attendance:
Roddy Rost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Beck-Water Committee
Bob Peterman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Bostrom-DNRC
Bob Breipohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stacey Barta-DNRC
Steve Hedstrom	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Frost-MRCDC
Judi Knapp	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Shows-NRCS
Shirley Parrot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin Ferris-Olsen-MWCC
Don Youngbauer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jim Simpson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Pete Woll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Gary Giem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steve Granzow	<input checked="" 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: 7:34

Approve December Minutes (action item)

Dwight Crawford move, Shirley Parrot seconds. Motion passes.

Financial Statement- There are a few discrepancies from what one would expect in the financial statement. The convention bill has not been paid yet as we are working out some details, dues notices have not been sent out yet, and one payroll is missing. Jim Simpson moves, Steve Granzow seconds. Motion passes.

Public Comment

n/a

Discussion

- 1) **NACD Convention-** Resolution 15-3 was passed by NACD with some minor changes. Steve Hedstrom put together a report that about the convention that was sent to the districts, please see for more details.

- 2) **Washington D.C Trip-** Jeff Tiberi topics for D.C: follow up on Waters of the United States, update on the court case while in D.C., 404 assumption in the state of Montana, drought resiliency, sage grouse update, bison issue- looking for info from Elena, Dean and Rachel from the

Denver trip. Research resolutions particularly the one NACD passed. Take resolutions to D.C. for an FYI as to what Montana has been doing. Confirmation from John Tester's office to meet with them, Jason Weller to meet with us also. Scott Brown will be going to D.C. instead of Jane. Jeff Tiberi possibly meeting with Paul Ryan. Would like a specific topic to bring up if he does meet with him.

3) **Committee Meetings-** Starting this upcoming week. Soil and land use committee meeting 2/10/16 @ 7:30. District operations meeting 2/11/16 @ 7:30. Education and Water meetings start next month.

4) **Dues and Outreach to Districts-** We are a little behind on sending out dues notices as we are trying to make sure everything is correct. We would like districts to inform us if there are in any errors. MACD and SWCDM need to send a report out to the districts as to what we are doing. Failure to do so may affect our dues. Make sure Administrators get information out to board members.

5) **Agency Reports**

SWCDM- Doing our best to create success and work with other agencies. Assisted Lake CD with the Winter Grazing Series. We have received a lot of application for the positions: program manager interviews this week, water position interviews next week. Range tech and SGI position have received a good number of applications and there is a

meeting this week to move forward with the interviewing/hiring process for these positions. Our goal is to get many districts involved in the hiring process for these positions. We will try to get someone from Valley CD to be on the SGI interview.

DNRC- Mark Bostrom-North Dakota has had a major cut back in their budget and have asked state programs for a 4% cut on their biennium budget. Seeing a little bit of the same thing in Montana because of the oil price dropping. Looking into it to see how it affects our natural resource funding. Coal severance tax and natural resource funding reflects back on the general funding.

Stacey-Winter grazing seminar was a success. 170 people in attendance. Received a lot of great range tech application and will be scheduling interviews after this week. Rachel, Stacey, and Ann have been working on this.

NRCS- Jerry Shows on for Lisa Coverdale- Working through administration transformation, Lisa is in Denver working on this. Strike Force initiative: new program for poverty stricken areas with the goal to increase participation NRCS programs.

Dean Rogge: A supervisor from Bismark would like to be involved in the Bison issue in Montana because the quarantine bison going into Fort Peck and they feel it is too close to them.

6) Possible Next Meeting: 2/10/16

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:29