



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Draft Executive Committee Meeting

Date: April 10, 2017

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karl Christians, DNRC	
Dean Rogge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Martin, DNRC	
Tony Barone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Hinz, Valley	
Roddy Rost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Holzer, MSCA	
Bob Peterman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Tyrrel, Lower Musselshell	
Bob Breipohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Curt Roseman, Lake CD	
Steve Hedstrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Judi Knapp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Shirley Parrot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Youngbauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Jim Simpson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Pete Woll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Gary Giem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Daryl Stutterheim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Dwight Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Conference Call

Monday, April 10, 2017

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Call to order

Approve March minutes – Shirley Parrott motions. Roddy Rost seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Public Comment - None

Discussion

1) Financial Update - *On the 2016 profit and loss, the cost for convention is higher as the cost for both 2015 and 2016 are shown. This is due to changes in management at the Holiday Inn in Missoula. Ann McCauley and Elena Evans will be meeting with Wendy Weissman to gain more assistance in working through Quickbooks errors. We had hoped that this is something that Anderson ZurMuhlen would assist us with as they advertise these services but have not received adequate service. A temporary loan from SWCDM to MACD was categorized as Misc. Income. And went back out in Reimbursements. There are a number of different reports that come out of Quickbooks directly. Discussion of staff turnover and issues with accounting occurred. Elena Evans will call Carie Hess to talk with her regarding Quickbooks. We will have a full report ready for Spring Board and can send out to the Districts following the Spring Board.*

2) Policy/Legislative Update – *HB344, the Coal Bed Methane Bill, was discussed in Senate Natural Resources on Friday. Audio isn't up but the committee did concur. Elena Evans will do more background to see what next steps are. Elena Evans could not be in Senate Natural Resources as SB313, the Floodplain Bill, was in House Natural Resources. Unfortunately, the House Natural Resource Committee tabled SB313. Much of the outreach that DNRC and the Floodplain Managers conducted did not incorporate the amendments that were made to the bill as a result of the hearing in the Senate. It is also late in the session and Floodplain permitting is complicated to explain. It's also unlikely*

that FEMA will provide any clarification as to whether the bill would or would not endanger floodplain insurance. Jeff Ryan stated that we need to have more letters coming into legislators as an association to back up the resolutions that are passed. The legislature is hoping to get out soon but still has to consider infrastructure bills and SB367 in particular. More information is available through the News from the Front.

3) Committee Update – *There were a number of committee meetings and Elena Evans is hoping to move this information forward following the legislative session.*

4) Dues Update – *33 districts have paid.*

5) Convention and Spring Board Update/Planning – *Valley is meeting on Wednesday and will provide a letter as to whether they will host the convention following that meeting.*

6) Staffing update – *April West, administrative assistant, has provided two weeks notice. As the position is budgeted for, we can advertise as soon as possible.*

7) Other – *Shirley Parrott makes a motion to donate \$100 to the Jan Fontaine Memorial Fund. Mark Suta seconds the motion. Motion passes.*

Partner Updates

1) SWCDM update – *These items will be discussed on the SWCDM call on Wednesday.*

2) NRCS update – *N/A*

3) DNRC update – *Karl Christians will be doing some webinars that will also be put online. 223 grants are due toward the end of*

the month. Karl Christians said he is good friends with Jan Langel and wants to work to address SB313. Karl Christians said he was not surprised the bill failed.