



MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/9/2017

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 type="checkbox"/>	
Tony Barone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Coverdale, NRCS
Roddy Rost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Holzer, MSCA
Bob Peterman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Brown, MSCA
Bob Breipohl	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karl Christians, DNRC
Steve Hedstrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lauri Zeller, DNRC
Judi Knapp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Shirley Parrot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Don Youngbauer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jim Simpson	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pete Woll	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gary Giem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steve Granzow	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Daryl Stutterheim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dwight Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Meeting Called to order at 7:27

Approve December minutes- Shirley Parrott motions to approve minutes, and Dwight Crawford seconds the motion. Motion approved.

Accept financial report and postpone SWCDM transfer- Steve Hedstrom motions to postpone transfer. Gary Geim seconds motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment- N/A

Discussion

Rangeland Resource Executive Committee Nomination - MACD provides nominees to the Governor's office for appointment. Elena sent out information to the districts to seek interest.

Names of Nominees- Neil Barnosky, Rick Sandru, Sigurd Jensen, and Dave Hayden.

Steve Hedstrom will speak with Stacey Barta for more information regarding this nomination.

This issue will be discussed further at the MACD executive meeting.

Bison Association Meeting Update - Steve Hedstrom and Dean Rogge were present for this meeting. Dean Rogge attended a private meeting with Ron Stoneberg, and the Bison Association. The meetings went well and the concerns with the ordinances decreased by the end of the meeting.

Committee Appointments – Bruce Anderson would like to

be on the Water Committee. He is also part of the Milk River Watershed Alliance.

Dues Update – Dues Committee met for the first time last week and would like to meet in person in Helena and obtain more information. Dues notices have not been sent out because the information from the Department of Revenue has not yet been received. The next Dues Committee meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Legislative Update – There were appointments to the Department of AG and FWP. Ben Thomas was appointed to the Department of AG, he previously worked for the USDA. Martha Williams has been appointed to the head of FWP, she previously worked for FWP counsel and is a University of Montana Law. Patrick Holmes has been appointed as a Natural Resource Advisor. There were 2 hearings last week. One was on Senate Bill 39 and MACD testified in support of this bill. The second was House Bill 83, an election law clean up. MACD is in support of this bill as well. There will be more hearings this coming Friday.

Other – Valley CD may want to change the date of convention.

Partner Update -

-NRCS

- CFP signups are going on right now.
- David Pratt retired and John Siddoway retired.

- There will be 5 Grazing workshops in January and there are 3 Soil Health Workshops in January.

-DNRC

- Thanks to the MACD office for their efforts to the Legislative session
- 310 workshop in Harlow with the Musselshell CD.
- DNRC and Lewis & Clark CD to meet regarding their resolution and upcoming programs.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 am