



MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Spring Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/16/16

Attendance:

MACD Board Members:

Others in attendance:

Jeff Wivholm	Harold Elderidge, Bitterroot CD
Mark Suta	Elena Evans, MACD
Pete Woll	Ann McCauley, SWCDM
Steve Hedstrom	Jessica Makus, SWCDM
Gary Giem	Bobbi Vannattan, Rosebud CD
Jim Simpson	Julie Ralston, Bitterroot CD
Roddy Rost	Lisa Coverdale, NRCS
Dwight Crawford	Jerry Shows, NRCS
Judi Knapp	Lori Valadez, NRCS
Shirley Parrott	Keri Bilbo, NRCS
Bob Breipohl	Laurie Zeller, DNRC
Dean Rogge	Mark Bostrom, DNRC
Willie Bernard	Karl Christians, DNRC
Absent:	Dave Martin, DNRC
Bob Peterman	
Steve Granzow	
Darryl Stutterheim	
Tony Barone	

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Discussion

Approval of May Minutes, Shirley Parrot motions to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Willie Bernard. Motion approved.

Convention- Julie Goss, from Area 1, has been working on convention and things are coming together.

Finances/Budgets/Reports

- **Dues report-** Dues are on pace for this year as dues went out a little later than scheduled.
- **Financial report-** MACD is keeping on track with the budget. We will incorporate a few new things into the financial report such as technology expenses, website, etc. The office account has funds for office repairs. We do not currently have an office equipment expense line. The motion to change the fiscal year to calendar year was approved by the executive board for both organizations. With this change the budget will be approved as convention before the year starts.
- Roddy Rost motions to move the fiscal year to calendar year for both organizations. Motion seconded by Jim Simpson. Motion approved.
- Jack Judisch has resigned from his position as Treasurer that he has held for 9 years. Gary Geim has agreed to take on this position.
- Dwight Crawford motions to approve Gary Geim as Treasurer. Motion seconded by Pete Woll. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Water Committee- Resolution 15-1 was passed at the 2015 convention. On May 18th there was a meeting of stakeholders for projects regarding floodplains. The committee has intentions of keeping better documentation and keeping floodplain permitting in order. The committee is considering possibilities of doing 404 permitting on a local level. They are exploring the option of more localized control of 404 permitting through conservation districts.

Education Committee- Elisha Dempsey is working on this committee. There have been a few conference calls with little progress made thus far.

Soil and Land Use Committee- Steve Tyrell is heading this committee. There will be a quarterly meeting identifying issues for this

Ad-Hoc Committee- Outlining what the Dues committee will be addressing. They are working in identifying the timeline for dues notices. This process should be easier now that the fiscal year for MACD has changed to calendar year.

District Operations- No resolutions thus far but they have been working on SWCDM By-Laws.

Resolution Update

15-1 The Water Committee has put a significant amount of time and work on this, including putting together a larger meeting with partners. The path forward is not clear but may involve legislation.

15-2 The board of oil and gas has changed the document to say 310 permitting instead of stream crossing permitting.

15-3 This resolution was moved forward to NACD and passed, with some changes. The thought is that this will be helpful in providing some feedback to BLM Planning 2.0 process.

MACD Policy Approval

- **Conflict of Interest Policy**
- **Whistleblower Policy**
- **Code of Ethics Policy**

Conflict of interest and Whistleblower policies are required to file 990 documents. Code of Ethics is highly recommended for this as well. These policies will be updated and approved yearly.

Dwight Crawford motions to approve these policies with the amendments spoken of previously at SWCDM meeting. Motion seconded by Dean Rogge. Motion approved.

- **Personnel Policy**

This policy was retrieved from The Montana Non-profit Association with changes made to reflect State personnel policy for certain items.

Jim Simpson motions for MACD to adopt the personnel policy as amended. Motion seconded by Roddy Rost. Motion approved.

Area Meeting and Convention Update

- How to deal with resolutions that come forth from Districts that have not paid their Annual Dues. According to MACD By-laws, if Districts have not paid Dues or have not been excused from paying dues, they may not bring resolutions forward. Also, districts that have not paid dues may not vote at convention.
- Possible time for Area reps to introduce themselves.
- Local area director, that is not up for election, is supposed to host the Business meeting of MACD and election.
- Resolution Timeline- All resolutions need to be submitted to the board by Sept. 1st and must be passed by the Area prior to submission.
- Areas need to submit names for election prior to convention/area meetings.
- Nominees for Area Director should be sent in to MACD by Sept 1 to create a ballot for elections. There will be a line left for write in nominees.
- One vote per district for the Area director.
- Proposed changes to the By-Laws need to be submitted by Sept. 1st and must go through district operations.
- Districts can set their own individual deadlines for nominees, resolutions and by-law changes and submit them to Elena at any time.
- Jim Simpson motions that MACD requests Districts submit nominations, resolutions, and bylaw changes by Sept 1st also stating this does not preclude write in nominees and nominations from

the floor. Resolutions and proposed by-law changes submitted after Sept 1st will not be reviewed until the following year. Motion seconded by Dwight Crawford. Motion approved.

Facilitator Training offered to supervisor and administrators. Working with Dan Clark and MSU to coordinate a Facilitator Training October 17th special invite to area reps. Possibly located in Great falls or Lewistown. MRCD to cover any training cost with a small fee for lunch.

Special Guest Lieutenant Governor stopped in to say thank you for the work we do and our partnership with the state of Montana.

MACD work plan include Organizational Directives and Communication Directives

Dean Rogge motions to close the MACD Business meeting Jim Simpson seconds. Motion Approved.

MACD Meeting adjourned.