



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

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Draft Board Meeting Minutes
Date: October 9, 2017

Attendance:

MACD Board Members:

Others in attendance:

Jeff Wivholm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elena Evans, MACD
Mark Suta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Martin, Lewis and Clark CD
William Bernard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bernadine Wolfchild, Hill County CD
Dean Rogge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tony Barone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Roddy Rost	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bob Peterman	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bob Breipohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steve Hedstrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Judi Knapp	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shirley Parrot	<input 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"/>	
Mike Hansen	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Daryl Stutterheim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dwight Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Monday, October 9, 2017

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Call to order

Approve September minutes – *Dwight Crawford motions to approve minutes. Willie Bernard seconds the motion. All in favor.*

Accept Financials – *Jim Simpson motions to approve minutes. Steve Hedstrom seconds the motion. All in favor*

Public Comment – N/A

Discussion

- 1) **Committee Updates** – *The Bylaws Committee has incorporated comments from the Area Meetings that are typos or to add clarity. Steve motions that the Board move these forward as the bylaws that will be voted upon at the Convention. Dwight seconds the motion. All in Favor. The Committee on Committees will be meeting at the office on Thursday at 11:30 prior to meeting with Liz of the Montana Nonprofit Association. The Executive Committee had nothing to report.*
- 2) **Area Meeting Updates** – *The Area Meetings were generally well attended and quite positive. We had one resolution come in regarding working with agencies to ensure invasive species are not spread through ATVs and boats. Discussions of the proposed bylaw changes were engaging and districts were interested.*
- 3) **Convention Update** – *People are getting excited about the Convention. The room block is full at the Holiday Inn but we do not have the corresponding number of registrations. When people book more hotel rooms than they will use, it hurts the % of the room block that we fill and can make the Convention more expensive.*
- 4) **Budgets** – *Elena will be working with staff this week to prepare draft budgets for the Board to review. It would be nice to have the Board review prior to the Convention. Dwight moved to have the Executive Meeting on the 23rd changed to a full board meeting to review the budget. Don Youngbauer seconded the motion. All in favor.*
- 5) **Policy** – *Elena has attended the Environmental Quality Council, the Water Policy Interim Committee, and the Legislative Finance Committee to represent the interests of the Conservation Districts. She is also staying apprised of*

the revenue and discussion of a special session. If there is a special session it will likely be the week of, the week before, or the week after the Convention. As a result, Elena is planning for back up coverage at Convention.

6) Other

MACD Board Meeting adjourned 8:09

Partner Updates

1) Call SWCDM Meeting to Order

***a) BPMC - BSWC, Improvements** – Jeff Wivholm and Elena Evans attended the most recent BPMC meeting. Shirley presided at the meeting but was unable to make this meeting so asked that we relay the events. BPMC staff is very short as a result of the NRCS hiring freeze. Elena, as a partner in the BSWC program, was able to work with Joe and the program to secure a member and some funding to have a BSWC member at the center next year. The BPMC board voted to support this member with \$2500 from the remaining funds budgeted for seasonal support. The other major consideration was voting to approve improvements such as siding, roofing, windows etc. to the out buildings. Dwight motioned that SWCDM approve up to \$48,000 for improvements at the BPMC. Don Youngbauer seconded the motion. All in favor. The BPMC committee will also be looking at the rental contract with NRCS as that will be up for renewal soon.*

***b) Montana Rangelands Partnerships Hire** – Emily Standley, our MRP Range Tech in Lewistown, will be starting a job with MSU-Extension at the end of the month. As this is a contract position and in the budget, we will be rehiring with the MRP committee. Please direct anyone who you think may be good for this position to the announcement.*

c) SWCDM updates and opportunities – Lisa Coverdale has had a number of conversations with Mark Suta, Jeff Wivholm, and Steve Hedstrom about the assistance SWCDM could provide by having a contract for all partner positions across the state so that NRCS has fewer contracts to manage. SWCDM and districts are the longest standing partners with NRCS so Lisa thinks it is a good fit.

SWCDM adjourned 8:32.