



Montana Association of
Conservation Districts

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Approved Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12th, 2018

Attendance:

MACD Board Members:

Others in attendance:

Jeff Wivholm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elena Evans, MACD
Mark Suta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Hedt, NRCS
William Bernard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Demmel, NACD
Dean Rogge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karl Christians, DNRC
Tony Barone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Martin, DNRC
Roddy Rost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bob Peterman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bob Breipohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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 type="checkbox"/>	
Pete Woll	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gary Giem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mike Hansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Daryl Stutterheim	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dwight Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Conference Call

Monday, February 12th, 2018

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Call to order

Public Comment

Approve Minutes – *Dwight motions to approve. Dean Rogge seconds the motion. All in favor.*

Accept Financials – *Judi Knapp moves to accept the financials. Shirley Parrott seconds the motion. All in favor.*

Discussion

1) Committee Updates – *The MACD Bylaws committee is the same as the SWCDM Bylaws committee and is focused on SWCDM work at this time. The Committee on Committees may be meeting at the strategic planning. The full board is invited to Executive Committee meetings and these are important in order to talk through things that are occurring throughout the month.*

2) Strategic Planning – *It is important that those Board members who are not attending the meeting fill out the survey. Every Board member should fill out the survey. Elena went over logistics and the schedule.*

3) Calendar of Events – *Area 1 has offered to host the convention in Billings. Area Meeting hosts have been contacted and as soon as these dates are confirmed we will send out a calendar of MACD Events.*

4)MACD Budget – *Budget subcategories in updated budget after the changes made at the Tuesday Board meeting did not get totaled and as a result the total is different. All subcategories that were approved are still included. MRRIC dues are for a NACD representative to attend MRRIC meetings. This was not included in our budget so it is brought forward here. After discussion, there is more information needed and this is tabled until next meeting.*

5) MACD Loan to SWCDM – *This loan is no longer needed thanks to the hard work of NRCS in getting payments through.*

6) Area Updates – *Jim Beck traveled around to give updates on water rights as a result of HB110. Western Grazing conference was well attended. There will be an Area 5 training on March 29th in Polson.*

7) Other – *None for the sake of time.*

Partner Updates

1)NRCS – *Tom Hedt – Tom is down to the last few weeks in his acting detail. Astor and Tom are in discussions about transferring to another acting state conservationist. Tom thanked everyone in the partnership and the hard work of the NRCS staff in the state. NRCS is still not hiring at this point. There are also some strategic directives coming from DC that will likely impact staffing at the local level in Montana. This is something that NRCS wants to work with MACD on.*

2)DNRC – *DNRC is putting their budget to give to the Governor for the next session together. The recommendation is that it is not likely to recover all funds. The priority for the CD Bureau at this point is to retain administrative funds which are currently going to be lost due to a one time only fund transfer. The administrative funds provide 30 people across the state with jobs and enable 30 districts to function.*

Dean Rogge motions to adjourn. Dwight Crawford seconds. All in favor.