



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

# MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12th, 2018

### Attendance:

#### MACD Board Members:

Mark Suta  
 Jim Simpson  
 Jeff Wivholm  
 William Bernard  
 Dean Rogge  
 Tony Barone  
 Roddy Rost  
 Bob Peterman  
 Bob Breipohl  
 Steve Hedstrom  
 Judi Knapp  
 Shirley Parrot  
 Don Youngbauer  
 Pete Woll  
 Gary Giem  
 Mike Hansen  
 Daryl Stutterheim  
 Dwight Crawford

#### Others in attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pat Anderson, Phillips County CD and Committee Chair
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elisha Dempsey, Teton CD and Committee Chair
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elena Evans, MACD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ann McCauley, SWCDM/MACD
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Shows, NRCS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lori Ziehr, NRCS
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Holzer, MSCA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Brown, MSCA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laurie Zeller, DNRC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Bostrom, DNRC
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## Conference Call

**Monday, March 12th, 2018**

**7:30 – 8:30 AM**

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by President Mark Suta at 7:35 a.m.

**Public Comment.** No public comment.

**Feb 12 Minutes.** Motion by Jeff Wivholm to approve minutes; second by Mike Hansen. Discussion: Mike Hansen noted that he was on the Feb 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, but he is not

marked as present in the minutes. Motion to approve Feb 12<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended to include Mike Hansen. All in favor; motion carried.

**Feb 26 Minutes** – Motion by Jeff Wivholm to hold off on the minutes until next Executive Board meeting; second by Gary Giem. All in favor; motion carried.

**NRCS Update:** Lori Ziehr, the acting NRCS State Conservationist, introduced herself and discussed the permanent State Conservationist hiring timeline and her role as acting. Permanent state conservationist should be in place by July. Lori also noted that a new permanent NRCS Chief appointment should be coming soon too, and that NRCS does have a representative working on the 2018 Farm Bill, but as an agency, NRCS doesn't have any specifics on what it may or may not include yet.

**Revised 2018 Budget.** Motion by Dean Rogge to postpone budget approval until further amended and to be discussed at next full board meeting, second by Steve Hedstrom. All in favor; motion carried.

**February Financials.** Motion by Steve Hedstrom to pay monthly bills and approve financial statements, second by Jeff Wivholm. All in favor; motion carried.

### **Strategic Plan Summary, Mark Suta.**

**1) Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals.** Motion by Jeff Wivholm to approve Mission Statement; second by Don Youngbauer. Discussion on who was in attendance at Strategic Planning. Elena went through the attendees there: board members (Mark Suta, Jim Simpson, Dean Rogge, Steve Hedstrom, Jeff Wivholm, Willie Bernard, Don Youngbauer, Mike Hansen, and Gary Giem); committee chairs (Pat Anderson, Elisha Dempsey, Steve Tyrrell); and staff (Ann McCauley and Elena Evans). No further discussion. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Gary Giem to approve Vision Statement, second by Steve Hedstrom. No discussion. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Dean Rogge to approve Values, second by Bob Peterman. No discussion. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Don Youngbauer to approve Goals, second by Dean Rogge. No discussion. All in favor; motion carried.

**2) Discussion on next step strategies** – Next step is to distribute board approved Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals to districts and ask that they contact their Area Directors with feedback. This will be discussed at next full board meeting. Board has a goal of working on strategies and actions at Spring Board meeting. Bob Peterman noted that he was impressed with strategic planning outcomes.

**DNRC Update:** Laurie Zeller talked about the recently announced planning grant money through DNRC, but that only 2 conservation districts applied. Laurie asked the board for feedback on why there weren't more districts applying for these funds and help in finding ways to increase participation. Mark Bostrom provided an update on the Conservation District Administrative Grant funds in the 2017 legislature switching to one-time-only and how in the upcoming legislative budget it will be important to bring this funding back as not one-time-only. This a priority for DNRC in their next budget. DNRC will be providing a budget to the Governor's office by mid-April.

**Hiring Committee Update, Mark Suta.** Mike Hansen motions to have President form a hiring committee to take the appropriate actions toward the goal of hiring a permanent Executive Director. The hiring committee shall make a final candidate recommendation to the full board for approval. Second by Gary Giem. Steve Hedstrom noted that the MACD bylaws state that the MACD Board of Directors select the Executive Director. All in favor; motion carried.

#### **Area Updates:**

Area 1: Dean has been invited to go to Valley County Conservation District this week.

Area 3: Steve Hedstrom asked if any Area Directors were invited to the Area 3 administrator meeting held a few weeks ago. Tenlee Atchison, Cascade administrator, answered that directors were not invited and she apologized that they weren't. Tenlee also commented that the MACDEO is working on updating their bylaws and she will be the MACDEO representative on MACD calls this year.

**Call to Adjourn.** Motion by Dean Rogge to adjourn, second by Roddy Rost. Meeting adjourned.