



MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Draft Board Meeting Minutes
Date: January 8th, 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 type="checkbox"/>	
Daryl Stutterheim	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dwight Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Monday, January 8, 2018

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Call to order – 7:33

Public Comment – N/A

Approve Minutes – *Dwight Crawford moved to approve. Shirley Parrott seconded the motion. All in favor.*

Accept Financials – Jeff Wivholm motions to approve. Judi Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor.

Discussion

1) Committee Updates – The Bylaw Committee is continuing to work on SWCDM and is focused primarily on composition of the board. There will be a SWCDM call at noon on Wednesday. The Committee on Committees has not met but may meet when in town for strategic planning as that will also give more direction. Mark recommends to the board that Elisha Dempsey is Education Chair, Pat Anderson as District Operations Chair, Jeff Wivholm as Water Chair, and Steve Tyrrel as Soil and Land Use Chair. This item will be on the agenda for next meeting. No further updates from the Executive Committee or standing committee.

2) Finalize Strategic Planning Date and Facilitator – Blake Christensen and MSU-EX was selected as the Facilitator and the date finalized as Feb 22nd and 23rd.

3) Legal Bill – Steve Hedstrom motions to split the legal bill between both organizations. Dean Rogge seconded the motion. All in favor.

4) Calendar of Events – Area 1 may be interested in hosting in Billings. Elena will see if Mile High is interested and if so proceed with booking in Mile High and if not then we will begin discussion with Area 1.

5) Ray Beck Retirement – See the announcement that was sent out. A number of MACD directors will be in attendance. There is a request for RSVP.

6) Area Updates – *Deerlodge will have their livestock seminar on Friday and Saturday. Sheridan and Daniels will be having their joint Christmas party.*

7) Other – *There will be several people attending NACD in Nashville so please be sure that your flights etc. are all lined up.*

Partner Updates

DNRC – *Karl - Refile if you are up for reelection. Fire Grants are due Wednesday. The 310 Committee is meeting on the 18th. Granite CD is having a meeting on Wednesday about water rights. Sweet Grass has funds for water related projects.*

MSCA – *Jane - NRCS has selected MSCA for RCPP so there is funding for the next 5 years for saline seep projects and groundwater investigations. The funding goes to landowners and some additional funds for NRCS.*

NRCS – *Tom – NRCS has not advertised for State Conservationist yet. It is still a high priority. The department is asking questions about where and how staff are assigned so headquarters is looking at that. Montana has been assigned a workload analysis but it is in preliminary stages. Allocations for EQiP 19 million for the state. 12 million for general EQiP, 4.5 for sage grouse and then the rest goes to other initiatives. Staff will also be working on assessment of easements etc.*

SWCDM - *SWCDM has a signed contract for siding on the buildings.*

Dean Rogge motions to adjourn. Dwight Crawford seconds the meeting. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned – 8:44.