



# MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Board Meeting

**Date: March 13, 2017**

### Attendance:

MACD Board Members:

Others in attendance:

Jeff Wivholm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elena Evans, MACD
Mark Suta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Tiberi, MACD
William Bernard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dean Rogge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Shows, NRCS
Tony Barone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Holzer, MSCA
Roddy Rost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Coverdale, NRCS
Bob Peterman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Frost, MRCDC
Bob Breipohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karl Christians, DNRC
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Gary Giem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Daryl Stutterheim	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jeff Ryan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dwight Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**Meeting Called to order 7:35 am**

**Approval of February Minutes** – Dwight Crawford motions to approve, Shirley Parrott seconds the motion. Motion passed.

**Accept Profit and Loss Attachment** – Gary Giem motions to approve, Judi Knapp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Public Comment** – N/A

**Discussion**

**NACD Update**

- The resolution regarding irrigation infrastructure was amended and then passed at NACD.
- The new president of NACD is Brett Van Dyke out of New Mexico.
- MR CDC is thinking about traveling to Washington DC, MACD suggests to go in June at the earliest or more ideally, September.
- If no one from MACD can attend the NACD fly in Steve Hedstrom suggests to send letters to make contact.

**Dues Update**

- There has been a good number of dues payments coming in.

- We were a little behind in terms of sending dues out in January because we had to wait for the Department of Revenue to send us information prior to sending out dues notices.

### **Convention Update**

- Discussion regarding changing the Convention dates to November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> instead of the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>. The board approved moving the Convention to November 8-10<sup>th</sup> at the request of Valley CD.

### **Policy Update**

- There were several minor bills that came forward this last week that involve conservation districts.
- We are continuing to work on floodplain statutes and working to create exemption for small restoration projects.
- Jeff Tiberi and Elena will attend a meeting at 9 a.m. regarding an update on AIS.

### **Other**

- Mark Suta meet with Jim Simpson to discuss future plans and goals. In the future, he would like to implement a second vice president, possibly 1 from the eastern side of the state and one from the western side.

### **Partner Updates**

#### **NRCS**

- Lisa Coverdale went to Denver for the NACD meeting. The new acting chief of NRCS is Leonard Jordan.

- NRCS most likely will not be present at the NACD fly in due to travel cap.
- NRCS is at their highest vacancy rate in many years and is looking at one of the historically highest years for obligating contracts.

## **DNRC**

- Our admin grant applications will be sent out this month.
- RREC is meeting on 3/17/16 at the Rotunda.
- AIS grants are available for conservation districts.
- There is a boot camp coming up for training conservation districts and partner members on planning and facilitating.

## **MSCA**

- Scott Brown will be attending the CRP workshops and Jane will fill in where he cannot attend

**Meeting adjourned 8:39 a.m.**