



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Draft Committee Meeting

Date: May 8, 2017

Attendance:

MACD Board Members:

Others in attendance:

Jeff Wivholm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elena Evans, MACD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Suta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Tiberi, MACD	
William Bernard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karl Christians, DNRC	
Dean Rogge	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Martin, DNRC	
Tony Barone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Coverdale, NRCS	
Roddy Rost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Bob Peterman	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>		
Jim Simpson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Pete Woll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Gary Giem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Daryl Stutterheim	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dwight Crawford	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Conference Call

Monday, May 8, 2017

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Call to order

Approve April minutes – Jeff Wivholm moves to approve. Willie Bernard seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Public Comment - None

Discussion

1) Financial Update – *Judi Knapp moves to accept. Steve Hedstrom seconds. No discussion. Motion passes.*

2) Spring Board – *Jim asks about bylaw review during spring board. Bylaws reviewed by lawyer before board meeting. Elena addresses question – working with ED of MT Non-Profit Association (MT NPA) to guide updates with MACD/SWCDM bylaws. Jim asks about room reservations – Elena replies that room reservations are already taken care of at Jorgensons. Must cancel reservations a week prior to meeting. Question from Jim about EO meeting; any role in board meeting? EO inquired about possibility of Q&A session with MACD. Will take place the 14th. Discussion regarding consultation with ED of MT NPA. Pete Woll motions to hire facilitator, Liz Moore, for up to \$750. Jim Simpson seconds. Motion passes. Further discussion about hiring lawyer for advice on bylaw updates. Called for a management service agreement between MACD and SWCDM. Karl suggests contacting other statewide CD orgs and viewing their bylaws as a guide. Pass on approving attorney consultation for bylaws. Propose working through these issues at spring board meeting.*

3) Convention Update – *The Holiday Inn in Bozeman has been secured for convention and reservations have been made for everyone (travel not covered). Suggestion from Liz on speaker Chris for conventions (cleaned trash out of Mississippi) and looking for other speakers. Zinke as option for speaker, also reaching out to other congressional delegates. NACD president*

proposed as attendee/speaker. Gallatin writing 223 grant for speaking costs.

4) Process documents – *Clarifies processes for bylaws and resolutions. Steve Hedstrom motions to approve and sent it out. Jim Simpson moves to second. Discussion to word it so that districts are aware that it can be changed with their input. Steve changes motion to reflect that and will approve it at spring board. Jim seconds. Motion passes.*

5) Dues Update – *No change in dues since update emailed out. Steve asks if dues are coming in at same rate as in the past – Elena addresses question. Discussion about producing financial statements for districts.*

6) Area meetings – *Has Glacier moved Area 3 meeting? Unknown. Dates sent out with annual calendar, but Elena wants to nail down dates.*

7) Staffing Update – *One applicant for April's old administration position, which has been open for two weeks. No interest expressed by board to review.*

8) Travel for NACD leadership meeting – *Attend in Nebraska, ask for approval of out-of-state travel costs. Jim makes motion to approve attendance of meeting for three people. Steve seconds. Motion passes.*

Partner Updates

1) NRCS update – *Ranking CSPs, obligating EQIP. Taking a little longer to process these given staff shortages. Turnaround is 2-3 weeks. Numerous upcoming events are listed in newsletter. Meeting with Laura Demol – regional rep for NACD.*

2) SWCDM update – *Ian presented in Forsyth, and is headed up to Great Falls for pollinator outreach. Also constructing*

demonstration garden in yard. Travel budget update: over 111 miles, it is cheaper to use a rental vehicle and pay for gas rather than doing straight mileage reimbursement. Heading to this to be more efficient in costs.

3) DNRC update – 223 grant application deadline passed a week ago. At least a dozen applications received. RCAC meeting moved to June 5th in Billings. Should be solvent for district administration – similar amounts to be given to districts as previous year. May 31st, webinar on 310s. Milk River Watershed Alliance/MRCDC River Rendezvous, June 27th.