

**MACD BOARD CONFERENCE CALL
AUGUST 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Suta at 7:34am and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Suta PRES	William Bernard 1	Bob Peterman 2	Shirley Parrot 4	Mike Hansen 6
Jim Simpson VP	Dean Rogge 1	Bob Breipohl 3	Don Youngbauer 4	Daryl Stutterheim 6
Gary Giem TREAS	Tony Barone 2	Steve Hedstrom 3	Pete Woll 5	
Jeff Wivholm 1	Roddy Rost 2	Judi Knapp 4	Bill Naegeli 5	

PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Bostrom, DNRC

JULY MINUTES: Motion to accept by Shirley Parrot, Steve Hedstrom seconded. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Question on Ann’s salary coming out of MACD budget (like vacancy savings as Executive Director was not present). Mike Hansen motioned to accept as presented, Gary Giem seconded. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

Mark welcomed Dan to his first meeting. Dan discussed that he is excited to be working with the Association and thanked the group for the opportunity. Several meetings have been attended: Mark Suta, Jim Simpson, Steve Hedstrom, DNRC, involved in DNRC Deputy Director hiring committee. We have an opportunity to move the MACD/SWCDM ahead. Dan is looking at the foundation from the bottom up, we have lots of partnerships to develop, several issues with regard to operations and strategic planning. Need to highlight that we need to do this as a team. Dan indicated that he is blessed with the Helena staff. The goal behind this effort is to engage everyone; an association is only as good as the level of engagement by the members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION TO ACCEPT CURRENT BUDGET AND CONTINUE TO MONITOR OVERALL EXPENDITURES. Put on as a marker because the admin category showed an overage. Whereas, bottom line the committee picked up that we had only expended 35% of the budget with 50% or the year remaining. Mark commented that travel had exceeded due to hiring a new ED and that now we just needed to monitor the budget. Salaries are going to be way under as Ann had continued to pay herself from SWCDM and it will be picked up through management fee for just her time. The entire issue was just a heads up. The next item will address the issue directly. Because this was a discussion item, there is no motion really necessary; the full-board could accept the Executive Committees action. Mark stated the main idea was to make sure everyone was aware of the budget and that we need to watch it in the future. No motion needed, committee comfortable with continual monitoring of the budget.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION REGARDING INTERIM ED PAYROLL. Dan explained that the pay for the Interim ED duties was paid directly from SWCDM. Executive call recommended that a letter be developed stating that the pay would be taken care of by MACD paying SWCDM for Ann's time. At the time, the MACD budget has a windfall in the salary section. Ann's time as the Interim ED will run through the end of August. It is estimated that the cost will be around \$11,100; the final will be calculated once Ann's actual hours have been realized. At that time, a contract letter will be developed from MACD to SWCDM stating the total funds expended. The letter will include a list of the expenses included (SUTA, FUTA, SSI, Work Comp and etc). The books will show a line item under Payroll for each organization: MACD (Interim ED contract expense)/SWCDM (Interim ED contract income).
 - a. Mike Hansen moved to accept the letter approach with a one- time transfer to cover Interim ED expenses. Gary Giem seconded. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

3. APPOINT SWCDM's 7 MEMBER BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Jim Simpson (MACD VP), Jeff Wivholm (MACD Director), Mike Hansen (MACD Director), Roddy Rost (MACD Director), Gene Evans (Dawson County Supervisor), John Anderson (Ruby Valley CD Supervisor), & Roger Hybner (Carbon County CD Supervisor). Question that all have agreed to serve; yes, they have. According to the by-laws we have 3 supervisors and 3 non-area supervisors plus Jim Simpson.
 - a. Judy Knapp moved to accept nominees as presented. Shirley Parrot seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

4. ADD DAN McGOWAN TO OPPORTUNITY BANK ACCOUNT AS SIGNATORY
 - a. Roddy Rost moved to add Dan to the Opportunity Bank Account. Jeff Wivholm seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION TO FOLLOW 2017 CONVENTION FUNDRAISING OPTIONS FOR 2018. Mark explained that the Executive Committee agreed that we should follow the same process for fundraising as last year.

PARTNERS:

Mark Bostrom has received several letters with regard to the 310 Permit funding loss. John Tubbs will send out a letter of explanation and discuss the way forward. Mark and Laurie will work on convening a focus group to discuss the various things we can do. Dan will be a big part of that effort to collectively come up with a solution. The state has traditional funding from the mil levy, coal severance tax, and augmented with general fund. Requesting some general fund restoration; put in for more on-time funding. With the coal tax slide, we need to look at other ways to get funding setup, stabilize funding and improve operational efficiencies and reduce costs as well. The letter will be going out today. If you have any questions, call Mark or Laurie.

Don Youngbauer just came on and offered that Yellowstone River District Conservation Council has a meeting coming up. They are also meeting with the State Conservationist. Working on some efforts to

find different funding; looking at opportunities to find private funding. They have had some good responses and looking to get away from state funding.

Mark Suta: Still in the mode of introducing Dan. If there is something you would like to discuss with Dan, let him know. When we started the process of hiring the new director, we agreed to start looking at the dues program. Dues is still a viable program we still need to work on. Looking for suggestions; do we need to get the dues committee up again. Mark's goal is just to make it better. We want to be like the Yellowstone River Council and try not to rely on the State so much. We are also looking at a legislative committee or a team to handle legislature. Let's not forget about area meetings coming up. Daryl Stutterheim, Bob Breipohl and Shirley Parrot have resigned their positions; we will have three new board members. Try to help out filling those positions. Supervisor's summit is coming up the end of August (29th & 30th).

Dan discussed the hiring of the new DNRC Deputy Director. Approximately 20 applications, interviews for the finalists will be this week on Wednesday and Thursday. A meeting is scheduled for Friday to review the interview information. Dan expects DNRC will make some type of announcement next week.

Dan discussed the District Dispatch; a new MACD/SWCDM communication piece that will share current happenings, provide important information to the districts, allow the districts to share successful projects, and keep everyone informed during the legislative session. The TMC will still be circulated to our wider audience and provide the more global information about conservation as a resource tool. Dan looks forward to the districts input for the circulation to make a difference; the whole point is to benefit the districts.

Dan discussed Mark's comment about developing a legislative committee and he will work with him on that subject. The Dispatch will be circulated twice a month; the circulation will move to weekly during the legislature to keep everyone aware of what is happening. There may be a need to have districts come in to testify, especially when it comes to funding. Funding issues are critical and we will need to weigh in on the subject, but most other issues may only be informational in nature.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 - 7:30AM

Don Youngbauer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hansen seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 am.