



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

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MACD BOARD CONFERENCE CALL SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Suta (PRES)	William Bernard (1)	Bob Petermann (2)	Shirley Parrott (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: Steve Tyrrell,

Tom Watson (NRCS): Meeting with Tom Watson and we agreed to set up a meeting with the core group quarterly. Tom wanted to say hello and introduce himself; looking forward to meet everyone during the Area Meetings. He is trying to get around to field offices to meet partners; talking to many folks who want to bend his ear. Tom subscribes to partnerships not agreeing all the time, but we can move forward. Tom is attending all the Area Meetings; he will be traveling by himself to incorporate his other scheduled meetings.

AUGUST MINUTES:

- Motion to Approve: Bill Naegeli
- Seconded: Shirley Parrott
- Discussion: None
- VOTE: Minutes approved as submitted; no corrections

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

- Motion to Approve: Judi Knapp
- Seconded: Bob Petermann
- Discussion: None
- VOTE: Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

1. INTERIM ED PAY: Total of \$14,570.75

Contract Letter and Invoice will be developed for the files. Wanted to make sure Ann had been paid; confirmed – we are just reimbursing SWCDM.

2. BANK SIGNATORIES: Executive Committee reaffirmed adding Dan McGowan and removing Elena Evans. Dan will circulate the documents during the Area meetings to obtain signatures.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SWCDM 990: Executive Committee moved to the full Board to see as it is a requirement of the IRS tax filing. Ann and Dan reviewed the document and did not find anything out of line.
 - Motion to Approve: Steve Hedstrom approve as prepared.
 - Seconded: Bill Naegeli
 - Discussion: None
 - VOTE: Motion Passed
2. BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION: Executive Committee recommended recognizing Shirley Parrott, Bob Breipohl, Daryl Stutterheim, & Dwight Crawford with a plaque at the annual convention for their years of service on the Board. Plaques run approximately \$40each.
 - Motion to Approve: Dean Rogge
 - Seconded: Bill Naegeli
 - Discussion: Shirley commented that we only do certificates; we are setting a precedent that has never been done before. Mark commented that it probably should be done for that many years of service.
 - VOTE: Motion Passed
3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Executive Committee accepted Dan's recommendation to form a Legislative Committee. The group recommended that the Executive Committee act as the Legislative Committee per an option in the by-laws engaging interested individuals to testify when necessary.
 - Motion to Approve: Judi Knapp moved to accept Executive Committee as the Legislative Committee
 - Seconded: Steve Hedstrom
 - Discussion: Steve indicated that it was in terms of having something done for this legislative session and in the future we may do something different. Dean asked how the Executive Committee felt about the legislative issue; Dan explained that they agreed to take on the task during their meeting. Executive Committee will reach out to individuals that have expertise on some issues. Bob Petermann thought it would be a good idea to send the names of the Executive Committee members on Legislative Committee to the Areas. Dan indicated he would put the contact information in the Area Meeting packets and email to all administrators.
 - VOTE: Motion Passed
4. RAFFLE ITEMS FOR THE CONVENTION: Need 3 raffle items for the convention so raffle tickets can be prepared and distributed at the Area Meetings. Staff and Board have helped in the past in obtaining the items. Jim Simpson has a horse collar with a stained glass cowboy. IDEAS????
 - Motion to Approve: Dean Rogge motioned to approve 3 raffle items
 - Seconded: Pete Woll

- Discussion: Jeff Wivholm donated a Traeger last year; he will go to Murdochs and get something. Dean thought a rifle is a good; Dan will check with Sportsman's Warehouse. Jim's horse collar will be included.
- VOTE: Motion Passed

Dues discussion will be on the next meeting agenda. Language should be sent out to administrators. Will send out to administrators so everyone will have the information. Dan will work to get a spreadsheet for the Area Meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Resolutions
 - Lincoln CD for coordinating possible solutions to reinstate funding the 310 permit application process.
 - Broadwater CD requests MACD to work with Utility companies to control noxious weeds.
 - Wibaux CD requests MACD to put a stop to government buying private land. Dean clarified that a supervisor is to protect the tax base of a district and government buying property threatens the tax base.
- Central and Eastern MT Invasive Mussel Early Detection/Response Partnership Agreement; Executive Committee approved signing because the deadline date was before the full Board meeting.
- Nine individuals will be traveling together to attend the Area Meetings.
- Preparing the packets for the Area Meetings
- Range Tour attendance
- Working with Laurie Zeller and Jeff Wivholm to review the Resolution process document. Need to clarify the resolution process, follow-up of resolutions, and Committee responsibilities: Steve Tyrrell. Really need this completed by convention: Dean Rogge. Past years, we have given an update on resolutions. Prudent to give an update at the convention. Steve Tyrrell: Soil and Land Committee was given a resolution and have not received any follow up. Bill Naegeli indicated that the chairman of the committees gave a report at the convention and then voted on future direction.
- LWCF SUPPORT LETTER – Jess Peterson of Western Skies Strategies: jeff@wssdc.com – simply email Jess affirming your support. Dan indicated that this was passed onto the Board, but not as an MACD issue. If they wanted to support individually that was the board member's prerogative. Steve Hedstrom indicated that a resolution came out of Montana to not include money spent for new land acquisitions. Steve indicated he would send the NACD information regarding LWCF and he could forward it to me.

Supervisor's Summit: Mark indicated that it was a great event. Legislative panel mock bill presentation and addressing the legislators was good as we received comment from the 4 panel members. Governor presented. Mark and Dan's portion talked about what might happen in the future and it solidified where we are heading. Dan commented that the group seemed optimistic regarding MACD progression. Don Youngbauer enjoyed the conference and thought it was good training.

PARTNER COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 8, 2018 - 7:30AM

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: Dean Rogge

SECONDED: Don Youngbauer

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:46