



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

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MACD BOARD MEETING AGENDA NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Suta at 8:36 am 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:

President Suta welcomed the board to the meeting and asked the group to set a positive tone for the convention.

Dan acknowledged the retiring board members and their replacements.

OCTOBER MINUTES:

- Motion to Approve: Bill Naegeli
- Seconded: Judi Knapp
- Discussion: There was no discussion
- VOTE: Motion carries

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

- Motion to Approve: Gary Giem
- Seconded: Jim Simpson
- Discussion: Jim Simpson asked about fixed assets and what those entailed (furniture and equipment). Bob Peterman said that at the last meeting he mentioned putting together a budget and passing it out to the districts. He asked whether that had happened. Dan addressed the question by acknowledging the role of the board to manage the organization, and that if districts have questions about the budget they should ask their Area representative, rather than the staff presenting the budget to all of the districts. There was general discussion about past questions from districts, and how similar questions should be handled in the future.
- VOTE: Motion carries

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2017 990 REVIEW AND APPROVAL
 - Motion to Approve: Jim Simpson
 - Seconded: Dean Rogge
 - Discussion: There was no discussion.
 - VOTE: Motion carries

2. 2019 MACD BUDGET MOVED ON FROM EXEC. COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL
 - Motion to Approve: Bill Naegeli
 - Seconded: Mike Hansen
 - Discussion: Dan described his approach to putting together the budget and explained the page. (in the packets).
 - a. Dean Rogge commented that he thought we should increase the travel budget so that board members can travel to DC, as has happened in the past.
 - b. MOTION MADE by Jim Simpson to increase the travel expense by \$5000, predicated on the cash flow at the time of the request and whether there is enough money in the budget at that time to support the increase. Pete Woll asked why the legislative fund, which has been designated for state legislative work, couldn't be used for DC travel. Dan said that part of it was because that money is generated by the auction at convention, and he wasn't sure if there were restrictions on that fund. There was some discussion as to whether the intent of the fund was to include federal as well as state legislative travel. Mike Hansen asked how much flexibility discretion there was to make ad hoc budget decisions during the year. Several board members said that they thought there was a policy for that, but it might have been just for capital expenses. MOTION seconded by Dean Rogge. Gary said that he wondered whether we should set a dues threshold to increase the travel budget. There was general agreement that the motion covered that well enough as written. MOTION CARRIES.
 - c. Dan wrapped up covering the projected budget.
 - d. Shirley Parrot commented that one thing that could be increased if some work was put into it, was to find more people to become associate members.
 - e. Mike Hansen commented that he felt the motion that just passed was fine, but was really only a bandaid. He feels that a policy should be developed to allow overages within certain boundaries in the future. Dan said that he sees two things happening: 1) we need to redefine the L&E fund to include federal legislative travel; 2) we need to develop a policy for how unexpected income could be spent in future contingencies. Jim Simpson recommended that an overage spending policy discussion should be sent to the finance committee.
 - f. Gary commented that he wasn't sure the math in the income section was correct. Line "Total Events" should be \$57,000 rather than \$59,000. That changes the Total Income line to \$175,500.
 - g. MOTION MADE by Dean Rogge, seconded by Shirley Parrot, to amend the motion to approve the budget as amended in comment F. There was discussion that this then

shows a loss. Dan said that the dues estimate could be increased by \$2000, because Rosebud and Valley have indicated they'll be paying. MOTION CARRIES.

- h. MOTION MADE by Roddy Rost to amend the budget to increase the estimated dues to \$118,000. Seconded by Jeff Wivholm. MOTION CARRIES.
- VOTE: MOTION CARRIES.

Other Old Business:

- Jim Simpson brought up the topic of Area Director terms.
- Jim asked whether we would be having a goals review for Dan. That can happen on Friday.
- MOTION MADE to direct the executive director to research and evaluate the pros and cons as well as all aspects of a merger between MACD and SWCDM and to work with the district operations standing committee to make a recommendation to the board on this topic by the 2019 Spring Board meeting. Seconded by Dean. Jeff Wivholm noted that the motion will also have to be brought into the SWCDM board meeting as well, since that is another board and they will be affected. Mike Hansen asked what was entailed by "all aspects", he felt that was a broad target and could be a sinker. Jim Simpson mentioned several aspects that he felt were included. John Anderson (SWCDM Board) asked what this would mean for all the work that has just recently been done to establish the SWCDM board and bylaws, and whether that work would go out the window. There was general discussion about the purpose of separating the two organizations in the first place, and the confusion and financial transparency that separation has created. Dan said that he felt the directive was just to research the efficiency of the organizational structure, and to present that to both boards. Jim Simpson said that he wanted it to be made clear to the districts throughout the process that there are good and bad things about every possible setup. MOTION CARRIES.
 - Gary commented that he felt that someone from the SWCDM board should be included on the district operations standing committee.
 - Jeff Wivholm asked whether there was funding needed for this research.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2019 MEETING CALENDAR
 - a. Mike Hansen commented that the proposed convention date should be moved to the week before Thanksgiving, as has traditionally been done. (As presented: Nov 12-15; As amended: Nov 18-21)
 - Motion to Approve as amended: Roddy Rost
 - Seconded:
 - Discussion: There was no discussion.
 - VOTE: Motion carries
2.
 - Motion to Approve:
 - Seconded:

- Discussion:
- VOTE:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS: Dan gave the director's report, which was shortened due to time constraints. Highlights:

1. L/C PERMITTING PROJECT: similar to what was tried by Lewis & Clark in 2017 and did not pass legislature.
2. MEETING WITH GOVERNOR
3. DNRC/MACD LEGISLATIVE SYNOPSIS PROJECT
4. UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE PREPARATION – 11/28 (10:00 am – 2:00 pm – HELENA)
5. FOREST IN FOCUS 2.0 MEETING
6. RESOLUTION PROCEDURAL POLICY

PARTNER COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 16.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: Dean Rogge

SECONDED: Mike Hansen

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:11 am.