



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

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MACD BOARD MEETING DRAFT MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRESIDENT JIM SIMPSON AT: 7:33 am

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Suta (PRES)	William Bernard (1)	Bob Petermann (2)	Steve Schanaman (4)	Mike Hansen (6)
Jim Simpson (VP)	Dean Rogge (1)	Steve Hertel (3)	Don Youngbauer (4)	Rick VanDyken (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, Dave Martin, Elisha Dempsey, Laurie Zeller

DECEMBER 10, 2018 MINUTES:

- Motion: Rick Van Dyken moved to approve
- Seconded: Roddy Rost
- Discussion: No additions or corrections
- VOTE: Motion carries

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Motion: Bill Naegeli moved to approve
- Seconded: William Bernard
- Discussion: Dan indicated the biggest difference was gained by lower salary and the amount gained from convention
- VOTE: Motion carries

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPOINT WATER STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR – PAT REILLY, ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR – LOWER MUSSELSHELL CD. PAT WILL BE REPLACING JEFF WIVHOLM. The by-laws state a supervisor can be appointed; it does not distinguish between associate supervisor or supervisor.
 - Motion: Jeff Wivholm motion to approve Pat Reilly
 - Seconded: Steve Schanaman
 - Discussion: Jim pleased to see we have included associate supervisors for standing committees
 - VOTE: Motion carries

2. APPROVE SELECTION OF 2019 CONVENTION LOCATION: We received bids from the Hilton Garden Inn and the Red Lion in Kalispell for the convention. The bids are similar with regard to room costs. The big difference is that the Hilton Garden Inn requires a minimum \$15,000 food charge to receive complimentary meeting rooms. The Red Lion requires a minimum \$7,500 food charge to receive complimentary meeting rooms. The host CD (Lake) visited the Red Lion and recommends the facility for the convention.
 - a. Motion: Don Youngbauer motioned to approve
 - b. Seconded: Pete Woll
 - c. Discussion: Jim Simpson indicated the Red Lion is in the shopping mall in Kalispell. There is a separate room for socializing and will be only for our participants.
 - d. VOTE: Motion carries

3. RESOLUTION PROCEDURAL POLICY: This policy replaces the resolution piece of the “process document” referred to in the current by-laws. A policy is recommended over inclusion in the by-laws to facilitate future required changes in a less cumbersome manner. A working group met at the 2018 convention to include many board members and the standing committee chairs to review a strawman procedure Dan had drafted. The biggest difference in the policy is the deadline feature and the step-by-step process. The deadlines were introduced to improve the ability of the districts to meet their open meeting and consideration requirements. The review suggested several changes and those have been incorporated into this final draft. The review of the final draft from the working group members received a couple of comments and those have been incorporated (emergency situations and defining agent more clearly). Dan recommended the board approve the new document as the Resolution Procedural Policy.
 - Motion: Bill Naegeli motioned to approve resolution procedural policy
 - Seconded: Don Youngbauer
 - Discussion: Jeff Wivholm asked about proxy voting; Dan indicated that the CDs can appoint an agent and the CDs need to let us know. Steve Hedstrom said we will see a reduced vote; he will not vote for because it is strung out too long. Resolutions will need to be submitted by end of April. Nationally we can do this in 60 days. Dan indicated the timeline was done because districts brought it up. Dean Rogge said their district would not like going out that early. William Bernard indicated that their district wouldn’t care for the timeline because it is too long – we need to shorten it. Dan explained the open meeting requirement – asked by Steve Tyrrell. Steve Tyrrell discussed that the case-by- case one would be the default. Steve Hedstrom thought this should go back to committees on committees for review and rehash; districts will not submit resolutions under this process. Steve Tyrrell likes the idea of cutting some time off and six months seems too long; committees will benefit from further study.
 - VOTE: Motion did not carry.
 - Steve Hedstrom motioned that the chair approves a subcommittee to review the policy and make recommendations. Dean Rogge asked why it couldn’t be sent to district operations. Steve Hedstrom rescinded his motion. Jeff Wivholm thought that was a good place for it to land. Jim Simpson referred the procedure to the District Operations Committee for further review.

4. **STANDING COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** A working group met at the 2018 convention comprised of some board members and the standing committee chairs to discuss qualifying the roles and responsibilities of the MACD Standing Committees. The by-laws establish the authority for the standing committees, but did not delineate the true roles and responsibilities. Dan drafted the outcome of the meeting into a policy and sent the draft out to the group for comment. Some additional suggestions were made, but these are already covered in the by-laws and normal meeting process. Dan recommends the board adopt the final draft as the MACD Standing Committee Roles & Responsibilities Organizational Policy.
 - Motion: Jeff Wivholm moved to approve
 - Seconded: Steve Hedstrom
 - Discussion: Steve Hedstrom asked for clarification on the sunset dates. Dan explained the reason for reconciliation. Standing Committee will make a recommendation to the Board. Steve Hedstrom asked if the Board should make the decision or the Business Meeting membership. Jim Simpson recommended the recommendation could be brought up at the annual meeting. Dean indicated that it would be more transparent if the recommendation went to the full membership. Jeff Wivholm thought the board could handle that; it would turn into a free for all if they all go back to convention. Steve Hedstrom indicated that at national they do all in one motion and make allowances for any particular resolutions that need extra consideration. No motion to amend moving the recommendation to the Business Meeting.
 - VOTE: Motion carries

5. **AUTHORITY FOR ED TO REQUEST HB2 DNRC BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND CDs: DNRC has taken some significant hits in their budgets and the result is less money for CDs. Director Tubbs is expecting MACD to request additional funding for CDs under Section C of HB2. The legislative brochure outlines the funding shortfalls to bring CDs Administrative funding up to \$30,000/\$50,000/\$65,0000; cure the shortfall for processing 310 permits; and to consider ways to fund 310 permit funding as the result of a disaster. Dan feels it is necessary for the Board to grant him authority to work this issue during the session.**
 - Motion: Rick Van Dyken motioned to approve Dan to move forward
 - Seconded: Bob Petermann
 - Discussion: John Tubbs can only support the Governor's budget.
 - VOTE: Motion carries

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** The Legislative Committee is conferencing each Friday at 8:30 am. The effort is run by consensus and direction provided to Dan for the upcoming week of the session. The District Dispatch will be put out each Tuesday with updates from the session activities.
 - a. DNRC Budget, Schedule C, is set to be heard on the 28th-30th of January. Tuesday, the 29th, is when public comment will be heard. DNRC is expecting us, MRCDC, & YRCDC to pack the room. Suggestions to the Legislative Committee with respect to who should be present to represent MACD and tell the local story is appreciated. Dan is working with those on the committee to make them aware that an amendment will be requested to the DNRC budget. Telling the local story will be very important after Dan introduces the issue.

2. MEET AND GREET: The event is scheduled for 1/24 from 5-9pm at the Montana Club on the 2nd floor. To date we have 10 entities sponsoring the event (including MACD and SWCDM). The cost for the event will be split between the sponsors. Each legislator will receive a flyer for the event and it will be introduced on the floor of each house on the day of the event.
3. MEETING OF THE MINDS: The first meeting of the minds with the key partner (DNRC, NRCS, MACD, Salinity Association, MRCDC, & YRCDC) leaders went very well. The beginning discussion centered around what each entity expected to achieve via the effort. The group will be engaging in open discussion regarding the road ahead for soil and water conservation in the state.
4. GROUP INSURANCE UPDATE: The ad hoc insurance committee held its first meeting on January 7th in Great Falls. Summit Insurance presented the concept to the group. After the presentation, the group platted the road ahead. The first step will be a survey to be completed by the district administrators and supervisors allowing Summit to define the program sideboards. The intent is to have a recommendation for the Spring Board Meeting.
5. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE: Dan and Gary have discussed this concept and have not had a chance to meet yet.
6. NACD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS: Grants are available and Ann will be reaching out as she did the last go-a-round to engage involvement in the grant process.
7. LEGISLATIVE BROCHURE: The printed version of the brochure will arrive today and will be used to educate the legislators. The electronic version has gone out to the districts for their use when speaking with their legislators.

PARTNER COMMENTS: Laurie said NRCS has been talking about funding at their meetings and the districts are concerned. Jim Simpson said they talked about landscape projects to be funded by NRCS. William Bernard indicated they had talked with Andy and they are reaching out to community for input (1/29). Steve Hedstrom indicated the range committee met with Tom Watson and they are looking at larger landscape projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 11, 2019 – 7:30AM CONFERENCE CALL

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: Roddy Rost

SECONDED: Don Youngbauer

VOTE: Motion carries