



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

# MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## MACD BOARD DRAFT MINUTES MAY 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Suta at 7:42 am. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 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:

#### APRIL 8, 2019 MINUTES:

- Motion to Approve: Bill Naegeli
- Seconded: Jeff Wivholm
- Discussion: None
- VOTE: Motion Carries

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Motion to Approve: Gary Giem
- Seconded: Judi Knapp
- Discussion: None
- VOTE: Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS: None

#### 1. MACD VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES:

- Motion to Approve:
- Seconded:
- Discussion: Mark commented that it is time to start thinking about it. Jim is ready to step up and take the President position.
- VOTE

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIORITIZATION RECOMMENDATION:** Jim Simpson brought up several priority issues that will need Dan's attention and recommended MACD put the 501 merger issue on the back burner for the time being. Issues include: MACo Insurance, BPMC financial alignment, Convention, Spring Board Meeting, and wrapping up the legislature.
  - Motion to Approve: Mike Hansen
  - Seconded: Pete Woll
  - Discussion: None
  - VOTE: Motion Carries
  
2. **CASCADE CD DUES PAYMENT LETTER REQUEST:** The Executive Committee discussed the partial \$2,000 payment from Cascade CD and their request for complete financial information and overview with personnel. The committee agreed with Dan's recommendation to send Cascade a P/L statement with no budget columns, a Balance Sheet, and inform them that the Finance Committee reviews all checks and credit card charges monthly.
  - Motion to Approve: Steve Hertel
  - Seconded: Mike Hansen
  - Discussion: Gary Giem indicated that the financial statement gives them anything they asked for. Bill Naegeli indicated they should not receive anything regarding personnel matters. Steve Hertel asked about the district dues - \$11,215.88. Mike Hansen indicated that most membership organizations provide certain services for full dues. Bill Naegeli asked if they work at all with the director in that area? Mark indicated they don't do much with us; this is something we need to be continually working on to make sure it is formatted in the right way.
  - VOTE: Motion Carries
  
3. **NACD AUXILIARY TICKETS/DUES:** NACD Auxiliary sent MACD a request to sell 60 tickets for their quilt and a \$50 membership dues. There is no record that Montana paid any kind of dues in 2018 for this initiative.
  - Motion to Approve:
  - Seconded:
  - Discussion: Steve Hedstrom is not aware that they put out a request for dues. Normally the tickets had gone to Steve. Dan will send them Steve.
  - VOTE:
  
4. **MACDEO CONVENTION CASINO NIGHT SPONSORSHIP:** A non-profit can conduct (members) with a reasonable amount for administrative expenses (not to exceed 50%) and proceeds only going to a civic charitable or educational purpose. Suggest funds go into the L/E fund with the amount tagged for MACDEO (requires tracking).
  - Motion to Approve: No motion on the item
  - Seconded:
  - Discussion:
  - VOTE:

**5. SCHOLARSHIP APPROVAL:** The Education Committee reviewed 8 applicants for MACD \$500 Scholarships. MACD generally provides 2 scholarships each year paid through the Memorial Fund. This year, the committee recommended Hailey Barkley and Brady Kazmier. Elisha Dempsey, committee chair, thought the board should consider Alexander Young as well because the student is part of the conservation family. Dan Young (Richland CD chair) is Alexander's father. Elisha checked with two other committee members and they agreed the Board should consider the 3rd applicant. Dan reviewed all the recommended applicants and they all have excellent recommendations, grades, conservation passion, and look to be excellent candidates to receive the MACD scholarship for 2019. The Memorial fund is currently at \$31,364.26.

- Motion to Approve: Mike Hansen moved to approve 3 applicants.
- Seconded: Judi Knapp
- Discussion: Bill Naegeli indicated the 3rd applicant wasn't just considered because of a family tie; the applicant stood out with the other two as the top three. Bob Petermann asked if the applications require that they take some type of agricultural courses? Dan indicated that all three are pursuing some type of agricultural or conservation type degree.
- VOTE: Motion Carries

5. STEVE HEDSTROM TRAVEL APPROVAL to the NACD Regional Meeting.

- Motion to Approve: Gary Giem (registration and hotel)
- Seconded: Jeff Wivholm
- Discussion: Steve attends the Northern Plains regional NACD meeting; this year it is in Nebraska. Registration \$185 and two nights in a hotel. Steve will drive down and cover mileage. Steve Hertel asked the official name of the conference: NACD Northern Plains Region. Steve Hedstrom our region is the first meeting of the year with NACD officer attendance. Steve Hertel asked because there is also a Northern Plains Conservation Network partnering with World Wildlife Fund.
- VOTE: Motion Carries

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- Motion to Approve:
- Seconded:
- Discussion:
- VOTE:

7.

- Motion to Approve:
- Seconded:
- Discussion:
- VOTE:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- **CONVENTION UPDATE**
- **LEGISLATURE UPDATE**
- **BPMC UPDATE**

- **LETTERS SENT: SWEET GRASS CD RESPONDED AS REQUESTED, NO RESPONSE FROM MILE HIGH, LEWIS AND CLARK TO BE DISCUSSED AT SPRING BOARD MEETING**
- **AREA MEETINGS SCHEDULE**
  - a. **Area I – Valley CD – Glasgow**
  - b. **Area II – Dawson CD – Glendive**
  - c. **Area III – Judith Basin CD – Location TBD**
  - d. **Area IV – Big Horn CD – Hardin**
  - e. **Area V – Bitterroot CD – Hamilton (Woodside)**
  - f. **Area VI – Ruby Valley - Alder**

PARTNER COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: SPRING BOARD MEETING 6/10-12

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:

SECONDED:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT am