



# MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## MACD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 27th, 2020

## Meeting Minutes

### Committee Members Present:

Dean Rogge	Jim Simpson	Mark Suta
Gary Giem	Judi Knapp	Roddy Rost

**PARTNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT:** Stephanie Adams, Steve Hedstrom, Jeff Wivholm

Meeting called to order by Jim Simpson at 7:31 AM

### Minutes from June 22nd:

- Motion to Approve: Gary Giem
- Seconded: Dean Rogge
- VOTE: Motion Carries

### Standing committee activity and assignments

Jim: The Education Committee is fairly active right now with regular meetings. No other reports or committee assignments at this time. Pat Riley (Water Committee) and several others were involved in developing letters regarding the Saint Mary's Diversion.

### Soil Health - Legislative Committee

Stephanie previously received an email from the Natural Resource Defense Council regarding soil health legislation. Jeff Tiberi will be in contact with NRDC to obtain more information.

### Missouri River Team: Invoice for 2020

The Missouri River Team submitted a \$400 invoice. It was expressed that MRCDC usually splits this invoice with MACD. Steph mentioned that MRCDC approved their ½ of the payment last week.

- Motion to Approve paying ½ of the Missouri River Invoice: Dean Rogge
- Second: Gary Giem
- VOTE: Motion Carries

### Area Meetings & Agenda Items

Steph provided a draft Area Meeting Agenda for virtually formatted Area Meetings, which was discussed with hosting CD Administrators. The Executive Committee discussed various aspects of the agenda and virtual format, citing concerns for attendance if the meetings were held virtually. Jim mentioned that CD supervisors could possibly still meet within their county and call in-to the Area Meeting as a group. Counties may differ depending on their current COVID situation. Steph urged that once a decision was made, that we stick with that decision as to not cause confusion and frustrations with hosting Administrators.

### **Longevity Pins:**

Jim asked the committee about their opinion on 5yr Longevity Pins, citing that it is often difficult to obtain accurate information and each year mistakes are often made. The Executive Committee asked that we continue with the Longevity Pins, but that if CDs do not respond to a request for information, that we do not overextend ourselves on obtaining that information. Jim will follow-up with Melissa on this.

### **Develop the next full Board meeting agenda**

- Area Meetings & Agenda Items
- Progress Reports on:
  - Virtual Area Meetings
  - Virtual Convention
  - Merger Committees
  - New ED assignments
    - Research and help CDs apply for COVID relief funding
    - Begin developing a new merged set of Bylaws with assistance from Steph
- Review of Dues income and/or letters
- SWCDM Communications Director Vacancy
- SWCDM invoice to MACD for interim assistance to MACD
- The second round of 2020 NACD Tech Grants

### **Open Mic**

Steph: SWCDM recently purchased a Zoom subscription and is planning to purchase updated computers/laptops with the Business Adaptability COVID Relief reimbursement program. Steph provided a recommendation that MACD also utilizes this opportunity to purchase the ED a new computer/laptop as the current one is outdated and slow. Laurie Zeller also previously contacted Steph about MACD using their relief funding to purchase equipment for interested CDs who do not qualify for the Business Adaptability program. Ultimately, The Executive Committee was in favor of the new ED getting a new computer but that they should wait to purchase this until more research is done on the types of funding assistance and how CDs may be able to tag into MACD's reimbursement. *(The Business Adaptability program is for a one-time reimbursement request for up to \$5,000 for technological equipment & software. You must be registered with the Secretary of State to be eligible. MACD and SWCDM both qualify, but individual CDs do not because they are Local Government. There are other programs directed at Local Government.)* Some Committee members also mentioned an interest in obtaining updated tech. equipment for Board members. We will ask Rebecca to look into this.

### **Adjourn at 8:15 AM:**

- Motion: Dean Rogge
- Seconded: Roddy Rost
- VOTE: Motion Carries