

A resolution to combine the Montana Association of Conservation Districts, a 501(c)(4) and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana, a (501(c)(3).

Whereas the 58 Conservation Districts formed a State Association in the 1940's as a 501(c)(4) and formed a second association to hold property and manage programs in the 1970's as a 501(c)(3): and

Whereas the existence of two entities creates confusion regarding each entities purpose; and

Whereas the cost of operating two entities is more expensive than a single entity; and

Whereas the 501(c)(4) operates solely on dues from Conservation Districts and the 501(c)(3) operates solely on program income; and

Whereas the 501(c)(4)'s ability to seek other sources of operating funds is limited because entities that could donate operating funds will not contribute money to an organization that is organized to lobby; now therefore be it

“resolved”, that the 501(c)(4) be dissolved, its assets be transferred to the 501(c)(3) and that the name of the 501(c)(3) be changed to “The Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD), all to become effective on January 1, 2021; and

“resolved”, that MACD will continue to provide member defined services as well as hold property and manage programs.

Submitted by the Lake County Conservation District. Contact Heidi Fleury at 406-676-2841.

A resolution to approve a set of bylaws for the new MACD

Whereas The Montana Association of Conservation Districts will be dissolved on January 1, 2021 and its assets conveyed to the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana; and

Whereas the name of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana will be changed to the "The Montana Association of Conservation Districts; and

Whereas a new set of bylaws is needed to reflect the combination of the two entities; therefore be it "resolved" that the attached set of bylaws be voted upon by the membership of MACD.

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