



MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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2020 MACD BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2020

11:40 AM - Virtually via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Simpson at 11:40 am. A roll call was taken and 36 districts in good standing were present.

APPROVAL OF 2019 MINUTES:

- Motion to Approve: Steve Wanderaas
 - Seconded: Steve Shanaman
 - Discussion: None
 - VOTE:
 - 35 Yes
 - 1 Abstain
- MOTION CARRIES

RESOLUTIONS:

1. 20-01 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)

Steve Hertel recommends a due pass via committee

- Motion to Approve: Steve Hertel
 - Seconded: Elliot Merja
 - Discussion:none
 - VOTE:
 - 34 Yes
 - 1 No
 - 1: Abstain
- MOTION CARRIES

2. 20-02 A Resolution for the Study of Erosion on the Flathead River

Jeff Wivholm recommends a due pass via committee

- Motion to Approve: Mike Hansen
 - Seconded: Rick VanDyken
 - Discussion:none
 - VOTE:
 - 31 Yes
 - 4 No
 - 1 Abstain
- MOTION CARRIES

3. 20-04 To Approve a Set of Bylaws for the New MACD

Steve Hertel recommends a due pass via committee

- Motion to Approve: Steve Hertle
 - Seconded: Steve Wanderaas
 - Discussion: none
 - VOTE:
 - 34 Yes
 - 1 No
 - 1 Abstain
- MOTION CARRIES

4. 20-05 A Resolution to Have MACD and NACD Work Nationally on a Coordinated Program for AIS Prevention

Jeff Wivholm recommends a due pass, as amended, via committee

- Motion to Approve: Steve Shannaman
 - Seconded: Monte Billing
 - Discussion: None
 - VOTE: unanimously in favor
- MOTION CARRIES

5. 20-06 VCCD Resolution Providing Critical Habitat Thru the Milk River System for Pallid Sturgeon

Jeff W committee recommended due pass as amended via committee

- Motion to Approve: Kurt Hansen
- Seconded:Gene Granada
- Discussion:none
- VOTE:
 - 35 Yes
 - 1 Abstain

MOTION CARRIES

6. 20-07 Requesting the Montana Legislature to Stop Basin Adjudications by the Montana Water Court Until the Vested Surface Stockwater Rights are Adequately Addressed in the Montana Water Use Act

Jeff Wivholm recommends a do not pass via committee

- Motion to Approve: Mike Hansen
- Seconded: Gene Granada
- Discussion: Cascade Conservation District asks if this resolution is dead since it did not get a due pass in committee. It is explained that all resolutions that come before the committee also come before the full body regardless if they pass committee or not. It is coming out of committee with a recommendation the voting body can accept that recommendation or not.

Bob Peterman states that this resolution is trying to stop land owners from giving their water rights to the government, If he could he would vote yes.

Jeff Wivholm explains why the committee gave this resolution a do not pass in committee. He states that it would hold up irrigation water rights and it would delay the adjudication process.

Valley Conservation District states that this resolution has nothing to do with irrigation, it is strictly stockwater rights

Gary Giem mentions that the way this resolution was written, it does not just focus on stockwater rights.

- VOTE:
 - 13 yes
 - 17 no
 - 6 abstain
- MOTION FAILS

20-03 did not make it to the business meeting since it was exactly the same and 20-01, so Lake County Conservation District removed the resolution to prevent confusion

2021 MACD BUDGET:

Jim Simpson: MACD did not submit a budget for review due to not knowing if they would accept the merger, since the budget will be different due to the merger. In December you will receive a budget of the two merged organizations for your review digitally.

PARTNER COMMENTS:

Rebecca Boslough: Most partners submitted printed partner reports and they can be found on the website.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: Steve Wanderass

SECONDED: Dean Rogge

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 12:23 pm