

MACD Soil & Land Use Standing Committee
February 12th, 2021 8:00 AM

Attendees:

Chair: Steve Wanderaas - Area 1	Steve Hedstrom - Area 3	Paul Rosenberg - Area 5
Jay King - Area 1	Don Youngbauer - Area 3	Mike Hansen - Area 6
Roddy Rost - Area 2	Steve Tyrrel - Area 4	Herb Argabright - Area 6

Other attendees: Stephanie Adams, MACD.

Chair

Steve Tyrrel recently stepped down as chair of the Soil & Land Use committee. Steve Wanderaas has taken the chair position. Jay King and Paul Rosenberg have also recently joined the committee.

Draft Potential MACD “Policy/Stance” in regards to reviewing WSAs

Wanderaas stated that he would like to see more direction and context from MACD regarding the need for a policy in regards to WSA’s. Past resolutions pertain only to a single WSA area, as opposed to WSA’s as a whole. Tyrrel provided support to Wanderaas in approaching MACD for more context and guidance on what the goal of this topic is.

Wanderaas will reach out to Jim and/or the MACD Executive Committee.

MT Forest Action Plan / Forest Action Subcommittee

Wanderaas stated again that more direction from MACD is needed before the committee can begin work on this topic.

Stephanie provided some background to why this topic was brought to the committee: A few months back there was interest from MACD in getting involved with Forest Action in light of the MT Forest Action Plan and the RFP sent out by DNRC. Folks from MACD and partners met to discuss a possible proposal that would help get smaller districts involved in this type of work. Ultimately, it was decided that the RFP was not a good fit for MACD at this time because the RFP was focused on shovel-ready projects. However, MACD thought the committee might be able to explore other options over the next year that may result in a proposal for 2021/2022. Steve Headstrom was also a part of this discussion.

Tyrrel suggested that we step back to better define what it would mean to form a subcommittee and have clear goals and objectives identified by MACD for the committee before moving forward.

Committee agreed. Wanderaas will talk to Jim and/or the MACD Executive Committee for more details.

Process for reviewing Resolutions

Jim provided a document outline the process for which MACD would like to see resolutions 5yrs or older reviewed to see if additional action is needed, or if there is a recommendation by the committee to sunset the resolution.

Wanderaas suggested that the committee split up the duties of contacting the Area/District of the resolutions to ask if any action was taken, and if it is still relevant to that area. Committee members will report back to Stephanie (stephanie@macdnet.org), who will compile the responses in preparation for the next committee meeting where they will be discussed.

Reports/Open Mic

- **Mike Hansen:** asked if this committee needs to be involved with the ongoing Soil Heal bill that is going through the legislature.
 - Stephanie provided that that bill is under the watch of the Legislative Ad Hoc committee and MACD did approve being proponents of the bill, based on feedback received from partners. At this time, there is no action needed by this committee.
- **Steve Tyrell:** Thanked Wanderaas for stepping into the Chair position. He stated that it will be helpful if MACD could provide more formal guidelines on how this committee operates and established goals.
 - Headstrom added that we may look to NACD on how they operate their subcommittees for guidance.
- **Herb Argabright:** Stated an interest in hosting a seminar of some kind, potentially at convention, in regards to landowner solutions working with attorneys to negotiate with oil and gas drilling companies, powerlines, pipelines, etc. Linda Brander previously tried to put on this seminar but it was cancelled twice.
 - Roddy added that he worked with Linda on this and would be willing to share names of some potential speakers and what they were planning to do for the seminar.
 - Wanderaas agreed to ask the MACD board about potentially pursuing this for a Convention breakout session.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 30th 1:00 PM

Motion to adjourn

- Motion: Herb Argabright
- Second: Mike Hansen
- VOTE: Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned