

MACD Soil & Land Use Standing Committee
March 30th, 2021 1:00 PM

Attendees:

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

Other attendees: Stephanie Adams, MACD; Scott Brown, MSCA

The Chair called the meeting called at 1:06

*Note: There seems to have been a miscommunication regarding Paul Rosenberg's nomination for this committee and he would like to step down from the position.

Approve Feb. 12th Minutes:

- Motion: Herb Argabright
- Second: Steve Hedstrom
- Discussion: There was a typo under "open mic"
- VOTE: Motion Carries.

Resolutions Review:

Present committee members briefly re-caped their findings regarding resolutions. Steve Headstrom said he is still waiting to hear back from folks in Area 3. There was some discussion regarding resolutions where districts indicated that they might want to amend the resolution and what that process looked like. Rebecca briefly went over what she could find in the bylaws and resolution procedure documents, but there wasn't anything specific. She said she would add this to the District Operations committee agenda for discussion. It is likely that amendments should come from the originating district in the form of a resolution.

Wilderness Study Area Policy on Resolutions.

Wandraas discussed this topic more with MACD, in-which Jim Simpson asked the committee to explore putting together an MACD policy in regards to WSAs. Overall it was determined that the direction to develop this type of policy should come from a district in the form of a resolution.

MT Forest Action Plan

Rebecca Boslough attended and provided some background information on the conversations within MACD regarding the MT Forest Action Plan and DNRC funding opportunities. In short, last year MACD looked at the potential of applying to DNRC's Forestry RFP to obtain funds to then offer "mini-grants" to districts for projects, but the RFP was looking for shovel-ready projects. DNRC is planning to open another RFP this coming year and there was some thought that a Forestry sub-committee could dive into this topic more and determine if MACD has a role to play. Wanderass was supportive of a subcommittee.

There was discussion on how/if a Standing Committee could form a subcommittee, Rebecca said that there's no specific language of this in the bylaws but that the Education Committee did form a subcommittee and District Operations will take a look at adding that language for future clarification.

Motion to form a Forestry Subcommittee:

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Second: Steve Hedstrom
- Discussion: Discussion regarding who can join the subcommittee. The group agreed that the subcommittee could be open to supervisors, CD staff, and those with local expertise. It was clarified that this subcommittee would serve an advisory role to the Soil and Land Committee.
- VOTE: Motion Carries.

Stephanie will put together an announcement-email to the administrators and supervisors about interested folks in participating in this subcommittee.

Reports/Open Mic

- Hedstrom: Relaid that there were some discussions regarding a seminar with Northern Plains on invasive species. Northern Plains are meeting this summer, during the NACD convention. They will not have the RPG meeting. Hedstrom said that Rebecca might want to talk more about this.
 - Wandraas: interested in talking more about this at another time in giving guidance to CEMIST.
 - Rebecca mentioned that she plans to talk to Aubrey, the new Northern Plains Representative this week and will mention this topic to her.

Next meeting: Next meeting will be held mid-May. Stephanie will send out an availability poll.

Motion to adjourn

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