



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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MACD BOARD MEETING

January 10th, 2022

Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS

Dean Rogge (Pres)(1) <i>Excused</i>	William Bernard (1)	Pat Anderson (3)	Don Youngbauer (4)	Mike Hansen (6)
Steve Hertel (VP)(3)	Tony Barone (2)	Mark Suta (3)	Jim Smpson (5) <i>Excused</i>	Rick VanDyken(6)
Gary Giem (TREAS)(6) <i>Excused</i>	Roddy Rost (2)	Judi Knapp (4)	<i>Vacant</i> (5)	
Steve Wanderaas (1)	Bob Peterman (2)	Steve Schanaman(4)	Bill Naegeli (5)	

PARTNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Boslough, Steve Hedstrom, Shay Farmer, Eric Rannestad, Jeff Ryan, Dan Rostad, Shay Farmer, Stephanie Adams, Tom Watson, Kyle Tackett, Mary Hendrix, Jason Garber, Mark Bostrom.

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by Steve Hertel at 7:30 AM

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to Approve: Steve Wanderaas
- Seconded: Mike Hansen
- Discussion: Tony Barone was present at the December meeting but unable to unmute. The minutes will be changed to reflect that he was present.
- VOTE: Motion Carries

Financial Matters

Financials:

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Seconded: Bill Naegeli
- Discussion: None
- VOTE: Motion Carries

Dues Update

- Same as previous

Approval of \$1000 bonus (post-tax) for communications staff-person

Motion: Mike Hansen

Second: Bill Naegeli

Discussion: This will be \$1000 to the communications specialist. MACD will pay the taxes.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Old Business

Convention and Area Meetings

Soil Health Symposium

- February 9-10 in Billings
- Discounted rate for eligible students and interns
- Funding available from MWCC
- Registration closes January 26th

Approval of Strategic Plan and 2022 Operational Plan

Motion: Judi Knapp

Second: Roddy Rost

Discussion: This is pretty much the same plan reviewed at convention, with some minor changes. If the board needs to make changes to these plans in the future, that can be done.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Afternoon of the 25th, morning of the 26th

- Becca will send a follow-up

Merger Update

- Finalizing bank account changes.

New Business

Partner and committee updates:

Natural Resource Conservation Service(NRCS) - Tom Watson and Kyle Tackett

- There are around a dozen offices moving from 75% capacity down to 50% capacity due to covid.
- No movement on budget. Continuing resolution is through February.

MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) - Amanda Kaster, Mark Bostrom, and Stephanie Criswell

- Veronica and Hailey are the new staff. Each district will have a point-person in CDB.
- The CDB just launched a newsletter.
- The CD Directory is now available online.
- CDB is doing strategic planning and will be using a lot of the survey information that MACD gathered. They will get information from districts in three easy 1)Forum on January 27th

- 2)Written input (or a phone call to Steph). 3)Meeting with the RCAC.
- 310 Training in Miles City on February 2nd. They are going to Stillwater the next day for 310 training and touring.
- **(Dir. Kaster) Sage Grouse:** The BLM announced in November that it would kick off scoping. They will do an EIS and are looking to open all plans for Sage Grouse in the west. Montana has had great success with the Sage Grouse Program. (MACD has four partner positions for the Sage Grouse Initiative, funded through NRCS). Being involved from the beginning with the planning and scoping process will be important. This covers the entire state
 - Public Comment is now open through Feb. 7th, and there are two upcoming listening sessions on 1/11 at 1:30pm and 1/24 at 6:30pm
 - DNRC will work with the BLM to show how strong Montana's plan is.

Resource Conservation Advisory Council (RCAC) - Judi Knapp and Mary Hendrix

- Meeting in Missoula on Feb. 23rd. The agenda will include 223 Grants. Gayla Wortman is the new chair and

Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC) - Steve Wanderaas had to leave early. No report today.

Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YR CDC) - Dan Rostad

- Working with Yellowstone Irrigation District and several CDs to develop an ARPA irrigation fund application.

Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA) - none

Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA) - none

Montana Association of Conservation Districts Employee Organization (MACD EO) - none

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) - Steve Hedstrom

- Getting ready for the Convention. There will be covid safety measures in place.
- There will be some bylaw procedure discussions for NACD.
- Steve Wanderaas to attend NACD Convention as a training opportunity and will attend the invasive species policy group.

Programs Committee - Stephanie Adams

- Please see the attached Programs Report for 2021

Executive Director's Report

- Upcoming interim committee meetings - WPIC, Interim Revenue, EQC
- FEMA comment letter
- NACD Resolutions submitted (confirmation received)
- Milk River Resolution - re: pallid sturgeon
- Dean and Steve - Meetings with agency directors on Jan. 10 and 11
- Throughout the spring, will work on scheduling zoom Meetings with MACo, Stockgrowers, Farm Bureau, Grain Growers, Farmers Union, Wool Growers, MWCC, etc.
- 2021 Annual Report out by end of Jan/beginning of Feb - will send printed version to all districts

Updated MACD Logo - For Consideration

- This will be sent out to districts.

Open Mic

- none

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: 8:32 AM

Motion: Rick VanDyken

Second: Judi Knapp

Discussion: none

VOTE: Motion carries, meeting adjourned