



MACD Board Meeting: Minutes

August 8th, 2022 at 7:30am via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS

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

PARTNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Becca Boslough, Steve Hedstrom, Veronica Grigaltchik, Chris Evans, Mary Hendrix, Stephanie Criswell, Stacey Barta, Terry Profota, Tahnee Benson, Tom Watson, Kyle Tackett, Mark Bostrom

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Dean Rogge at 7:31am

Operational and Administrative Matters

MACD Committee Processes document

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Second: Steve Hertel
- Discussion: Ensure that all minutes in consent agenda go out to full board (and not just individual committees) with plenty of time for review
- Vote: Motion carries

Motion to approve Consent Agenda, as presented: MACD Board July Minutes, Governance Committee July Minutes, Finance Committee July Minutes, Executive Committee July Minutes

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Second: Judi Knapp
- Discussion: Any recommendations from the committees will still be voted on by the full board. This is just approval of minutes.
- Vote: Motion Carries

Motion from Executive, Finance, and Governance Committees for the MACD to approve the Executive, Finance, and Governance Committee Charters* [attachments - 3]

- Motion: Steve Wanderaas
- Second: Steve Schanaman
- Discussion:
- Vote: Motion Carries

Motion from Governance Committee to approve the MACD Board Member Job Description and Expectations of Engagement (document)*

- Motion: MACD Governance Committee (by Steve Hertel)
- Second: Jim Simpson
- Discussion: Board members will need to sign this
- Vote: Motion Carries

Financial Matters

Motion from Finance Committee to recommend MACD Policy and Process Review of Financials, as outlined in the Finance Committee Reporting document*

- Motion: MACD Finance Committee (Gary Giem, chair)
- Second: Mark Suta
- Discussion: All financials will still be available to districts on the District Members page (login via MACD website)
- Vote: Motion Carries

Motion from Finance Committee Regarding Process for Financial Review:

The Finance Committee is providing monthly oversight and reporting on MACD financials monthly. Therefore, the Finance Committee recommends to the MACD Board a motion that (1) Financial statements will be available monthly to all board members and conservation districts to review via the MACD private page; (2) The board only needs to review and approve the budget vs. actuals and statement of financial position (balance sheet) quarterly (March, June, Sept, Dec).

- Motion: MACD Finance Committee (Gary Giem, chair)
- Second: Rick VanDyken
- Discussion: The Board will be CC'd on the emails to the Finance Committee that contain the full detailed monthly report. (These reports will also be posted on the MACD private page).
- Vote: Motion Carries

Other financial matters:

- Rebecca scheduled a review/clean-up of MACD quickbooks with Wendy Weissman (CPA)
- Due Report
- The Finance Committee will begin working on the 2023 budget

Old Business

- **Resolutions** are due August 15th (Although districts can notify MACD if boards need time to vote later in August)
- **Convention:** In-person convention planning meeting and venue walkthrough on Aug. 23rd.

Partner Reports

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

Stillwater CD is sponsoring EWP for both Stillwater and Carbon counties. Also, DNRC is in the final stages of working through sponsorship for Park County. NRCS will continue to receive additional farm bill funding from other states who could not get their funds obligated for their producers. Feel free to call with any questions.

MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) - Mark Bostrom, Steph Criswell, Stacey Barta

- DNRC has been working on emergency irrigation grants and EWP sponsorship
- Please sign-up for the DNRC Conservation Matters newsletter if you haven't already
- CDB Standing Office hours - every Thursday at 2pm
- MT Range Tour cooperatively hosting with Cascade, August 30th and 31st.
- Stacey Barta has cost share funding for workshops that are range, grazing, SH related. Speakers, venues, etc.
- CDB Strategic Plan has been finalized

Conservation District Advisory Council (CDAC) to DNRC

- Previously RCAC. The first CDAC meeting is scheduled for Sept. 7 in Helena. All are welcome to attend. CDAC will have more of an advisory role to the Bureau

Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC)

- Just had River Rendezvous and quarterly meetings in July.
- CMR working group in Jordan in Sept.

Montana Conservation Districts Employee Organization (MCDEO) - Chris Evans

- Next EO Roundtable - Training on changes to grants - Aug 17th at 10am
- Working with Admins on offboarding. If supervisors have input on this, please reach out to Chris.

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

- Stephanie Criswell went to the summer meeting in Puerto Rico

New Business

Committees

There will be a committee chairs meeting on Aug. 10th. After that, meetings for all other committees to review resolutions will be scheduled for the end of August/ beginning of September.

Executive Director's Report

- The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) voted to approve the draft CD funding bill at their last meeting. The bill is now open for public comment. Rebecca will send talking points, the district directory link, and information to board members, who will then reach out to districts in their area.
- The Ops and Finance Manager previously hired found a higher paying position (MACD could not financially compete) and decided to leave after two weeks. This position has been re-opened.
- Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) host-site applications are currently open. There is also funding for soil-focused positions hosted by conservation districts.

Open Mic - None

Motion to Adjourn at 8:59am

- Motion: Jim Simpson
- Second: Steve Hertel
- Discussion:
- Vote: Motion carries, meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Next MACD Board Meeting - Sept. 12th at 7:30am (Zoom)**
- Big Sky Watershed Corps: New Host Site info session - Aug. 9th at 9am (Zoom)
- Convention Planning Committee - Aug 9th at 10am (Zoom)
- Committee chairs meeting - Aug. 10th at 8am(Zoom)
- Area Hosts Meeting - Aug. 10th at 9am (Zoom)
- Legislative Committee - Aug. 10th at 1pm (Zoom)
- Finance Committee - Aug. 15th at 8am (Zoom)
- EO Roundtable - Aug. 17th at 10am (Zoom)
- Governance Committee - Aug. 22nd at 7:30am (Zoom)
- Convention Planning Committee - Aug. 23rd at 10am (Helena - Delta Colonial site visit)
- Big Sky Watershed Corps: New Host Site info session - Aug. 24th at 1pm (Zoom)
- SoilCorps: CD Host site info session (within BSWC Program) - Exact date/time TBA
- Virtual Leadership Training - Aug. 25th at 12pm (Zoom)

- MACD Executive Committee - Aug. 29th at 7:30am (Zoom)
- Range Tour - Aug 30-31
- Conservation District Advisory Council - Sept. 7th (Helena, Zoom)
- Environmental Quality Council (EQC) - Sept 8th and 9th (Helena Capitol, Zoom)
- Prospective MACD Board Director Q&A - Sept 13th at 7:30am (Zoom)
- Prospective MACD Board Director Q&A - Sept 12th at 7pm (Zoom)

See District Dispatch and the MACD Web Calendar for more meetings, events, and detailed information.