



# MACD Legislative Committee - Minutes

Dean Rogge	Jim Simpson	Greg Jergeson
Jeff Pattison	Bob Petermann	Steve Schanaman

**Others present:**

Rebecca Boslough-King, Scott Brown, Dick Iverson, Mark Bostrom, Steph Criswell, Jeff Tiberi, Jane Holzer, Judi Knapp, Doug Bonsell, Molly Masters, Steve Tyrrel, Steve Wanderaas, Jim Simpson, Mary Reed, Hailey Graf, Jeff Ryan, Alycia Nathe, Liz Riter, Jason Garber, Chris Evans, Cindy Frank, Mary Hendrix, Cindy Frank, Gayla Wortman, Willie Bernard

## Call Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call

## Informational Session on Conservation Districts - Draft Agenda

**Introduction: Conservation District (10 Minutes)**

- Cost / Benefit - bring in additional funding - Leveraging other funds Big picture
- Statutory authority
- Overview of challenges districts face - Chris Evans

Districts are the basis of River Councils

**River Councils (Sponsored by Districts)**

- (10) YRCDC - Dan Rostad
- (10) MRCDC - Steve Wanderaas, Molly Masters (zoom)
  - Milk River - Steve will cover?

**Districts Examples**

- (5) Lake - Heidi Fleury
- (5) Garfield - Dean and Dusty (virtual)
- (5) Yellowstone CD - West end project?
- (5) Cascade CD - programs and projects throughout the last year
  - Envirothon (may try to bring the a team member)

## Closing (5)

### Handouts

One pager

Legislative brochure

DNRC Projects

Baked goods

## Upcoming Hearings and Events

2. This week

### 3. Trainings for Districts

- a. Jan 16 at 12pm: Legislative Training (1 hr) - will be rescheduled due to holiday
- b. Jan 16 at 5pm: Legislative Training (1 hr) - will be rescheduled due to holiday
- c. Jan. 18 at 10am: Legislative Training (EO Roundtable Topic)

### 4. Hearings and Events related to CD Funding Efforts

Jan 13: [Section C \(Nat. Resources\) Budget Committee](#) - CD Informational Session

Jan 18-20: [Section F \(Long Range Planning\) Budget Committee](#) - Renewable Resource Grant Program (RRGL)

Jan 23: [Section C \(Nat. Resources\) Committee](#) - DNRC Budget - *MACD presents formal request for budget increase and districts testify in support*

Jan 24: CD Rotunda Day at the Capitol. Evening Legislative Meet and Greet at the Montana Club (5-9pm)

Jan 23-24: [Section F \(Long Range\) Committee](#) - RRGL and Reclamation and Development Grant Program (RDGP)

25th - CDAC - 2 hours to discuss potential funding increase

## Policy Issues (from 2022 Resolutions)

5. CD Funding - Coal Trust Funding (LC 1343) and marijuana tax funding (SB 28)
6. Nepotism - Rep. Bergstrom will sponsor
7. Quiet Season - Working on potential bill or alternative solution

## Open Mic

Open Mic - none

## Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 8:21am**