



MACD Board Meeting: Minutes

Monday, February 13th at 7:00am via Zoom

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Steve Hertel at 7:00AM

BOARD MEMBERS

Dean Rogge (PRES)	Jeff Pattison (1)	Mark Suta (3)	Don Youngbauer (4)	Mike Hansen (6)
Gary Giem (TREAS)	Doug Bonsell (2)	Pat Anderson (3)	Jim Simpson (5)	Rick VanDyken(6)
Steve Hertel (VP)	Roddy Rost (2)	Steve Schanaman(4)	Vacant (5)	
Steve Wanderaas (1)	Bob Peterman (2)	Judi Knapp (4)	Bill Naegeli (5)	

PARTNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Boslough-King, LaRinda Spencer, Steve Tyrrel, Molly Masters, Claudia Lyman, Amy Yoder, Alycia Nathe, Scott Brown, Mark Bostrom, Chris Evans, Sharon Flemetis, Byron Martinell

Review Governance Calendar

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Second: Steve Wanderaas
- Discussion: none
- Motion Carries

Consent Agenda:

- 1/9/2023 Board Minutes
- 2/6/23 Executive Minutes
- 1/17/23 Finance Committee Minutes
- Legislative Minutes since 1/10

Partner Reports

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Not in attendance today due to NACD Annual Meeting.

MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) - Mark Bostrom

There is a potential amendment that would impact urban supervisors. Could be Rep. Fielder or Senator Bob Brown.

Conservation District Advisory Council (CDAC) to DNRC - Judi Knapp, Becca Boslough-King

They met in January when everyone was in Helena.

MACD and the EO worked with CDB and CDAC on a survey regarding potential funding increases. This was sent to all districts. Please fill it out ASAP.

Montana Conservation Districts Employee Organization (MCDEO)

There will be a roundtable this week to discuss communication materials, Canva etc. Next month there will be two roundtable discussion. They are starting to plan for the Statewide Employee training in late summer or early fall. The new version of the Employee Handbook is out.

Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC)

The quarterly meeting is February 21st in Lewistown

Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)

They are meeting on Feb. 23rd in Billings. There will be a presentation on Salt Cedar bio control in billings.

Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA)

The St. Mary's working group contract has moved forward. They have hired Dave Galt as a lobbyist.

Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)

The Soil Health Symposium was great. Most of this month will be focused on the ARPA Grant with Treasure CD.

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

None - Everyone is at the NACD Annual Meeting in New Orleans

Committees and Work Groups

Resolutions and Policy Committee + subcommittees

Education Work Group

Legislative and Advocacy

Governance - Feb 22

Finance Committee

Feb. 22

Programs Work Group

Need for Program Development

Direction

Financial Matters

Financial Report - *LaRinda Spencer, MACD Operations and Finance Manager*

- LaRinda is getting the classes set up for the grants
- Comment: LaRinda has done a good job tightening up the finances

Dues Report (2023 Dues not yet sent out)

- MACD is hoping to have more clarity on increased funding for districts in the Legislature before sending dues out. The timeline is hard to predict with the session, particularly with appropriates in HB 2.

2022 Finance + 2023 Budget info session for districts in February

- **This will be an opportunity for**

MACD Business

Executive Director's Report

Legislative Update

- Potential amendment
- HB 321
- SB 28
- SB 280

Operational Planning

- Review of 2022 Operational Plan
- 2023 Operational Plan - will go to Governance Committee

EPA Grant Application with DNRC - *Mark Bostrom, DNRC CARDD Administrator*

Motion: Mike

Second: Jim

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Spring Board
- Convention
- Annual Calendar (updated)
- Agro Climate Workshop: March 14-15

Open Mic

MCA code 76-15-311

Motion to adjourn 8:09

Motion: Bill

Second: Jim

Parking Lot

Additional Information:

* - denotes required board action