



MACD Board Meeting: Minutes

May 8th at 7:30am via Zoom

Call Meeting to Order

1. Meeting called to order at 7:33 am by Dean Rogge

BOARD MEMBERS

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| 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) <i>excused</i> | Bob Peterman (2) | Judi Knapp (4) | Bill Naegeli (5) | |

PARTNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Becca Boslough-King, Steph Criswell, Molly Masters, Brenna Rietmann, Steve Hedstrom, Alycia Nathe, Amy Yoder, Veronica Grigaltchick, Terry Profota, LaRinda Spencer, Chris Evans

2. Review Governance Calendar
3. Consent Agenda *[see attachments]*
 - a. Approve April Board Minutes (4.10.2023)
 - b. Executive Committee Minutes (4.24.2023)
 - c. Governance Committee Minutes (5.3.2023)
 - d. Finance Committee Minutes (4.19.2023)
 - e. Legislative Committee Minutes since April MACD Board meeting (4.11.2023; 4.18.2023; 4.24.2023; 5.2.2023)

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented

- Motion: Gary Giem
- Second: Steve Schanaman
- Discussion: None
- Motion Carries

Financial Matters

4. Approve Financial Report *
 - a. Q1 Report from Financial Committee

b. Dues - Dues letters were sent out.

Motion to Approve Q1 Financial Report

- Motion: Recommendation from Finance Committee
- Second: Bill Naegeli
- Discussion: none
- Motion Carries

Partner Reports

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) - none

MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) - Steph Criswell

- May 23rd in Dawson - Funding meeting at 5pm - Questions should go to Veronica
- Looking at next year's budget

Conservation District Advisory Council (CDAC) to DNRC - Steph Criswell

- CDAC Meeting June 1st

Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC) - Molly Masters

- CMR Community Working Group on May 14th with NRCS and Congressional Offices
- June 21-22: River Rendezvous

Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC) - Judi Knapp

- YRCDC meeting on June 11th in Billings

Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA) - Jeff Pattison

- Some success in session with HB 6 and HB8.
- Contract with Peterson's.

Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA) - Scott Brown

- Working on projects in Area 4.
- Still working on NRCS RCPP contract

Montana Conservation Districts Employee Organization (MCDEO) -Chris Evans

- Meeting on June 7th during Spring Board
 - Working on 501(c)3
- New Employees training

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) - Steve Hedstrom

- Reworking Committee Structure
- Summer Meeting July 14-18 - Registration is open now

Committee Reports

Education Work Group

- MACD Scholarship Work Group Recommendations - there were 44 applications for the two \$1000 scholarships. Decisions were made using criteria/matrix.

Governance Committee

Motion to approve the Legislative and Advocacy Charter (as edited today)

- Motion: Recommendation from Governance Committee
- Second: Pat Anderson
- Discussion: Should the policy subcommittees be more involved in this? Yes, the Legislative Committee can certainly reach out to the policy committee.
- Motion Carries

Motion to approve the Resolution and Policy Committee Charter

- Motion: Recommendation from Governance Committee
- Second: Jim Simpson
- Discussion: None
- Motion Carries

Motion to approve the Resolution Process and Timeline

- Motion: Recommendation from Governance Committee
- Second: Jim Simpson
- Discussion: None
- Motion Carries

Motion to approve the MACD Board Self-Assessment

- Motion: Recommendation from Governance Committee
- Second: Steve Hertel
- Discussion: This is just for the board self-assessment
- Motion Carries

Executive Committee

Conflict of Interest Policy (Exec comm reviewed, there are no changes to the policy. It has been reapproved several times). This was approved in the past (it is a copy of the document recommended by the IRS).

Motion to approve *revised* Conflict of Interest Agreement

- Motion: Recommendation from Executive Committee
- Second: Steve Hertel
- Discussion: This is the IRS format, revised from the previous version.

- Motion Carries

Motion to approve confidentiality Policy & Agreement

- Motion: Recommendation from Executive Committee
- Second: Judi Knapp
- Discussion: this will be signed at Spring Board and in the future annually at Convention
- Motion Carries

Additional Business

5. Executive Director's Report

- a. Review Spring Board Agenda and Details - This will be sent out
- b. Legislative Review and Update - End of Session. HB 321 (CD Funding) passed as well as other MACD Bills SB 280 (bird dog training) and HB 295 (nepotism in small counties).
- c. Operational / staff update - In process of hiring Engagement Coordinator

6. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- a. Spring Board - June 6-8. Very focused on MACD structures and continued work on strategic and operational plans.
- b. Area Meetings: September and October

7. Open Mic

- Dean: This legislative session was an incredible team effort. Thank you for letters, phone calls, emails, testimony, etc. during the 2023 session as well as leading up to it.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

- Motion: Jim
- Second: Steve Hertel
- Discussion: None
- Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 9:07AM

Upcoming Meetings / Events

- YRCDC Meeting - May 11th at 10AM in Billings
- Finance Committee - Wed May 17 th at 7:30AM
- EO Roundtable - Wed. May 17th at 10am
- CMR Community Working Group - May 18th at 10am at Fort Peck Interpretive Center
- Executive Committee - Tues, May 30th at 7:30AM
- Core Partners Meeting - June 5 or 6 in Helena
- Spring Board Meeting - June 6-8th in Helena
- Old Salt Festival - June 23-25 in Helmville

Committee organizational documents:

The MACD Board Organizational Documents are available here

<https://macdnet.org/about-us/board-organization-documents/>