



# MACD Board Meeting: Minutes

July 10th at 7:30am via Zoom

## BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Dean Rogge (PRES)	Jeff Pattison (1) <i>excused</i>	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)	Chris Evans (Acting EO Associate Board Member)
Steve Wanderaas (1) <i>excused</i>	Bob Peterman (2) <i>excused</i>	Judi Knapp (4)	Bill Naegeli ( 5)	

**PARTNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT:** Rebecca Boslough-King, Madi Larson, LaRinda Spencer, Mark Bostrom, Amy Yoder, Becky Clements, Keturah (last name?), Robbie Savelkoul

## Call Meeting to Order

(1) Meeting called to order by Dean Rogge at 7:32 AM

## (2) Review Governance Calendar

### Motion to move to the third Monday of the Month

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Second: Jim Simpson
- Discussion: The statements from the bank are not received until the 8th of the month or so. Therefore, there is rarely time to have a Finance Committee meeting where the reconciled statements are reviewed prior to the board meeting.
- Motion Carries

## (3) Consent Agenda

- 6/8 Board Minutes
- 6/20 Governance Committee Minutes
- 6/21 Finance Minutes

### Motion to approve consent agenda as presented

- Motion: Gary Giem
- Second: Judi Knapp
- Discussion: none

- Motion Carries

## Financial Matters

**(4) Financial Report:** The Financial Report was sent out (Balance Sheet, Budget v. Actuals, Dues Report). Approval is going to take place in August, once the timing better aligns for the Finance Committee, bank statements, reconciliation prior to the MACD meeting.

### **(5) Travel to NACD Summer Meeting**

Move to approve registration, hotels, and mileage reimbursement up to \$2000 for Steve Hedstrom

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Second: Gary Giem
- Discussion: It will likely cost between \$1800 and \$2000. Dean is unfortunately no longer able to attend due to obligations at his ranch.
- Motion Carries

## Partner Reports

### **(6) Partner Reports as follows:**

#### **MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and Conservation District Advisory Council (CDAC) to DNRC - Mark Bostrom**

They are re-opening the recruitment for a CD Specialist for the western part of the state, replacing Hailey Graf as she is the new 310 Specialist for CDB. There was a CDAC Meeting last week - including discussion on HB 321 (new CD Trust bill passed earlier this year). There was a suggestion for CDB to load additional \$1 million for CDA Grants. This should be pulled together by mid-August. This should get districts up to \$60,000. These grants can potentially be used by districts to support dues, this is being discussed.

#### **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**

Not able to attend today. Tom Watson is still currently in an acting position at the regional level and Kyle Tackett is currently the acting State Conservationist.

#### **Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC) - Dean Rogge**

MRCDC had River Rendezvous and CMR Working Group in June. They have also had requests for additional presentations by other groups and had legislative attendees.

#### **Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC) - Dan Rostad**

YRCDC continues to work through a number of significant projects, partnering with irrigation districts and other entities. The YRCDC Annual Report is complete. Dan will send this to Rebecca to be distributed.

#### **Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA)**

No Report. Jeff Pattison is in the hospital and will be out for at least the next several weeks.

### **Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)**

Scott Brown was not able to attend this morning, but sent the following highlights: They have a lot going on with field work and the MSCA field tech took another job so they will be advertising for a new open position soon.

### **Montana Conservation Districts Employee Organization (MCDEO) - Chris Evans**

The Statewide Employee Training will be at the end of August at Fort Peck. The Employee Roundtables are canceled for the summer due to busy schedules and low availability of most folks.

### **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) - Dean Rogge**

Steve Hedstrom will be attending the NACD Meeting in South Dakota this month. Unfortunately Dean can no longer attend, as he had planned to have meetings regarding the new Public Lands RPG and AIS.

## **Committee Reports**

### **(7) Committee Reports as follows:**

#### **Resolution and Policy Committee**

The Resolution and Policy Committee (and subcommittees) will have a meeting on Wednesday, July 26th at 7:30am via zoom. This is for the chairs and all subcommittee members to discuss and get on the same page prior to resolution submission.

#### **Finance Committee**

With the changes to MACD meeting dates (moving to third Monday), the Finance Committee will schedule meetings to take place prior to the Board Meeting to review financial reports and documents.

#### **Governance Committee**

Continuing to work on board recruitment / onboarding for fall area meetings and have confirmed (except for one board member who is tbd) which board members up for election will be running again and which will not.

## **MACD Business (*continued*)**

### **(8) Discussion topics**

#### **(a) Associate Board Member**

##### Motion to Approve Associate Member Job Description, as presented.

- Motion: Jim Simpson
- Second: Mike Hansen
- Discussion: None
- Motion Carries

Chris Evans will serve as the temporary/acting Associate Board Member for the EO until they have formal discussions and election at the fall meeting during Convention.

**(b) Liability insurance issue**

MACD has worked with MACO and insurance pool etc previously (formal letter, info session). Mary Hendrix also connected on these efforts. There has not been an impact to decreasing the cost - as this is likely linked to inflationary pressure and the cost of many things going up. The cost of insurance is an important consideration for DNRC and the admin grants.

The EO did not have a comment, but Chris mentioned that the cost for Lewis and Clark doubled this year. They don't currently qualify for the CDA Grant. That was a huge hit that decreased project money and staff funding. This has been the same for Gallatin. Garfield had increasing costs but not a doubling. Costs doubled in Fergus.

**(9) Executive Director's Report**

- Please see the list below (now updated!) of upcoming meetings, events, and key dates.
- MACD put in a formal application for the Comprehensive Water Review Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) that will be convened during the 2023/2024 interim session.
- Drought Management Plan comment period - closes August 4th.

**(10) Open Mic - none**

**(11) Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Rick VanDyken

Second: Steve Hertel

Discussion: none

Motion Carries, Meeting adjourned at 8:20am

## ***Parking Lot***

Nothing at this time

## ***Upcoming Meetings, Events, and Key Dates***

1. Convention Planning Group: Tues. July 11th at 10am [Zoom]
2. Resolution Info Session (#3): Wed. July 12th at 7:30am [Zoom]
3. NRCS STAC Meeting: Tues. July 18th from 1-4pm [Great Falls]
4. Finance Committee: Wed. July 19th at 7:30am
5. **New** Area hosts Meeting: Tues. July 25th at 2pm
6. **Highlight** Resolution and Policy Committee (incl Subcommittee members): Wed. July 26th at 7:30am [Zoom]
7. Governance Committee: Thurs. July 27th at 7:00AM [Zoom]

8. Executive Committee: Mon. July 31st at 7:30am [Zoom]
9. Convention Planning Group: Tues. Aug. 8th at 10am [Zoom]
10. Flathead Conservation District Funding Forum: Mon. August 7th at 5pm [Kalispell]
11. **Highlight:** **Date Change** **Next MACD Board Meeting:** ~~Mon. Aug. 14th~~ Mon. Aug. 21st at 7:30am [Zoom]
12. **Highlight** Initial Resolution Submission Deadline (Contact MACD for extension if needed): Aug. 15