



# MACD Board Meeting: Minutes - **DRAFT**

Monday, August 21st at 7:30am via zoom

## 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) <i>excused</i>	Bill Naegeli ( 5)	

Highlighted = present. All white/unhighlighted names are absent. Board members who provided notice are marked 'excused.'

**PARTNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT:** Rebecca Boslough-King, LaRinda Spencer, Madi Larson, Brenna Rietmann, Tom Watson, Mark Bostrom, Chris Evans, Scott Brown, Stephanie Criswell, Willie Bernard, Sheridan County CD, Steve Hedstrom, Robbie Savelkoul

## Call Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call
2. Review Governance Calendar
3. Consent Agenda
  - a. July Board Minutes
  - b. July Governance Minutes
  - c. July Executive Minutes
  - d. August Finance Minutes

Motion to approve consent agenda, as presented:

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Second: Steve Schanaman
- Discussion: none
- Motion carries

## Partner Reports

4. Partner Reports

**Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)** - Tom Watson

- Tom is back from detail. There is significant money coming down through the Inflation Reduction Act. Kyle did a great job as Acting State Conservationist.

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

- There is a lot of new funding from HB 6. CARDD will host focus groups, infrastructure, irrigation, and non-point source and watershed focus groups.
- CDB is fully staffed. There are now four CD Specialists, Catey Bauer will be starting in Western Montana. Hailey Graf is the lead on 310. A new map is forthcoming.
- The next grant cycle for project and planning grants opens Sept. 1, and the new limit is \$50k.

**DNRC Conservation Districts Advisory Council (CDAC)**

- Steph Criswell outlined the following primary purposes of CDAC: (1) Grant reviews (2) vetting reviews and recs (3) providing their recs (4) sounding board for the bureau so CDB is not making decisions in a vacuum.
- The next meeting will be at Convention and will be a grant review meeting.
- The group will be up for renewal next summer.
- They supported moving an additional \$1 million of new money into CDA.

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

- The EO is focused on Statewide Employee Training in Fort Peck

**National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** - Steve Hedstrom

- Summer Board Meeting - Steve Hedstrom, Chris Evans, and Kay Webb attended.
- Rebecca reached out to the NACD Executive Directors group about Emergency Response protocols in place. There was a lot of discussion and interest, as many didn't have anything in place. This question originated from a Convention panel that Stillwater CD is organizing.
- NACD Committees - Any supervisor can be on a NACD Subcommittee. We will try to get more folks on these.
- Aubrey Evans will be attending our 2023 Area Meetings
- The 2024 Meeting will be in San Diego. The 2024 Summer Meeting will be in Boston.

**Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC)** - Dean Roggee

- CMR Working Group Meeting in Malta on Sept. 21

**Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)** - No update today, Dan unable to attend

**Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA)** - Jeff Pattison

- Potential funding coming through to help with repairs

## **Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA) - Scott Brown**

- They are hiring for a new Conservation Specialist.
- NRCS State Office should have a new RCPP contract signed this week.

## **8:00am Financial Matters**

*Finance Reports (ex. P&L) are housed on the MACD Members page. Detailed financials are always available from the Finance Committee and MACD staff upon request. The Finance committee approves detailed financials monthly. The Board will approve a quarterly financial report, although financial information is still sent out monthly so that the Full Board is kept informed.*

### **5. Finance Committee - there were no emails that came back**

#### Motion to approve July Financial Report

- Motion: Gary Giem
- Second: Mike Hansen
- Discussion: No emails came back with concerns from the committee.
- Motion Carries

### **6. Dues report (if no discussion needed)**

#### a. Bitterroot CD - Partial variance request\*

#### Motion to approve Bitterroot CD variance request

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

### **7. Looking to work with accounting firm Workmosis** - a new proposal should be coming this week. This will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

## **8:20am Executive Director and Operations Report**

*Monthly provide a short report. Quarterly provide longer updates referencing Operational Plan etc. Staff will update the operational plan quarterly, for their specific work areas.*

### **8. Legislative / Policy Update**

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- MACD has received 3 resolutions and has three extensions requested for a Sept. 1 submission.

### **9. Convention**

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- Discussion: Keynote Options. It would be great to hear the Myllemaki story (Supervisor, Leopold Conservation Award).

## 8:30am **Committee and Work Group Business & Recommendation**

### **10. Committees and Work Group Reports** (Resolutions and Policy Committee + subcommittees, Education Work Group, Programs Work Group, Legislative and Advocacy, etc)

- a. The Education Work Group meets the last Friday of every other month. There are teams that are working well, with a lot of interest from employees.
- b. See minutes from Consent Agenda for Board Committees.
- c. The Resolutions and Policy Subcommittees will provide feedback on Resolutions once they are all submitted (by final Sept. 1 deadline).

### **11. Approval of Resolutions and Policy Subcommittee Members**

Motion to approve to Resolutions and Policy Subcommittee Members as presented (full list included at bottom of this document)

- Motion: Mike Hansen
- Second: Rick VanDyken
- Discussion: none
- Motion Carries

## 8:40am **Other Agenda Items**

### **12. Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- a. EO SET Training - Aug 28-29, Fort Peck
- b. MACD Executive Committee Meeting - these may shift forward a Monday due to the change of board meetings to the third Monday. TBD.
- c. Next MACD Board Meeting: Monday, Sept. 18th at 7:30am via zoom.
- d. Area Meetings - [Full schedule here](#)

### **13. Open Mic**

- a. Steve Hertel - Additional funding sources for flooding in a particular drainage in Fergus. Mark Bostrom may be able to help.

## 9:00am **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn

- Motion: Rick VanDyken
- Second: Dean Rogge
- Discussion: none
- Motion carries, meeting adjourned

## **MACD Resolution and Policy Subcommittees for Approval:**

*MORE MEMBERS MAY BE ADDED LATER*

### **Water Resources**

1. Willie Bernard
2. Jeff Pattison
3. Dick Iverson
4. Jeff Wivholm

### **Soil and Land Use**

1. Steve Wanderaas
2. Jay King
3. Mike Hansen
4. Doug Bonsell

### **CD Operations**

1. Pat Anderson
2. Steve Hertel
3. Judi Knapp
4. Dean Rogge

### **National Policy**

1. Steve Hedstrom (NACD Rep will always be on this committee)
2. Dean Rogge (NACD Alternate will always be on this committee)
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