



MACD Board Meeting: Minutes

Monday, September 18th, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS

Dean Rogge (PRES) <i>excused</i>	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) <i>excused</i>	Steve Schanaman(4)	Vacant (5)	Chris Evans (EO Associate Member, nonvoting)
Steve Wanderaas (1)	Bob Peterman (2) <i>excused</i>	Judi Knapp (4)	Bill Naegeli (5)	

PARTNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Becca Boslough-King, Tom Watson, Brenna Rietmann, Scott Brown, Steve Hedstrom, Madi Larson, Amy Yoder, Becky Clements, Catey Bauer, Kyle Tackett, Mark Bostrom, Liz Lodman, Willie Bernard, Amy Yoder, Becky Clements

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

7:30am Call Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call
2. Review Governance Calendar
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Executive Committee Minutes 9.5.2023
 - b. MACD Board Minutes 8.21.2023

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Motion: Steve Wanderaas
- Second: Steve Schanaman
- Discussion: None
- Motion Carries

7:40am **Partner Reports**

4. Partner Reports

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) - Tom Watson

- It has been a record breaking year with the Inflation Reduction Act funds. There is still no news on the Farm Bill. At the end of the month there may or may not be a budget or continuing resolution. (There is currently a risk of a government shutdown.
- Tom and Kyle will be at the Western Area Meetings, however they will not be at the Eastern Area Meetings due to the overlap with the Partnerscapes Meeting (15th Anniversary in Missoula).

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

- DNRC is still working on the budget. The CD account still has a higher budget than expected. The second round of CDA grants will be \$60k or slightly higher. With increased funding comes increased accountability.
- Mark can attend the west side area meetings but not the east side due to a NASCA Meeting.
- The \$26 Million for St. Mary was transferred to the project account.

Conservation District Advisory Council (CDAC) to DNRC - Judi Knapp

- CDAC is now meeting twice a year, with the second meeting in November.

Montana Conservation Districts Employee Organization (MCDEO) - Chris Evans

- The Statewide Employee Training went well. They want to do statewide training every year.
- The next roundtable is on succession planning. (Wed. Sept. 20 at 10am) Area Reps will meet after that.
- Terry Profata has assisted with the 501(c)3 status.
- The National CD Employee Organization put out general thoughts on government shutdowns a few years ago, but Chris said it's a bit outdated.

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) - Steve Hedstrom

- The webpage is now up for the [National Convention in San Diego from February 10-14](#).

Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC) - Molly Masters

- Anne Kolzak is proceeding at their next meeting on the 20th, followed by the CMR Working Group on the 21st.

Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)

- Dan is currently OOO

Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA) - Jeff Pattison

- Chris and Dave Peterson are doing the administrative oversight.

Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA) - Scott Brown

- They are attending Area Meetings 1-4. They are hoping to have someone hired shortly.

Bridger Plant Materials Center - Judi Knapp

- Meeting on October 19th
- New manager Jessica hired, she is doing a great job.

8:00am Financial Matters (Quarterly)

Detailed financials are always available from the Finance Committee and MACD staff, upon request.

5. Approve Financial Report (Quarterly - Balance sheet and Budget v. Actuals)* [See attachments]
6. Dues Report* [See attachment]

8:10am Operational Update

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

7. Operation Plan Update* (Quarterly) [See attachment]

Program Update - Brenna

Fundraising and Events - Madi Larson

- Upcoming [Area Meetings](#). Area meetings are the last week of September and first week of October. The Area meetings the first week will have a zoom/hybrid option, based on requests from those hosting districts.
- Convention registration is opening the first week of Area Meetings. The room blocks are also opening then.
- Toured the Copper King Convention Center in Butte for 2024. Still waiting for a breakdown of costs from them
- Registration for the Soil Health Symposium will open in October and is expected to sell out again.
- Madi has been working with Terry on MACD's fundraising plan. These efforts will ramp up in 2024.

Communications - Eric

- Submitted reporting and grant renewal proposal
- Working on revamping websites as opposed to recent work setting up websites
- Starting with preliminary work for events.

- Summer Issue of The Montana Conservationist went out in late July.
 - Wrapping up the MACD annual report for 2022/2023. This will be distributed at Area Meetings.
8. Operation Outreach Document (Quarterly) *[See attachment]*
 9. Board Member Duties at Area Meetings - There will be talking points highlighted at the top of the MACD Report to Area Meetings.
 10. Highlight: 2022 Bylaws *[See attachment]* - There was a question regarding MACD Bylaws and eligibility for the NACD Delegate and Alternate positions. The Bylaws are attached. To be eligible, nominees must be a supervisor from a district in good standing, as defined by the MACD Bylaws.

8:40am **Committee and Work Group Business & Recommendation**

11. Committees and Work Group Reports (Resolutions and Policy Committee + subcommittees, Education Work Group, Programs Work Group, Legislative and Advocacy, etc)
 - a. The Finance Committee will review quarterly financials in October once they are available from Workmosis, as well as working on the 2024 budget.

8:50am **Other Agenda Items**

12. Upcoming Meetings and Events
13. Open Mic

9:00am **Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion: Rick VanDyken
- Second: Bill Naegeli
- Discussion: none
- Motion carries, meeting adjourned

Parking Lot

