



MACD Board Meeting: Agenda

July 15th at 7:30am via Zoom

Call Meeting to Order

Steve Hertel called to order at 7:36am.

1. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS

Dean Rogge (PRES)	Jeff Pattison (1)	Roger Smedsrud (3)	Bill Naegeli (5)	EO Associate Member Kay Webb <i>excused</i>
Steve Hertel (VP)	Doug Bonsell (2)	Pat Anderson (3)	Jim Simpson (5) <i>excused</i>	
Gary Giem (TREAS)	Roddy Rost (2)	Steve Schanaman (4)	Mike Hansen (6)	
Steve Wanderaas (1)	Ted Woods (2)	Judi Knapp (4)	Rick VanDyken(6)	

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

Others present: Rebecca Boslough-King, Scott Brown, Chris Evans, Mark Bostrom, Tom Watson, Kyle Tackett, Becky Clements, Brenna Rietmann, Madi Larson, Robbie Savelkoul, Liz Lodman, Sam Tappenbeck, Jessica Kersh

2. Review Governance Calendar - *complete. There are tasks to be completed this month by the Governance Committee and Resolutions Committee.*
3. Consent Agenda*
 - a. June Board Minutes
 - b. July Executive Committee Minutes

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

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

Partner Reports

4. Partner Reports

- a. **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**- [Tom Watson](#)
Working on partner contracts after St. Mary's Dam siphon failure, STAC meeting in Great Falls is tomorrow (July 16) and will include a soil health field tour.
- b. **MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)** - [Mark Bostrom](#)
Working on sorting through 1.5 million in CDA applications. DNRC is in the process of applying for funding to support the work on the Milk River, including an EWPP for dredging of the St. Mary's Dam and an application for 6.2 million for MRJB piping. *Question from Jeff Pattison about the loan discussed at last MRWA meeting - would it be interest bearing or not?* Answer from Mark: still need to negotiate with the Milk River Joint Board of Control, but if there was interest it would go to an O&M account for long-term river maintenance.
- c. **Montana Conservation Districts Employee Organization (MCDEO)** - [Chris Evans](#)
Board meeting this Wednesday (July 17) to discuss strategic framework, NCDEA meeting will be held in Billings in August and include training/presentations from Montana CDs, all districts are encouraged to send their employees to this event!
- d. **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** - *No report*
- e. **Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC)** - *No report*
- f. **Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)** - *No report*
- g. **Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA)** - [Jeff Pattison](#)
There was a meeting last week in Malta with over 100 attendees (partners, businesses, irrigators, community members) to discuss the siphon failure and next steps. The consensus is that the infrastructure will need to be fully replaced, repair no longer seems like a viable solution.
- h. **Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)** - [Scott Brown](#)
They have been busy with projects this summer! Highlights are the ongoing hemp trial and grant application for water sampling in Pondera county to address Montana Renewable's plan for wastewater injection.
- i. **Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC)** - [Liz Lodman](#)
The NAISMA conference starts on Sept. 30th in Missoula, and will likely not be back in MT for a very long time! Free registration is available to 70 individuals from Montana weed districts, CDs, and MSU Extension offices.

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.

5. Review and approve Quarterly Financial Report - *Complete*.
 - a. Budget v Actuals
 - b. Balance Sheet
 - c. Dues Report
 - i. Second round of invoices went out at the beginning of July
 - d. Q2 Statements

Motion to approve the financial statements as presented

- Motion: Gary Giem
- Second: Bill Naegeli
- Discussion: None
- Motion Carries

6. MACD Disability Insurance - Rebecca Boslough-King
 - a. *Overview of quote from Guardian Insurance to add disability insurance as a benefit to MACD staff*

Motion to purchase disability insurance for MACD staff

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

7. Flathead CD legal support - Brenna Rietmann/ Samantha Tappenbeck
 - a. *Flathead CD appreciates the support from MACD but understands the decision to rescind the vote to move forward with the amicus brief. So far, DNRC legal support has been extremely helpful and has not cost Flathead CD anything so financial support is not needed at this time.*

8. Program and Operational update - Brenna Rietmann
 - a. *Working on reporting for several grants, let go of one employee in Ekalaka.*

9. Legislative / Policy Update - Rebecca Boslough-King
 - a. *The State Administration and Veterans Affairs Committee (SAVA) has been looking at HJ23 regarding disaster response and recovery. Specifically, they are considering ways to bring more resources for regional coordination, and the topic has come up regarding if the timeline for 310 emergency permits makes sense. I have been involved with the subcommittee, as has Hailey Graf and Bill Naegeli. Additionally, Denise Thompson from Broadwater CD presented at a previous SAVA subcommittee regarding the district's work on fire recovery.*

Committee and Work Group Business & Recommendation

10. Committees and Work Group Reports

- a. Review of MACD Resolutions process/timeline and standing committee members and responsibilities - Madi Larson
 - i. *Current committee member list will be sent out with minutes*
 - ii. *Resolutions Q&A sessions are scheduled for July 23 at 10am and July 30 at 1pm*
- b. Governance Committee and Resolutions Committee have tasks to complete this month
 - i. *Steve Hertel will reach out to Madi to set up meeting for Governance committee and review tasks for this month related to board recruitments/contacting members with expiring terms*

Other Agenda Items

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events
 - a. [2024 Board Calendar](#) (live document) and [MACD Online Calendar](#)
12. Open Mic - *No discussion.*

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:29am

Motion to adjourn

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

Additional Information:

* - denotes required board action or approval

Committee organizational documents:

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