

CD Supervisors and staff - please share with your boards. Thank you!

Dear Conservation District Supervisors,

MACD looks forward to fall Area Meetings and the area elections of MACD Board Members. The table below outlines open seats in each MACD area. We have four Board members intending to run for re-election (*these seats can be challenged*), as well two open seats in Area 5, one in Area 4, and one in Area 6.

Our MACD Board is a strong, active, and engaged board. We are proud of the progress we have made in recent years, including our monumental success in creating a permanent conservation district trust which provides stable and increased CD funding for years to come, as well as programs and resources to support conservation districts. As we look forward to achieving our next goals and addressing emerging challenges on behalf of Montana’s CDs, we look forward to welcoming both new and returning board members to our team and hope that you may be interested in joining us in this important work. *Please see the second page for upcoming info sessions for prospective board members.*

Board Seats up for Election in Fall 2024:

Area	Current Board Member	Term	Intending to run?
1	Dean Rogge (Garfield)	2024-2027	Yes
2	Ted Woods (Wibaux) (<i>had filled remainder of Bob Peterman’s term</i>)	2024-2027	Yes
3	Steve Hertel (Fergus)	2024-2027	Yes
4	Steve Schanaman (Big Horn)	2024-2027	Yes
4	Vacancy - <i>previously Steve Tyrrel’s seat (through 2025)</i>	2022-2025	Vacant
5	Jim Simpson (<i>retiring at the end of 2024</i>)	2024-2027	Not running
5	Vacancy (through 2026)	2023-2026	Vacant
6	Mike Hansen	2024-2027	Not running

Election Details:

- *Qualifications:* All voting supervisors from districts in-good-standing may run for *any* open seats in their area.
- *Voting:* MACD board elections take place at the Area Meetings in the fall. Each conservation district in an area will have one vote, whether they are in good standing with MACD or not.
- *Term:* New terms will officially start during the 2024 MACD Annual Convention in Great Falls from Nov. 19-21. All MACD Board members are requested to attend the Annual Convention if possible.

Information on Serving as a MACD Board Member

Info Packet

Included in this packet are the following items which will give a broader understanding of how you will engage as a MACD board member:

1. Expectations of engagement for MACD Board Members.
2. Board Governance Calendar which outlines key board and committee tasks required to meet our legal and fiduciary responsibilities.
3. Our Strategic Plan, Annual Meeting Calendar, and other key organizational documents.

Onboarding following Elections

Following the elections, MACD will provide an onboarding session and materials, as well as the MACD Board Manual to newly elected board members. Rebecca Boslough-King will be the primary point of contact for this process.

Info Sessions on MACD Board Positions (approx. 15-30 mins max)

For those who would like more information or have questions about serving on the MACD Board, we will be hosting several informational zoom meetings. Plan to attend the one that fits your schedule or if you are not able to attend, please let MACD President Dean Rogge (roggedean@gmail.com), MACD VP Steve Hertel (stevhertel30@gmail.com), Rebecca Boslough-King (rebecca@macdnet.org 443-5711 ext2), or one of your Area Reps know and we can schedule a call.

1. **Thursday, September 12th at 7am**
2. **Thursday September 12th at 5pm**
3. **Monday September 16th at 12pm**

Please use the same zoom info for all three meetings

- **Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85807013390?pwd=plyeEckQFl8FfWTJi3arj3AuoxLnlg.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 858 0701 3390
- **Passcode:** 134328
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