



Montana Association of Conservation Districts Employees' Association

The MACDEO Fall Board meeting was held Tuesday, November 15, 2005, in the Red Lion Colonial Inn at Helena. Meeting was called to order by Chair Julie Goss at 3:35 p.m. Attending were:

Area I	Lyn Guenther, Roosevelt CD, Culbertson (Area Representative) Shauna Clark, Petroleum CD, Winnett
Area II	Pat Johnson, Valley CD, Glasgow (Area Representative, Treasurer) Julie Goss, Richland CD, Sidney (Chairman) Renee Nelson, Wibaux CD, Wibaux (Area Representative) Carol Watts, Custer CD, Miles City
Area III	Gloria Mason, Glacier CD, Cut Bank (Area Representative, Secretary) Marlene Moon, Liberty CD, Chester Sara Shepard, Toole CD, Shelby Teresa Wilhelms, Judith Basin CD, Stanford (Area Representative) Shonny Nordlund, Fergus CD, Lewistown Jill Lorang, Cascade CD, Great Falls Pat Anderson, Phillips CD, Malta Kody Farkell, Pondera CD, Conrad Shannon Patterson, Hill CD, Havre Gayla Wortmann, Cascade CD, Great Falls Shannon Sattleen, Blaine CD, Chinook
Area IV	Laurie Kelley, Rosebud CD, Forsyth Stephanie Fox, Treasure CD, Hysham
Area V	Penny Landon, Carbon CD, Joliet (Area Representative) Jean Dunn, Green Mountain CD, Trout Creek (Area Representative) Vicki McGuire, Lincoln CD, Eureka (Vice-Chair) Chris Malgren, Lake CD, Ronan (Area Representative) Julie Ralston, Bitterroot CD, Hamilton Patsy Meredith, Eastern Sanders CD, Plains
Area VI	Joy Short, Meagher CD, White Sulphur Springs (Area Representative) Charlotte Lewis, Broadwater CD, Townsend Amy Miller, Park CD, Livingston
Teton Watershed	Alan Rollo
DNRC/CARDD	Laurie Zeller Ray Beck
MACD	Bob Fossum Shirley Parrott Sarah Carlson Jan Fontaine
NRCS	Dave Kascht

Minutes:

Jean Dunn made a motion to accept the minutes to the June 2, 2005 spring meeting. Joy Short seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Jan Fontaine explained that she will complete this year's review (not audit) of the MACDEO computer books this winter.

Treasurer Pat Johnson handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report. Chris Malgren made a motion the treasurer's report be approved. Shonny Nordlund seconded. Motion passed.

Copies of the Proposed Budget for 2005-06, as drawn up by Treasurer were handed out. Chris Malgren made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Jean Dunn seconded. Motion passed.

Envirothon Report:

Shonny Nordlund gave the report on the 10th annual Montana Envirothon. 22 teams, 47 volunteers, 8 CD Administrators were there. The pictographs at Forest Grove (outside of Lewistown) were the site of the main competition. Fergus Team won; Missoula Big Sky was 2nd, Big Timber was 3rd. High test scores received individual prizes. Next event will be held at Lewistown on April 24-25, 2006. "Watershed Stewardship in a Changing Climate" is the theme. Administrators' assistance with the event is very much appreciated and invited again for 2006.

Computer Training Report:

Teresa Wilhelms stated the August computer training was held in Stanford High School. This was a hands-on one-day session held for CD employees. 15 attended to learn how to make a poster with the Excel program, mail merge, making labels, setting up formulas in the Excel program and having their questions answered by an experienced instructor.

Area Meetings Report: (In response to proposed format change for these meetings.)

Area V – Afternoon-evening meeting was planned to entice attendance and to reward Supervisors for coming. The meeting was developed around Supervisor interests and needs. A round table discussion was held with the subject selected from a list of submitted issues in the Area. Kit Sutherland facilitated, kept a list of issues, problems. These were not isolated issues. Something was learned. Area wishes to build on that success.

Area III – Regular morning meeting format was followed. After lunch, a hay ride tour of the Bearpaw Nature Trail was held.

Area II – Home Ec students served the lunch. Charlie Orchard spoke on Prescribed Grazing.

Area IV – A presentation was given about the Beartooth Highway. This highway switchbacks up the mountain. It was severely damaged by spring mudslides. Repairs were completed in very short time to reopen the highway to public traffic.

General comment on Area meetings: "It's all about Supervisors, not about the traveling team."

Chair's Report:

Julie Goss reported on the National Conservation Districts Employee Assn. (NCDEA) survey by way of conference call. Northern Plains Group (Regional) is trying to set up a more appealing training program to entice employees' membership and attendance at Regional meetings.

National Assn. of Conservation Districts (NACD) convention will be held in Houston (Hurricane Katrina caused relocation from the planned New Orleans site). Shonny Nordlund will attend for Envirothon. If you're willing to help at NACD, they'll (NCDEA) will help out with expenses. Jean Dunn commented that it was very helpful to attend but it takes commitment and follow through in being involved.

MACDEO Event:

Jan Fontaine stated the bus will be at the front door at 6:45 pm this evening to transport people to the Montana Historical Society. Refreshments will be transferred from the MACD office. Catered barbecued beef sandwiches with salads will be served. Volunteer sign-up list to keep food and drink out of the four galleries as per agreement with MHS.

Insurance Report:

Jan Fontaine reported that MT Assn. of Counties Health Care Trust (MACoHCT), Fortis and a Utah insurance company responded to surveys sent out. Five options were received from MACoHCT. Their representative will be at convention Thursday, prepared to answer your insurance questions. Rates were given for Supervisors also.

Jean Dunn expressed appreciation and thanks to Jan Fontaine, Sarah Carlson, and Laurie Zeller for all their support in putting the insurance information together.

Marlene Moon asked about Supervisors' coverage and the ability for them to maintain membership in the insurance program past their terms. Laurie stated insurance membership requires serving 2 terms as Supervisor. Question about 'term' since urban supervisor terms are 3 years, elected supervisor terms are 4 years. Insurance rep can answer these questions.

Julie Goss stated there is an insurance funding resolution (for CD employees) that will be presented at Committee hearing to ask for follow up on the funding issue at legislature.

Old Business:**Thank you:**

Penny Landon presented a thank you gift to Pat Johnson for her years of service as EO Secretary. This was left over from last Spring Board meeting when Pat was unable to attend.

New Business:**Nominating Committee Report and Election:**

Shonny Nordlund, Penny Landon and Barb Berry served as the nominating committee to develop a list of candidates for EO offices. Terms are for two years. Administrators had been contacted by phone by nominating committee members to ascertain their willingness to serve before their names were placed on the ballot. Shonny presented the candidates as follows, noting also the individuals' time of service as CD Administrator:

Chair Teresa Wilhelms, Judith Basin CD – 5 years
 Laurie Zeiser, Missoula CD – 2.5 years

Nominations from the floor were requested. None were made. Jean Dunn made a motion nominations cease. Pat Johnson seconded. Nominations ceased.

Vice-Chair Barb Berry, Stillwater CD – 17 years
 Joy Short, Meagher CD – 10 months

Nominations from the floor were requested. None were made. Jean Dunn made a motion nominations cease. Jan Fontaine seconded. Nominations ceased.

Secretary Gloria Mason, Glacier CD – 23 years
 Shannon Patterson, Hill CD – 1.5 years

Nominations from the floor were requested. None were made. Chris Malgren made a motion nominations cease. Jan Fontaine seconded. Nominations ceased.

Treasurer Kody Farkell, Pondera CD – 8 months
 Pat Johnson, Valley CD – 10 years

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Voting was done by paid members via written ballots. A tie vote for Treasurer resulted in re-voting for that office.

2006-2008 Slate of Officers:

Chair, Teresa Wilhelms, Judith Basin CD
Vice-Chair, Joy Short, Meagher CD
Secretary, Gloria Mason, Glacier CD
Treasurer, Kody Farkell, Pondera CD

2006 Convention:

Jill Lorang announced that the 2006 MACD Convention will be in Great Falls. Help is needed in making the selection of EO event location from suggestions given. Also suggested was that a theme party or a dance be included in planning. Chris Malgren made a motion that the host Area decide on the EO event. Vicki McGuire seconded. Motion passed.

DNRC Report:

Laurie Zeller simply stated that it's been a hectic year for DNRC. New governor, new DNRC Director, an eventful legislative session.

NRCS Report:

Dave Kascht will be available throughout convention for anyone wishing to contact him. Dave White is in Washington D.C. until mid-December. NRCS has had changes in its computer staff. ITS now owns the computers, lines, etc. Keep track of your ITS people. They will be in charge of ink cartridge purchases, etc. New employees need to take and pass the computer access survey and to qualify for use of the emailing and internet.

MACD Report:

Sarah Carlson, Executive Director, announced that she has worked with the EO getting Area meeting space arranged for at this convention. The Area meeting dates are flexible. October (instead of September) dates will probably fit into next year's plans for the Area meetings.

Other:

Jean Dunn expressed the group's gratitude to Julie Goss who stepped in to help (and stayed) when the MACDEO attitude was brutal. Julie was willing to take hold and help our group to pull together to be of value to each other.

Bob Fossum, Chair, MACD also thanked Julie as being of great help as EO representative on the MACD teleconferences.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Next meeting will be held at the June MACD/MACDEO Spring Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Mason, Glacier CD
Secretary, MACDEO

Following EO meeting adjournment, Bob Fossum conducted a closed meeting with the CD Administrators.