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MACDEO Fall Meeting  
November 16, 2010  
Ballroom "C" – Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Billings, MT

***Attendance:***

Patricia Johnson, Valley County CD, Area I Representative & EO Treasurer

Amanda Lammers, Garfield County CD, Area I Representative

Sabrina Labatte, Roosevelt County CD, Area I

Renee Nelson, Wibaux CD, Area II Representative

Kodie Olsen, Little Beaver CD, Area II

Shonny Nordlund, Fergus County CD, Area III

Jennifer Kenck, Hill County CD, Area III

Barbara Berry, Stillwater CD, Area IV Representative

Guelda Halverson, Sweet Grass County CD, Area IV

Cheryl Miller, Upper Musselshell CD, Area IV

Lori Zeiser, Missoula CD, Area V, President

Julie Ralston, Bitterroot CD, Area V, Vice-President

Denise Thompson, Broadwater CD, Area VI

Jan Fontaine, MACD

Jane Holzer, MSCA

David Martin, DNRC

Laurie Zeller, Cons Dist Bureau

Pete Woll, MACD President – Was in and out

Lori Zeiser, EO Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and had everyone introduce themselves. Kodie Olsen, Denise Thompson and Sabrina Labatte are new administrators and were welcomed. The agenda was reviewed and Dave Martin's report was moved to the beginning as he had another meeting he had to go to.

Dave Martin reported he was "pinch hitting" for Karl Christians who is presenting the supervisor training. Dave handed out a draft training plan and went over it. Supervisor training can be presented at anytime and anywhere. They are also willing to come to us for a 310 workshop. There was also a suggestion to have Ray Ledgerwood attend the area meetings for a workshop. Dave also reported that DNRC will support us with the new administrator training. Just let them know what kind of assistance we need. "Meaningful minutes" is a good training session to go to. Dave said that BSPPA is willing to incorporate training geared towards conservation districts into their sessions. Jan Fontaine said that BSPPA is willing to do what is needed. Their biggest problem is finances. They are looking at the possibility of hosting a webinar. BSPPA is trying to balance out personal contact vs. electronic training. Everyone thanked Dave before he left.

**DNRC**: Laurie Zeller said that the budget is looking pretty good. If anything gets cut she will try to keep the administrative funding a priority. Other programs may have to suffer. RCAC terms are up in December with no one being appointed as of yet.

**MACD**: Jan reported that Jeff Tiberi has been appointed to the National EPA Committee in Washington. He had been called away so was unable to attend the meeting. He hoped to be back before the end of the convention. MACD is sponsoring new programs through NRCS – Irrigation Water Management (IWM). They will be hiring 1-7 people part time to be in contact with producers. Jan also told everyone that if they are using anything provided by the government they cannot lobby – not even over the internet. January 20<sup>th</sup> is the legislative event. Jan also stated that MACD is here for us – they work for us.

**MSCA**: Jane Holzer gave a little background on the Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA). There is a liaison assigned from each district with 34 counties being part of the Association. Their annual meeting is at 6:00 pm tonight with the executive board meeting being held at 5:00 pm

**2010 SPRING MINUTES**: Julie Ralston had a correction to the minutes: Instead of “how much we want to cram into the Wednesday event” it should read “how much do you want to cram into the Wednesday event.” Julie then made a ***MOTION*** to approve the minutes as corrected. Barb Berry seconded the motion, motion carried.

**TREASURERS' REPORT/PROPOSED BUDGET**: Shonny Nordlund made a ***MOTION*** to file the 2009-2010 Financial Report for review. Renee Nelson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Jan said MACD would donate the tickets for the 50/50. Shonny Nordlund, Julie Ralston, Lori Zeiser, Cheryl Miller and Kodie Olsen volunteered to sell the tickets. You must be present to win.

Julie Ralston reported she is going to the Leadership Conference. Her board approved her going and will pay for everything including a stipend. Jan Fontaine is also going. They received \$750 each from NACD scholarships to help with expenses. Steve Hedstrom is also attending.

Kodie Olsen made a ***MOTION*** the \$500 budgeted for the Leadership Conference be split 50/50 between Julie and Jan. Shonny Nordlund seconded the motion, motion carried.

Julie Ralston made a ***MOTION*** to accept the Proposed Budget. Barb Berry seconded the motion, motion carried.

**CONVENTION REPORT**: Barb Berry hopes that everyone comes to the EO Event. It is being held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the hotel – The Petroleum Club. The event is sponsored by Bonnie Kemp who unfortunately passed away. There will be stations of food spread out and Penny Landon and Barb will be keeping track of the silent auction which will also be held there.

**RESOURCE LIBRARY**: Jennifer Kenck stated that she had emailed the Draft copy out. Pat had printed out a copy and said that Jennifer had done an excellent job on it. Jennifer said that it is still a work in progress. Pat will email it out to everyone when she gets back.

**ENVIROTHON:** Shonny Nordlund reported there were 40 teams registered and she had 57 volunteers helping out with the 2010 Envirothon. The next Envirothon will be held April 18-19, 2011. The Envirothon registration fee has been raised to \$100. Montana has volunteered to host the Canon Envirothon Program in August of 2013. Donation sheets have been sent out to all of the districts and they are taking any and all donations. Shonny thanked the Districts for their response so far. She gave a power point presentation on the Envirothon and also highlights of the Canon Envirothon.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jan reported the 2011 Spring Board Meeting will be held June 8-9 in Forsyth. If there is any training the EO would like to have at this time just let her know.

Guelda Halverson asked about the Oath of Office for supervisors. Pat will email her a copy.

The scholarship recipients were Broadwater CD – Denise Thompson; Little Beaver CD – Kodie Olsen and Roosevelt County CD – Sabrina Labatte. All three recipients are also new administrators. The scholarships reimburse their respective Districts for mileage and hotel costs but NOT registration fees.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Pat Johnson made a ***MOTION*** to nominate Julie Ralston as Chairman. Jan Fontaine seconded the motion. Shonny made a motion nominations cease and Julie was unanimously elected.

Jan Fontaine made a ***MOTION*** to nominate Pat Johnson as Treasurer. Barb Berry seconded the motion. Barb also made a motion nominations cease and Pat was unanimously elected.

Barb made a ***MOTION*** to nominate Guelda Halverson as vice-chairman. Pat Johnson seconded the nomination. Cheryl Miller made a motion the nominations cease and Guelda was unanimously elected.

Julie Ralston made a ***MOTION*** to nominate Lori Zeiser as secretary. Kodie Olsen seconded the motion. Cheryl Miller made a motion nominations cease and Lori was unanimously elected as secretary.

There being no other business to come before the board Jan Fontaine made a ***MOTION*** to adjourn. Pat Johnson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Johnson*

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Secretary