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MACDEO Fall Meeting  
November 18, 2014  
Fairmont Hot Springs, MT

**Attendance:**

Guelda Halverson, Sweet Grass County CD, Area IV Representative, MACDEO Chairman  
Carie Hess, Petroleum County CD, Area I Representative, MACDEO Treasurer  
Lori Zeiser, Area V Representative & Secretary  
Julie Ralston, Bitterroot CD, Area V  
Julie Goss, Richland County CD, Area II Representative  
Kodie Olsen, Little Beaver CD, Area II Representative, MACDEO Vice-Chair  
Teresa Wilhelms, Area III Representative  
Cheryl Miller, Upper Musselshell CD, Area IV Representative  
Denise Thompson, Broadwater CD, Area VI Representative  
Lacey Rasmussen, Meagher County CD, Area VI Representative  
Marlene Moon, Toole County CD, Area III Representative  
Darlene Schwend, Carbon CD  
Michael Bertrand, Gallatin CD  
Marcie Murnion, Gallatin CD  
Shonny Nordlund, Fergus CD  
Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
Belinda Knapton, Glacier County CD  
Chris Malgren, Lake County CD  
Bobbi Vannattan, Rosebud CD  
Sheila Hardin, Beaverhead County CD  
Paul Rosenberg, Bitterroot CD-Supervisor  
Nancy Heins, Valley Co. CD-Supervisor  
Mark Suta, MACD, Vice President  
Jane Holzer, MT Salinity Control Assoc.  
Laurie Zeller, DNRC-CD Bureau Chief  
David Martin, DNRC-CD Bureau  
Don Sasse (?), CBMPP, Treasure CD  
Tenlee Atchison, Cascade CD  
Tanya Lester, Stillwater CD  
Mary Hendrix, McCone CD  
Lorna Krause, Chouteau CD  
Melissa Opsahl, Sheridan County CD  
Jenifer Anderson, Phillips CD  
Barb Martin, Big Sandy CD  
Penny Shipp, Valley County CD

A quorum being present, Guelda Halverson, EO Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. Introductions were made.

Minutes from the November 19, 2013 MACDEO meeting & June 2, 2014 MACDEO Spring Meeting were approved as presented – Chris Malgren made the motion to accept both as written, Julie Ralston seconded – motion passed.

Carie Hess provided the Financial Reports for FY2013-FY2014 and the proposed budget for FY2014-2015 as well as the 2013 Convention financial reports. There was a brief discussion regarding a \$900 invoice for transportation for the EO Event at the 2013 Convention, but it was determined that the invoice was paid at the time of service by Pat Johnson – Teresa Wilhelms moved to accept the financial

report, Chris Malgren seconded, motion passed. Teresa Wilhelms moved to accept the proposed FY2014-2015 Budget, Denise Thompson seconded – motion passed.

A review of the convention scholarships were also presented and approved by the MACDEO.

It was also discussed that with Jan leaving MACD the EO no longer had someone to review/audit the finances of the EO – it was suggested that the EO ask Gayla Wortman (Cascade Co. CD) Supervisor and former District Administrator to audit the financials as she is familiar with the organization and the books.

**Area Reports** – Each Area reported on highlights of activities in their areas.

It was suggested to have more communication between MACDEO, the CD's and MACD on the incoming and outgoing CD Administrators and CD staff.

Shonny Nordlund gave a brief report on the 2014 Competition – the teams went to the Negard Greenhouse – Whitefish was the team that won the Top Test Scores & Helena High School won the state competition – since there was no North American competition in 2014, the scholarships for the top team was increased to \$700/team member.

The NACD Foundation has taken over the Envirothon and Missouri is hosting in 2015 & Ontario in 2016

2015 State Envirothon Competition will be held April 20th & 21st in Lewistown – Urban Forestry is the current issue - all are welcome to attend and help.

MACD Report – Elena Evans – Elena Thanked the EO for jumping in to help with the Convention and hopes everything is running smoothly.

DNRC Report – Laurie Zeller – Laurie reported that the 310 Committee will meet in Great Falls on December 3, 2014. The Governor included funding for 223 Grants Program in the budget but it has to pass in the legislature.

MSCA Report – Jane Holzer reported on what MSCA does and where their funding comes from – the MSCA can add articles to CD Newsletters if CD's would like to have them. MSCA does baseline ground water monitoring CBM. They can provide assistance for watershed work and ground water or testing, monitoring, etc. and are working with the soil health program.

### **Old Business**

**Dave Martin, DNRC** – Dave went over the display boards – the boards are not quite finished, the boards have been ordered and Dave will work with the individual CD's. The boards will be done by 1/22/15 – Legislative Meet & Greet.

**Administrator & Supervisor of the Year Awards** – Carie Hess gave a report on how the process worked and how it might be improved.

**Health Benefit/Permissive Mill** – Laurie Zeller went over the program and Laurie will also give a workshop session on the health benefit at the Administrators Workshop in June.

**EO Event** – 50/50 raffle – to be sold all through the convention and through dinner on Thursday evening – must be present to win. Wednesday night event – need volunteers around 4 to 5pm to set-up

and will begin putting together parts on Tuesday evening after dinner and the MCSA presentation if anyone is interested in helping.

**EO Training** – Kodie gave an update of the training planned for June 9 thru 11, 2015 and provided handouts

**Officer Training Stipend** – the EO will cover \$2,000 of the cost for training for EO Vice-President sometime during their two year VP tenure to go to a Regional or National NACD Conference or some other type of leadership training so they are ready to take over as president of the EO.

**MACDEO Webpage** – Kodie gave an update on the progress, she is working with Kate from MACD.

### **New Business**

#### **Election of Officers:**

**President** – Kodie Olsen

**Vice-President** – Bobbi Vannattan

**Secretary** – Lori Zeiser

**Treasurer** – Carie Hess

**2015 MACD Convention - EO Event** – Theme – Budget – Committee – Chris Malgren moved to table the discussion until Area V has a chance to meet and discuss ideas, etc., Denise Thompson, seconded the motion – motion passed.

**MACDEO Fiscal Year** – Discussion on change of the EO fiscal year from Oct. 1-Sept. 30 to July 1-June 30, it was discussed as to why the EO went with the 10/1 to 9/30 rather than the fiscal year the CD's operate on (7/1 to 6/30), no one from EO (long-time administrators or recent administrators) could remember why the fiscal year was set as such except that it mirrored the fiscal year of MACD. Teresa Wilhelms moved to change it to the same as conservation districts unless research showed a more definitive reason for the 10/1 to 9/30 fiscal year, Denise Thompson seconded the motion – motion passed.

Bills were presented and paid – Lori Zeiser stated that she had bills for the EO Event that she would get together and give to Kodie/Carie once she has everything purchased.

Teresa Wilhelms moved to adjourn the meeting, Denise Thompson seconded – motion passed - meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lori Zeiser, Secretary