

## **MACDEO MEETING**

**Thursday, January 18, 2018**

**10:00 AM - Teleconference**

Attendees:

Nea Rice, Toole	Bobbi Vannattan, Rosebud
Tabitha Furnare, Glacier	Renee Nelson, Wibaux
Mike Bjarko, Daniels	Taylor Fjeldheim, Sheridan
Sarafina Claeys, Little Beaver	<b>Sharon</b> Flemetis, Stillwater
Diane Black, McCone	Darlene Schwend, Carbon
Julie Ralston, Bitterroot	Mary Hendrix, Gallatin
Cheryl Miller, Upper Musselshell	Tenlee Atchison, Cascade
Carie Hess, Petroleum	Gail Cicon, Liberty
Shirley Parrott, MACD	Judy Knapp, MACD

President Bobbi Vannattan called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Bobbi Vannattan and Tenlee Atchison were previously voted in as MACDEO president and vice president. Carie Hess moved that Gail Cicon be elected secretary. Tabitha Furnare seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike Bjarko moved that Dusty Olson be elected treasurer. Carie Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Secretary, Gail Cicon submitted MACDEO meeting minutes for the November 14, 2017 meeting at State Convention in Bozeman. Mike Bjarko moved to accept minutes, Tabitha Furnare seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Treasurer, Dusty Olson is currently on her honeymoon, so there was no treasurer's report. A financial report from convention was available. MACDEO made \$2,625.00 from the event. Many thanks to Mary Hendrix who planned and worked hard for the convention. The funds raised from this event help with the bi annual SWAT training. The 2017 SWAT grant has been paid. An updated financial report will be updated and distributed soon.

\$410 was received from the Silent Auction at convention. Carie Hess moved that these funds be donated to Denise Thompson for medical expenses. Tabitha Furnare seconded the motion. Motion carried. There will be a Spaghetti Feed fund raiser in Townsend for Denise in May, sometime close to Mother's Day. A video will be put together for Broadwater CD's annual dinner in February. Please send video will wishes and encouragement to Tenlee or Josie Reynolds. These videos will be presented during the annual dinner in February.

### **BYLAWS**

Tenlee will edit and track necessary by law changes. These changes will be emailed to the organization for review and comment. The new bylaws will be voted on during the convention in November.

MACDEO Bylaws do state that liaisons between district employees and MACD should be strengthened. President, Bobbi Vannattan stated that it was important for our organization to have a presence at the MACD monthly meetings. Gail Cicon will send a list of MACD meeting dates to all area representatives. Representatives are encouraged to sign up for one conference call/year and report back to the EO.

## **AREA REPORTS**

### Area 1

- Looking at hosting the 2018 or 2019 MACD State Convention in Billings
- Training needs
- Water reservations
- Eastern Montana Supervisor training
- Grant Webinars

### Area 2

- January 4, 2018 meeting with Administrators
- Financial information, W2s
- Tree ordering
- Soil Health workshop

### Area 3

- Administrator's quarterly meeting planned for February
- Jennifer Anderson, Admin from Phillips Co. CD had her baby early
- Supervisor training in Fort Benton on February 15
- MRCDC meeting
- Education program planning
- Curt Pate Stockmanship workshops in Toole, Liberty & Hill in June

### Area 4

- Rocky Schwagler retirement party
- Working with Treasure County
- 310s
- Tree sales
- Reality sandbox
- Conservation Days for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders
- Rolling Rivers Trailer
- Conservation Days at Cooney Dam
- MT Range Days in Red Lodge
- 310 issue w/flood plain

### Area 5

- Western Montana Agriculture Grazing Event – January 25 & 26 in Missoula
- Mill Levies – Kim McBride
- Supervisor Training – March 29
- Ronan 310 legal issue

- Supervisor Elections
- Soil Health and Pollinator workshops
- Outreach Workshop
- Conservation Days
- Farm Fair, 4<sup>th</sup> graders

#### Area 6

- Winter Grazing Seminar in Helena February 6/7
- Madison CD Conservation Concepts weekly January 17-March 14
- Many annual meeting in the area
- Planning GCD annual meeting in March
- GCD doing strategic planning this year
- GCD to participate in Farm Fair this year (upwards of 1,500 4<sup>th</sup> graders over 3 days)
- 310 Committee meeting in Helena 1/18/2018
- GCD's Bill Wright retired after 45 years
- Beaverhead CD Jamie Cottom back to work PT (early December)
- Madison CD Sunni Heikes back to work after being in Norway last June to December

### **OTHER ITEMS**

#### **2019 SWAT PLAN & GRANT**

Postponed for a later date.

#### **GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

With the possibility of this happening, CDs should take steps to prepare.

#### **WEBSITE**

We are hoping to post the MACDEO meeting minutes on the MACD website. We will contact Katie Arpin. Monica Boyer has administrative rights for updates. Please contact her with needed changes.

#### **ENVIROTHON**

Event to be held in Lewistown April 23 & 24. Administrators are needed to help with the event. Contact Shonny Nordlund.

**Next Meeting** – Executive committee will meet when MACDEO Treasurer, Dusty Olson is available.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25.

Gail Cicon, Secretary