

MACDEO MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

HOLIDAY INN, BOZEMAN, MONTANA – STATE MACD CONVENTION

President Bobbi Vannattan called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

AGENCY AND PARTNER REPORTS

SWCDM – Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana

DNRC – Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Education, Grant & Loan Programs

MACD – Montana Association of Conservation Districts

SGI – Sage Grouse Initiative (version of EQIP)

MRC – Missouri River Council

DNRC Range Program – Update by Stacey Barta – Funding available for range and soil health related events. Funding administered by Judith Basin Conservation District

AREA REPORTS – Individual districts sent reports then distributed in packets

STATE OF THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION REPORT

President Bobbi Vannattan talked about MACDEO related events for the past year. Our biennial administrator training took place in Helena, June 14, 15 and 16.

Each conservation district in the state was invited to bring a centerpiece with items that represented their county. This is an optional activity for those who would like to participate. These will be used at the banquet on Thursday evening.

In the past, the EO has assembled a mentoring list. This list is in need of updating. Anyone offering to be a part of this list is welcome. Some areas covered are: 310 process, Quickbooks accounting, grant writing and meeting minutes.

Several areas have experienced phone system changes in their offices.

The Administrator contact list is also in need of updating.

MEETING MINUTES

Secretary Gail Cicon submitted MACDEO meeting minutes for the past year. Minutes that needed to be approved were from the August 30, 2017 teleconference meeting. Nea Rice motioned that the minutes be approved. Heidi Flurey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Financial Statement - Dusty Olson presented a recap of incomes and expenses for the past fiscal year. Vote to accept Treasurer's report was tabled. Teresa Williams suggested that it include more detailed information.

BYLAW REVIEW - Vice President Tenlee Atchison

Calendar year

Our current fiscal calendar year runs from October 1 – September 30 which is concurrent with State of Montana calendar. Montana Conservation Districts run the from July 1-June 30. After discussion, it was suggested that we run the MACDEO fiscal calendar with the calendar year, January 1 – December 30. This would coincide more closely with our annual state convention. Mary Hendrix moved that we change the MACDEO fiscal calendar to coincide with the calendar year January 1 to December 30. Nea Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dues

Jennifer Anderson motioned that dues should be paid on the same calendar year as the MACDEO fiscal year, January 1- December 30. Tabitha Furnare seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Terms

A discussion ensued concerning terms of office for MACDEO officers and area representatives. Current bylaws state that the terms should be staggered, but staggering is not specific. We will look at developing a Terms Chart.

Other bylaw questions arose. It was decided that we would set up an MACDEO Bylaws Committee. Tenlee Atchison will head this committee.

Badges

According to our bylaws, the MACDEO has purchases badges for Administrators after their first year. Mary Hendrix moved that if the district would like to purchase a badge before the anniversary date, the cost would be for the badge plus postage to the district. Teresa Wilhelms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Denise Thompson

Administrator from Broadwater County, Denise Thompson has been diagnosed with cancer. She has had to travel out of state for many treatments. Her daughter, Josie Reynolds, spoke at the meeting about their family situation, as her father is also dealing with serious health issues. Josie will be acting as Administrator for Broadwater Conservation District for the present time. A fund has been set up at Opportunity Bank. Checks may be made out to the **Thompson Benefit Fund**. Josie also said that her mother would benefit from cards of support. Her address is:

Denise Thompson
310 Garnet Creek
Townsend, MT 59644

ENVIROTHON

Shonny Nordlund reported on the 2017 Montana Envirothon held in Lewistown April 24 & 25. The winners were as follows:

- 1st Place – Helena High School
- 2nd Place – Hamilton High School
- 3rd Place – Helena Capitol

Shonny stressed the need for CD Administrator participation to help run the event. Envirothon 2018 will be held April 23-24.

The North American Envirothon will be held in Idaho Falls, Idaho on July 22-26. There is a need for judges for the event. If anyone can volunteer for this event, it would be much appreciated. Let Shonny Nordlund from Fergus County know.

EO EVENT AT CONVENTION

This year's EO event is a Montana State University, Bobcat – University of Montana, Grizzly tailgate party. Districts who chose to participate, took photo photos of their district board supervisors with athletic gear of some type. These photos were used in goal post center pieces for the tables. Cornhole bean bag toss will be available for those who would like to play the game.

MACD and MACDEO will be selling raffle tickets as a fund raiser. There will also be sports memorabilia donated for silent auction.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Gail Cicon, Secretary