

MACDEO Area Representative Call

October 15, 2021 – 12pm

Zoom

Approved

ATTENDEES

Emma Link	Cascade Conservation District
Chris Evans	Lewis & Clark Conservation District
Heidi Fleury	Lake County Conservation District
Dusty Olson	Garfield County Conservation District
Sharon Flemetis	Stillwater Conservation District
Becky Clements	Gallatin Conservation District
Wendy Jones	Lower Musselshell Conservation District

This meeting took place to review and determine who will receive a scholarship to attend Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Annual Convention. A doodle poll was sent out (via email) to all MACD EO Area Representatives to select the time that works best to review submitted scholarships.

Scholarship Applications:

- ✚ Amy Yoder – Sheridan County Conservation District
- ✚ Angie Stahl – Treasure County Conservation District
- ✚ Brittany Johnson – Valley County Conservation District
- ✚ Diane Black – McCone Conservation District
- ✚ Sarah Klaus – Lake County Conservation District
- ✚ Sharon Flemetis – Stillwater County Conservation District

It was discussed whether Conservation District (CD) Supervisors are eligible for these scholarships. Several pointed out that, no, CD Supervisors are not eligible, as there have been funds available in the past from Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC). Chris Evans is reaching out to Mary Hendrix at DNRC to determine if they will offer scholarships for CD Supervisors this year.

Available Funds:

The Proposed FY 2021 approved budget lists \$2,000 available for MACD EO members to attend MACD Annual Convention. In addition, MACD is contributing \$700 towards the cause, as traditionally that contribution secures the help of the scholarship recipients with Convention registration and other duties as assigned. The total amount available to distribute is \$2,700.

Decision of distribution:

For ease, it was suggested that we divide the total amount of available funds by the number of recipients. Meaning, each recipient would receive a scholarship up to \$450 to cover mileage and

lodging. It should be noted that this scholarship does not cover registration costs. All agreed to this. Emma Link stated she would notify the scholarship recipients of the decision and amount. Scholarship recipients may also be assigned other duties to help the EO and MACD throughout Convention, such as, set up for the EO Event, carrying out the 50/50 Raffle throughout convention, etc.

Supervisor and Employee of the Year Award:

In the past Carie Hess – District Administrator for Petroleum County had organized the supervisor and employee of the year awards. Since her departure the EO Officers decided to put Supervisor and Employee of the Year Awards on hold until 2022. The EO will discuss how these awards will be organized and coordinated at the EO Business Meeting at Convention in November of 2021.

MACD decided to do their own awards this year, totally separate and in different categories from the Supervisor and Employee of the Year Awards, Rebecca Boslough (MACD Executive Director) reached out to all districts to solicit nominations.

List of Current Area Representatives:

Discussion took place regarding who the area reps are. Chris Evans stated, they are up to date on the EO website - <https://employees.macdnet.org/members/> . They are also listed below:

Area I

Dusty Olson, Garfield CD

Vacant

Area II

Julie Goss, Richland CD

Vacant

Area III

Gail Cicon, Liberty CD

Emma Link, Cascade CD

Area IV

Wendy Jones, Lower Musselshell CD

Sharon Flemetis, Stillwater CD

Area V

Heidi Fleury, Lake CD

Julie Ralston, Bitterroot CD

Area VI

Chris Evans, Lewis & Clark CD

Becky Clements, Gallatin CD

Officer and Area Representative Terms:

Officer and Area Representative terms were discussed. Terms start on the 1st of the calendar year. Area Representatives serve 3-yr. terms, Officers serve 2-yr. terms, and can consecutively serve two 2-yr. terms.

It was mentioned that term limits need to be correctly reflected in the bylaws.

Other Convention Related Business:

Emma Link requested Sharon Flemetis bring the EO checkbook so we can pay the band for the EO Event. She also requested Sharon bring a change fund for the EO 50/50 raffle that will take place throughout Convention.

