

# MACDEO 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2020 10:15 AM

Holiday Inn Convention Center – Great Falls, MT

Plus, virtual Zoom participation

## ATTENDEES

### Administrators & Conservation District Employees

Teresa Wilhelms	Judith Basin	Shonny Nordlund	Fergus
Becky Clements	Gallatin	Sarah Bowman	Gallatin
Katie Mumford	Broadwater	Emma Link	Cascade
Kim Stolz	Glacier	Wendy Jones	Lower Musselshell
Andrew Kretschmer	Lewis & Clark	Dusty Olson	Garfield
Tenlee Atchison	Cascade	Samantha Tappenbeck*	Flathead
Gail Cicon*	Liberty	Ginger Kaufman*	Flathead
Barbie Martin*	Big Sandy	Diane Black*	McCone
Chris Evans*	Lewis and Clark	Radley Watkins*	Missoula
Kay Webb*	Little Beaver	David Laufenburg*	Madison
Carie Hess*	Petroleum	Barb Kreis*	Missoula
Heidi Fleury*	Lake	Barb Martin*	Big Sandy
Tahnee Benson*	Sheridan	Audra Dominique*	Ruby valley
Sharon Flemetis*	Stillwater	Laverne Ivie*	Yellowstone
Hailey*	Flathead	Rae Lynn Hays*	Lincoln
Chris Evans*	Lewis & Clark	Julie Goss*	Richland
Bryan Vogt*	Missoula	Carie Hess*	Petroleum
Sarah Ogden*	Lake	Liz Riter*	Powder
Robbie Savelkoul*	Roosevelt		
Angela Stahl*	Treasure		
Lorna Krause*	Chouteau		

Partners & Others:

Laurie Zeller	DNRC	Mary Hendrix	DNRC
Jane Holzer	MSCA	Autumn Christenson	MT CC
Rebecca Boslough	MACD	Jeffry Tiberi*	MACD
Elisha Dempsey*	Toole CD	Melissa Downing*	MACD
Randell Hopkins*			

\*Denotes Zoom attendance

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tenlee Atchison at 10:15 am

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Secretary – Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
Minutes from the November 19, 2019 MACDEO Convention meeting were emailed prior to the meeting. Three name corrections were made. Chris Evans motioned the minutes be accepted; Emma Link seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  
- Treasurer – Dusty Olson, Garfield CD
  - Account Balances: Checking - \$19,330.66, Savings - \$4,217.84.
  - Tenlee Atchison reported that the current MACDEO Convention meeting will cost approximately \$7,000.
  - Receipt of CD dues totaled \$1,560.00.
  - 2021 Budget: Income \$19,656 – Expenses \$19,925  
(Financial Report attached)
  - 2020 Treasurer’s Report – Heidi Fleury motioned that this report be accepted, Chris Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carie Hess noted that without Convention funding the MACDEO usually receives, it might be best to look at fund raising this year. She suggested having an off-season raffle. Carie offered to head a fundraising committee for SWAT/SWET. Other members who volunteered: Katie Mumford, Andrew Kretschmer, Chris Evans.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were chosen by the MACDEO election committee this past year. Nominations were opened for any additional candidates. There were none.

Chairman – Heidi Fleury – Teresa Wilhelm motioned; Chris Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman – Katie Mumford – Chris Evans motioned; Becky Clements seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary – Emma Link – Katie Mumford motioned; Wendy Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Sharon Flemetis – Carie Hess motioned; Andrew Kretschmer seconded. Motion carried.

## HANDBOOK REVIEW

Chris Evans and Tenlee Atchison collaborated on updates for a new employee handbook. This book has been named “Field Guide”. It was suggested that the guide be put on the MACDEO website.

## TECHNOLOGY

Website - Tenlee Atchison suggested that the MACDEO website be reviewed. Solicitation was made for an employee with techie skills help with this process. Kay Webb volunteered to help.

Social Media – MACDEO does not have a Facebook or Twitter page. Discussion ensued as to whether we needed one. The consensus was that most districts do have them, but often have trouble finding time to post on them without an added place to post.

## SWAT/SET (Statewide Administrator Training/Statewide Employee Training)

Emma Link, Becky Clements, Sarah Bowman, Heidi Fleury, and Carie Hess volunteered to form a committee to develop a plan for the biennial training session. Dusty Olson, Treasurer suggested that Sharon Flemetis, the new Treasurer be a part of this planning group also.

## OTHER EVENTS

Convention – Rebecca Boslough, the new Executive Director for MACD talked about what she thought was important to convention: Wednesday in the business meeting where Supervisors can vote, and Thursday with the panels and national speaker.

Tenlee suggested that we create a Convention Committee, then MACD can focus on the business meeting. Chris Evans motioned that we set up a convention committee. Emma Link seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Volunteers for the committee:

Shonny Nordlund

Carie Hess

Chris Evans

Elisha Dempsey

## Monthly Meetings

Heidi Fleury would like to have a monthly meeting with EO Members to keep everyone informed.

## The Montana Experience

Rick Caquelin, NRCS Range Management Specialist was the guest speaker at the employee breakfast. Rick talked about his dream to have a Montana Experience where we would bring out of state residents

into our state and educate them on our way of life in agriculture and conservation. Several in attendance thought this would be a great idea. Tenlee asked anyone interested to reach out to her.

#### PARTNER REPORTS

Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)

Envirothon – April 19 & 20

At this point, plans are being made to have both options, In Person and Virtual. There is also a possibility of having a One Day Only event. Cascade CD will be taking this event over in 2022, and it will be held in Great Falls, Montana.

Secretaries:

Gail Cicon, Liberty

Emma Link, Cascade