



MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Monday, August 24, 2015 Conference Call

Attendance:

MACD Board Members:

Gary Giem
Jeff Wivholm
Steve Hedstrom
Pete Woll
Jack Judisch
Mark Suta

Others in attendance:

Elena Evans, MACD

Meeting called to order at 7:28 am

Approve June minutes (action item)

Steve motions to approve June minute, motion passes

Public Comment

n/a

Discussion

1) Dues

Second reminder sent to the districts not paying their dues. Ongoing issues with Yellowstone CD with major dues discrepancy.

2) Changes to SWCDM Board

Follow up from full board meeting. Possible DNRC liaison and NRCS liaison. Distinguish smaller SWCDM board from full board. Need approval from executive board starting changing bylaws. Motion to pursue the smaller SWCDM board, seconded by Gary. Motion passes

3) Area Meetings

Waiting for area 6 agenda, all others are on the website thus far. Let Seth know about attending meetings outside of your area for registration.

4) Convention

Still discussing key speaker line up for the convention and working out field trip arrangements. Working with Missoula board for local speaker to open up convention. Elena will be checking hotels and other costs in Sydney for 2016 convention while there on business. Steve is seeking financial permission from the committee to travel to Park City, Utah Oct 7 for Civic and Southwest Meetings. Mark Suta motions to pay the expense Gary second, motion passes. It is possible for \$250,000 in grants for and other funding opportunities for SWCDM coming in each year for the next two-three years, Ann and Elena thinking about seeking part-time help in the office. Elena proposes a trial basis under \$500 a month. Ann and Seth went to the 319 meeting and offered to reach out to districts that would be in need of these grants. DNRC hired Stacy Barta to fill Heidi Krum's position working with her on range issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 am.