



SWCDM BOARD MEETING (Spring Board)

June 10th, 2020

Meeting Minutes

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mike Hansen: Chair	Gene Evans: Treas	John Anderson	Roddy Rost
Jeff Wivholm: Vice Chair	Dean Rogge	Roger Hybner	

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Stephanie Adams, Melissa Downing; Laurie Zeller; Mark Suta; Willie Bernard; Steve Headstrom; Bill Naegeli; Tom Watson; Tenlee; Atchinson; Jim Simpson; Gayla Wortman; Jane Holzer; Rick Van Dyken; Kate Arpin; Rob Brandt

Meeting called to order by Mike Hansen at 8:00 AM

**Approve Meeting Minutes (May 12th, 2020)**

- Motion to Approve: Dean Rogge
- Seconded: Gene Evans
- VOTE: Motion Carries

**Review and acceptance of the Financial Report:**

Included: Budget Vs. Actual, P&L, Balance Sheet, Check & Credit Card detail.

- Motion to Approve: Gene Evans
- Second: Jeff Wivholm
- VOTE: Motion Carries

**Approve 990:**

There are a few questions that we are waiting on to be answered, so there is not one to review today. The final 990 should be available within the next week or so. The Board agreed that this can be sent out via email to look over and respond with concerns or approval.

**SWCDM Personnel Interim Committee:**

Previously, The SWCDM Board decided to mirror the MACD Personnel Committee; Mike Hansen, Jeff Wivholm and Gene Evans were selected to serve as the personnel committee until Spring Board, where it could be discussed and suggested changes could be made;

Dean Rogge states that he is okay with the committee as long as the information gets passed along to the board, it's important that the whole board knows what is going on;

- Motion to Approve: Roger Hybner
- Seconded: Dean Rogge
- VOTE: Motion Carries

### **BPMC Cooperative Agreement Review and Discussion:**

As previously discussed, the current BPMC Cooperative Agreement expires next year and SWCDM/WACD is working on a new one; The working-document provided incorporates SWCDM, WACD, and NRCS comments;

- Discussion about should the language be 'donations' or 'fees' or both?
- Tom Watson asked about why donations exist and how they are used: donations were originally used to help purchase the PMC in the '50s and they continued it as a maintenance fee; Mike Hansen comments that the donations give the CD's ownership and a connection to BPMC; Roger Hybner adds that the annual donation is an additional fund that is used to update the facility. Wyoming has a similar arrangement;
- The Board proposed a change to the last page where it discusses the necessary vote for dissolution; it should be  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the full board;
- Members brought up a previous idea regarding the BPMC board structure and it was suggested that it be discussed during the next BPMC Board meeting.

### **SWCDM Program Updates**

Stephanie provided an overview of programs: 10/12 Mini-Grant Applicants were fully funded, 1 Ranching for Rivers application was reviewed and approved, The Watershed Stewardship Funding Applications are due by May 13th, and SWCDM recently advertised a Call for Applications targeted towards Conservation Districts for funding Pollinators projects and programs, which are due May 27th. There are currently 2 vacant SGI positions as well as a vacancy with the BPMC Admin position. Stephanie will be involved in filling these in the upcoming month.

### **Program / Project Planning:**

Due to time, the board was not able to complete the planned program/project planning activity. It was discussed that another meeting should be had in late July, in Billings, for this meeting to take place.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

- Motion: Jeff Wivholm
- Seconded: Gene Evans
- VOTE: Motion passes

**NEXT MEETING:** TBD, Late July (Stephanie will send out a doodle poll)