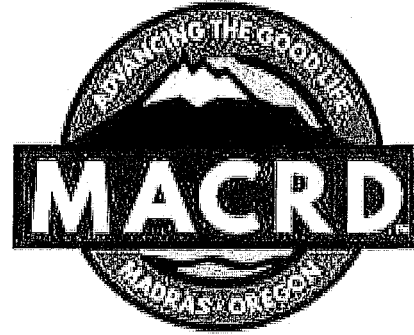


Board of Directors
Special Meeting

Monday, August 29, 2022 at 6:30pm

Madras Aquatic Center
1195 SE Kemper Way
Madras, Oregon 97741



Board members present:

Vice Chair Foster-Drago and Secretary/Treasurer Deanna Seibold attended in person. Board member Jillisa Suppah attended via zoom. Board Chair Jinnell Lewis arrived via zoom at 6:47pm, left at 6:50pm, joined at 7:15pm, left at 7:16pm, and joined at 7:37pm.

Staff Members present:

Courtney Snead, Executive Director attended in person

Visitors:

Jean McCloskey attended in person

1. The Vice Chair called the special meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Vice Chair Foster-Drago requested that the board add a new number 4 to the agenda, updates on the local option levy. The board members agreed.

2. Board member position #5 applicant interviews

The board interviewed Jean McCloskey.

3. Consider approving an appointment to the vacant board position #5

Since Board Chair Lewis was in and out of the meeting due to work obligations, the remaining board members decided to table the decision to the September business meeting so she could be involved.

Secretary/Treasurer Seibold moved to table the appointment to the vacant board position #5 to the September 19, 2022 business meeting. Board member Suppah seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

4. **Added at meeting* Local option levy updates*

Vice Chair Foster-Drago updated the board on progress the Friends of the MACRD are making toward planning for the upcoming local option levy

election in November 2022. She shared a calendar of dates with the board and asked them to consider what presentations/events they can attend. The Friends of the MACRD will meet on September 13 and 27 at 5:30pm at the MAC. She requested a second board member attend in her place on September 27 since she will be out of town on work business.

The board discussed marketing and asked the executive director to look into safe harbor review with the State. Ms. Snead indicated that she had already reached out to the Secretary of State's office and was awaiting a return email. The board was generally supportive of using general funds to design and mail a neutral, information only postcard to district residents, as well as developing a flier that could be handed out at presentations in October.

Board member Suppah recommended adding an outreach event as a lunch and learn to educate community members about the levy. The board was supportive of this idea, and board member Suppah will look into locations and dates in Warm Springs.


She also shared that a PAC would not be required to be formed if expenses were kept below \$750 and asked the board their thoughts. It was the general consensus that a PAC will most likely not be needed for this election.

Board member Suppah asked if there were any ethics rules around board members advocating for the levy. Executive director Snead said that board members, as elected officials, could advocate for political positions and/or ballot measures, but that if they are also public employees that they would need to be clear about their roles and what hat they are wearing if and when they choose to advocate on political issues.

5. Adjourn

Vice Chair Foster-Drago adjourned the special meeting at 7:45pm.

The next board work session and business meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  9/24/22
Courtney Snead, Executive Director Date

 9/20/22
Jinnell Lewis, Board chair Date