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\_\_\_\_\_ **Conservation District Seeks Natural Resources Elected Officials**

(November 4, 2019) \_\_\_\_\_, your local conservation district, is seeking individuals from the city and county area to serve four-year terms and provide natural resource guidance to locally led conservation on Montana lands.

Montana Association Conservation Districts President, Mark Suta of Cutbank, Montana, said, "Throughout Montana's 58 conservation districts in 56 counties, local residents with interest of serving as one of the 5 – 7 member elected board of supervisors are needed to address air, water, soil related land conservation issues. Your volunteer interest can and does make a difference at the local level. Please consider being a part of the natural resource movement in \_\_\_\_\_ and guide conservation on the ground in our communities."

Name of county

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District board chairman, said,

Name CD Name

"The greatest level of satisfaction our local conservation board has is addressing the local natural resources throughout our county and assisting land owners and land managers with their natural resources concerns. Our conservation district meets on an average of nine times a year to review conservation planning and implementation opportunities along with technical and financial resources provided by our conservation district staff, USDA—Natural Resource Conservation, MT Department of Natural Resource and other educational, community and local / state / federal natural resource related governmental agencies."

\_\_\_\_\_ board chairman further said, "If you have a passion for Montana's lands, are community minded and have an interest in helping enhance local natural resources, plan now to learn more about the conservation district and serving on the conservation district board of supervisors for a three year term, please contact the conservation district administrator or me for more information."

The role and mission of Montana's conservation districts is in promoting and maintaining a landscape where soil, water, and other natural resources are conserved and utilized for the benefit of all Montanans in cooperation with landowners, state and federal agencies, and other partners.

Our vision as conservation districts is to be the lead voice for locally-led natural resource conservation in Montana.

For more information, log on to <https://macdnet.org/about-us/district-info/> and/or contact your local conservation district for conservation district supervisor election filing.

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**Make A Difference for Local Conservation:  
Consider Filing for Conservation District Supervisor Position**

(List City) Every year, Montana's 58 conservation districts, local subdivisions of government in Montana's 56 counties, have four-year term vacancies on the local Conservation District Board. We need you, community minded and the public good oriented active and involved men and women from all parts of the county to consider serving and contributing on our five to seven - member board of supervisors!

Will you consider serving as a local volunteer and leader in Montana's conservation movement as a locally elected board of supervisor? For as little as five hours a month, your individual participation in monthly meetings and individual / collective work activities will make the difference in guiding our local natural resource professionals in your community (conservation district, state and federal natural resource agency staff and partners) with strategic direction on a host of natural resource programs, issues and areas of conservation concerns.

Local conservation districts are the natural resources center linking technical and financial resources to natural resource concerns and bringing land owners and land managers to the table on Montana lands and associated natural resource concerns. Conservation districts address the air, water, soil and land use concerns that our public and private constituents utilize.

Are you interested in giving back to your community with volunteer service and providing a conservation legacy to local natural resources and a natural resources stewardship ethic that Montana land owners and land managers pride themselves? Will you commit to serving as a volunteer and leader in Montana's conservation movement as a locally elected board of supervisor? If you find yourself answering YES to these questions, then please contact your \_\_ (Name) \_\_ Conservation District today by (deadline) and discover the exciting and rewarding benefits of serving as a conservation district board of supervisor.

Your local conservation district is affiliated with the Montana Association of Conservation Districts and National Association of Conservation Districts. Countless individuals across the state, the 440 Montana Association of Conservation District supervisors (58 districts, 56 counties) have expressed that giving back to their local communities through volunteer service results in a commitment to future generations, a conservation legacy to our local natural resources and a profound stewardship ethic that Montana land owners and land managers pride in themselves.

For more information on your local conservation district and to file for office to serve a three year term- Will you consider serving as a local volunteer and leader in Montana's conservation movement as a locally elected board of supervisor year term on the \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District board of supervisors, contact Administrator by calling \_\_\_\_\_ and/or e-mailing \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **Volunteers Needed for Conservation District Board of Supervisor Positions**

Statewide throughout 58 conservation districts in 56 Montana counties, the local conservation district has four-year term vacancies in FY 2021! Your local conservation district requests your consideration of filing for a four-year term.

You might ask yourself, what is a conservation district? A conservation district is a local subdivision of government that has statutory authority since 1939. Five to seven individuals are elected to serve on a conservation district board of supervisors and represent the county residents on natural resource issues ranging from air, water, soil health and other natural resource concerns.

What do conservation district (CD) board of supervisors do? Locally elected CD board of supervisors meet monthly to address natural resource concerns and conservation district programming that is established in concert with annual plans of work and long - range planning & associated budgets. The conservation district is the nervous system if you will that brings together technical resources from conservation district staff, state and federal natural resource agency representatives (USDA- NRCS, MT DNRC, others) and funding / finances to address a host of conservation and natural resource projects.

In the interim between board meetings, individual CD supervisors may assist the Board Chairman and the Conservation District Administrator with program oversight (much like a committee) and may assist with work tasks associated with the Annual Plan of Work and Long- Range Plan.

Listed below are just a few areas that the CD board of supervisors provide guidance, strategic overview and input on conservation planning and implementation for the benefit of land owners and land managers:

- 310 permits that address any work necessary on a perennial stream
- Review of water reservation requests that irrigators submit to expand water usage
- Water quality projects with various state and federal agencies, other working partners
- Watershed planning
- Wildlife interface, fire mitigation and other private and governmental collaborative projects,
- Conservation district input into USDA NRCS Farm Bill program (EQIP, WHIP, CRP), local work group and Targeted Implementation Plans (TIP)
- Monthly financial review and fiduciary oversight
- Annual plan of work and strategic planning
- Public meetings, focus groups and natural resource---public and individual landowner requests

Conservation districts have varying programs, projects and strategic objectives. Programs range from youth and adult education outreach, range and riparian, water quality and water quantity, tree seedling and tree planning programs (shelter belts, windbreaks), wildlife habitat, watershed planning, recycling and a host of urban projects that include environmental remediation and other projects as identified from community partners and residents alike.

#### What can you do to assist the local conservation district?

Your local conservation district needs a few committed men and women that have community mindedness, focus on the public good, conservation ethic to advance Montana's conservation legacy. On average there are approximately two (2) CD board of supervisor position vacancies each with a three year term.

For more information on the \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District and / or the 2020 and 2021 Conservation District Board of Supervisor candidate filings, please contact Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ by calling \_\_\_\_\_ and/or e-mail at \_\_\_\_\_.