



MACD Legislative Committee: Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Attendance:

Dean Rogge	Jim Simpson <i>excused</i>	Greg Jergeson
Jeff Pattison	Bob Petermann <i>excused</i>	Steve Schanaman

Others present:

Present in person: Steve Wanderaas, Jeff Tiberi, Rebecca Boslough-King, Jeff Wivholm, Laura Kiehl, Amy Yoder, Nathan Shackelford

Present via Zoom: Dan Rostad, Dick Iverson, Scott Brown, Doug Bonsell, Veronica Grigaltchik, Steve Schanaman, Chris Evans, Jane Holzer, Mary Hendrix, Brenna Rietmann, Liz Riter, Steve Tyrrel, Molly Masters, Randall, Hailey Graf, Mark Bostrom, Sharon Flemetis, Byron Martinell, Cindy Frank, Judi Knapp, Alycia Nathen, Jason Garber

Urgent Matters

CD Funding Discussion - two sources, appropriation level

- Focus on getting to \$6 million by the end of the biennium. What would you say would be responsible - How can we get there?
- Language appropriation in HB2
- Tomorrow’s testimony - focus on the need for additional resources .

Motion: Goal will be to get to \$6million by the end of the biennium

- Motion: Greg Jergeson
- Second: Jeff Pattison
- Discussion: We need to focus on getting to a budget of \$6 million by FY 2025 (the budget is currently \$3.1 million.) There is a chance they may decrease this slightly.
- Motion carries

CD Awareness Day and Meet and Greet - Today (1/24!)

Upcoming Hearings

Section F: HB 7 (1/24) - Becca or Jeff will support district projects

Bill Tracker (Key legislation)

SB 72 and HB 114 - Comprehensive Water Review

Support 114, Monitor SB 72

Motion: Greg

Second: Jeff Pattison

Discussion: Rebecca will organize a second info session on SB 72

Motion Carries

CD Nepotism Bill - Rep. Bergstrom

- Referred to Local Government

Update - Quiet Season - Lang

- What they do is say they won't issue permits, and then people are already here. No ability to enforce locally in Daniels County.
- Tom France has a bill draft - language defining commercial dog training and trying to inspire a process.
- There is only one game warden - how can this be enforced?
- Greg - special legislation - The commission can probably adopt rules on this topic by region. This has statewide application.

HB 6, 7, 11 - Project and program funding for CDs - Support

Habitat funding bill - in FWP (carried by Lang)

- This could provide project opportunities for districts if this program is renewed

SJ 9 Soil Health Week

- This would designate a Soil Health week and day

SB 83 - Western Conservation Commission

- Monitor for now. A decision can be made at next week's meeting if need be.

MACD Bill tracker (updated prior to Legislative Committee - info pulled from leg.mt.gov preference account)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pe3haBDDgIE573-ULMmp9dTiw0r2zkHLS6aStp3h1c/edit?usp=sharing>

Updates and Open Mic

1. Open Mic - none
2. Adjourn

Parking Lot (issues for another day / future meeting)

- SJ 9
- SB 83
- SB 72