



MACD Legislative Committee

Tuesday, Jan 31st at 7:00 AM via Zoom *(The Legislative Meetings will be weekly on Tuesdays at 7am during the Legislative Session)*

Call Meeting to Order

Committee: Greg Jergeson, Steve Schanaman, Jeff Pattison, Dean Rogge

Others: Ray Beck, Stephanie Criswell, Jane Holzer, Scott Brown, Amy Yoder, Dan Rostad, Mary Hendrix, Veronica Grigaltchik, Liz Riter, Chris Evans, Molly Masters, Byron Martinell, Cindy Frank, Steve Tyrrel, Elizabeth Emeline, Alycia Nathe, Dick Iverson, Becca Boslough-King, Jeff Tiberi

Urgent Matters / Upcoming hearings

HB 321 - House Taxation

- Rep. Fielder is Chair.

Nepotism

- House Local Government on 2/2
- Rep. Bergstrom is confident about it passing.

Bill Tracker (Key legislation)

1. SB72 and HB 114 - Comprehensive Water Review
 - a. SB 72 - Info session on Thursday at 5:30pm (Monitoring)
 - b. HB 114 - Support (as voted on 1/24)
2. SB 83 - Western Conservation Commission - Decision needed. There are some concerns regarding workloads and number of staff available. MACD will place this first on the agenda for next week to try to move to a formal position.
 - a. MACD would nominate two supervisors
3. Update - Quiet Season - Working on meeting with interested parties, potential bill draft coming. If a bill doesn't come forward a meeting will be necessary with FWP, legislators, Daniels CD, etc.
4. SJ9 - Soil Health Week Resolution (put forward by Northern Plains).

5. HB 269 was discussed. Greg had concerns about the protection of the trust in the future. MACD could address this on the Senate side, assuming it would pass the House.
6. SB 203 ref. foreign ownership had lots of supporters.
7. MACD supported the nomination of Christy Clark as the Director of the Department of Agriculture.
8. Additional bills - **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

9. Partner updates. DNRC Steph - CDAC met last week and discussed if there are additional funds available. A survey was prepared and sent out to gather baseline data if and when the Legislature asks for a plan. The Districts need to tell us how they would use additional funding. There will be additional info as this progresses.
10. Open Mic: Executive Action on HB 2 scheduled for 15th Feb. Use texting to reach members in a more efficient manner.
11. Adjourn

Parking Lot (issues for another day / future meeting)