



MACD Legislative Committee: Minues

Tuesday, February 14th

Call Meeting to Order

Committee Members: Greg Jergeson, Jeff Pattison, Steve Schanaman, Jim Simpson, Bob Petermann

Others Present: Rebecca Boslough-King, Mark Bostrom, Chris Evans, Steve Tyrrel, Hailey Graf, Scott Brown, Jane Holzer, Hailey Graf, Dick Iverson, LaRinda Spencer, Alycia Nathe, Ray Beck, Kathleen Johnson, Jason Garber, Jeff Ryan, Doug Bonsell, Robbie Savelkoul

Legislation and Policy

Amendments in Section F (Mark Bostrom)

- HB 6 - 72 million for St. Mary (direct appropriation)
- Deer Lodge Planning Money
- Drop painted Rocks rehabilitation and shifted funds to East Fork Dam rehabilitation
- HB 11 - Bump up regional water systems project money from \$7 million to \$10 Million
- Add \$190,000 to MSEP

CD Funding - [HB 321](#); [SB 28](#); HB2 (Section C Subcommittee).

HB 321

- Hearing scheduled for today at 3:00pm
 - This was an abrupt scheduling. If there is a problem with the fiscal note or anything else. It could be anything. Portioning money off.
- Joe Trimm will be doing Section F. They usually have a chart on the first floor to show you.

SB 28

- Executive Action forthcoming

HB 2

- Welborn has Amendments that would provide a total of \$4.5 Million in FY 2024 and \$6 Million in FY2025. Senator Welborn would like to have a contingency in place so Districts are funded no matter what.

Revise Nepotism Laws Related to Small Communities - [HB 295](#)

Passed Committee Unanimously. Will move to third reading.

Dog Training Quiet Season

- a. **SB 280** sponsored by Sen. Lang (MACD requested bill) **Support**
There would be no permits. Licenses and criminal charges give it more bite.
- b. **LC 4427** Sponsored by Rep. France **Support**

Motion to support both SB 280 and LC4427

- Motion: Jeff
- Second: Jim Simpson
- Discussion:
- Motion Carries

SB 72 - Revise judicial administration of water rights- **Monitor**

- Letter from Meagher CD (sent out last week and yesterday)
- Additional information on Water Reservations (sent out last week and yesterday)

Potential Amendment impacting Urban Supervisors

Potential amendment related to limiting urban supervisors from small municipalities (based on word of mouth, no amendment text available at this time)

Highlights from the MACD Bill Tracker ([Bill Tracker Linked here](#))

2. **SB 83** - Creation of Western Montana Conservation Commission - **Support**
3. **HB 269** - Creating Disaster Resiliency Fund - **Support**
4. **HB 86** - Remove sunset for the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program - **Support**
5. **SJ 9** - Joint resolution establishing soil health week and day - **Monitor**

Highlights/Add to Bill Tracker

- HB 291 - Brewster
- SB 291 and SB 292 - don't believe they would impact CD mill levies as they stand.
- Another potential Mill bill - Mark has the LC
- Add LC 4416 (Malone, woody invasive species)
- SB 203 - Foreign Ownership

Upcoming Hearings

Tuesday 2/15

- **SB 280** in Senate Fish and Game
- **HB 321** in Appropriations
- Section F Long Range Planning - Executive Action

Wednesday 2/7

- Section F Long Range Planning - Executive Action
- Senate Natural Resources at 3pm

Partner Legislative Updates & Open Mic

DNRC Conservation Districts Bureau - Mark Bostrom

- New ED for FBC and UC3.
- New Pollution Control Grant - MACD will participate with DNRC.

Cascade and Yellowstone - Ray Beck

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Missouri River CD Council - none

Yellowstone River CD Council - none

Milk River Watershed Alliance - Jeff Pattison

NACD - NACD Resolutions passed unanimously (Milk River, Fort Peck, Crop Insurance, Floodplain)

Other partners

Open Mic

Adjourn