



## MACD Legislative Committee

**Jan 17th at 7:00 AM via Zoom** *(The Legislative Meetings will be weekly on Tuesdays at 7am during the Legislative Session)*

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

**Others present:** Becca Boslough-King, Byron Martinell, Mark Bostrom, Dan Rostad, Ray Beck, Jeff Tiberi, Dick Iverson, Jan Holzer, Mary Hendrix, Renee Nelson, Steve Wanderaas, Liz Riter, Amy Yoder, Stephanie Criswell, Jeff Ryan, Willie Bernard, Chris Evans, Elizabeth Emeline, Jason Garber, Steve Tyrrel, Sharon Flemetis, Hailey Graf, Willie Bernard

*Note: Jim Simpson will be unable to attend for four weeks (this week included)*

### Call Meeting to Order

#### Approval of last week's minutes

- Motion: Greg Jergeson
- Second: Steve Schanaman
- Discussion: none
- Motion Carries

### Urgent Matters

#### Review of Presentation

Dan Rostad and Steve Wanderaas - said it went well. Highlight what the river council has been able to do with DNRC support. Ray said it went great and the Envirothon folks did well.

#### Discussion of CD funding approach for Section C\*

Change packages in play from CARDD are just tapping Natural Resource Operations and General Fund, and they are not CD-related. There will need to be an appropriation for whatever comes from the new funding solution for CDs. Could this be a language appropriation? Or a specific amount. Mark has language for this. Waiting to see what mechanism will be in play.

### **Motion to support MACD supports Governor's CD Trust Fund Bill (HB 321)**

- Motion: Dean Rogge
- Second: Bob Petermann
- Discussion: This is not eliminating SB 28.
- Motion Carries

### **Motion to support stair step increase of CD funding, focused on getting to 6 million (and considering inflation)**

- Motion: Dean Rogge
- Second: Bob Petermann
- Discussion: This could look like an increase to 4 million, 5 million, then 6 million (each year).
- Motion Carries

## **Upcoming Hearings and Meetings**

- Section C - Districts will now comment on Jan 25th
- HB 6 and 7 - District Projects - Section F Long Range Planning - 6 requests at a total of 1.4 million from Districts.
- CDAC Meeting is moving to Jan 24th (or another date - tbd) due to the change in public comment date. They will have several hours to do a deep dive on the CD Account budget. Zoom will be available. CDAC will be meeting 1/24 2-5 for regular business. The funding scenario discussion will take place 1/25 8-noon. Still working on meeting space, but we'll meet somewhere at DNRC.

### **Training and info sessions**

- **Tomorrow at 10am - Employee Roundtable**

## **Bill tracker / Issues**

### **MACD Bill Tracker (Spreadsheet) - link - view only**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pe3haBDDgIE573-ULMmp9dTiwI0r2zkHLS6aStp3h1c/edit?usp=sharing>

### **CD Funding**

- Appropriation for increased CD funding: The language appropriation that authorizes expenditure of NEW money has not been added to HB2 yet. It will be added to HB 2 by amendment in the Section C Natural Resources and Transportation subcommittee or House Appropriations.
- Coal Trust Fund for CDs: The draft bill is LC 1343.
- SB 28: Marijuana Funding for CDs - This bill is being moved from Senate Taxation to Senate Natural Resources or another committee.

**Nepotism** - Rebecca is working with Jay King (PCCD) on this bill and with sponsor Rep. Bergstrom

**Quiet Season** - Continuing conversations with Senator Lang and FWP about a bill draft or alternative solutions.

### **SB83 - Create Western Montana Conservation Commission**

- Summary: This would combine the Flathead Basin Commission (FBC) and Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3) This is an agency bill from DNRC. There would be four representatives from each of the basins. The Kootenai Basin is left out of FBC and UC3 - but it would be included in this.
- MACD would make the appointments for the voting members. MACo would make appointments for County Commissioners, etc.
- FBC and UC3 would bring together current members to set this up.
- This will be a capacity challenge for CARDD, as the same staff were already running both.
- Question: What is expected as an outcome that will serve the interested populations in the river basins in western Montana?
- Mark will send Rebecca more information to share with the LegComm. This bill has not yet been scheduled. The LegComm will take more time to review this.

### **Open Mic**

- Becca will prepare a schedule for 24th and 25th - Steph and Becca will work on.
- Vacancy in Central Montana -Ed Butcher
- Jane will do the baking for section C on the 25th. Someone else needs to bring juice and fruit.

### **Adourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:14 am.**