



# MACD Legislative Committee: Minutes

## Call Meeting to Order

### Attendance:

Dean Rogge	Jim Simpson	Greg Jergeson
Jeff Pattison	Bob Petermann	Steve Schanaman

**Others:** Becca Boslough-King, Mark Bostrom, Jane Holzer, Dan Rostad, Robbie Savelkoul, Scott Brown, Elizabeth Emeline, Ray Beck, Dick Iverson, Steph Criswell, Alycia Nathe, Byron Martinell, Amy Yoder, Liz Riter, Sharon Fletmetis

### Motion to Approve November Minutes

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

## Legislative Issues

### CD Funding - SB28 & CD Trust proposal\*

- Senate Bill 28 has been referred to taxation
- Bill draft - CD Trust
  - Transfer of surplus balance of general fund into School Facilities Fund. This is a huge boost for the schools.
  - 100 Million will not be enough because we are still dependent on the spendable side
  - will take 4-5 years to fill up (at least)
- HB 374 will still require a transfer to the CD Account this year
- We need something to account for the inflation and something that addresses the spendable side of the coal trust
- Dates to think about
  - March 3rd - transmittal
  - March 31st - appropriations bills
- Need to keep the message going - Unity of message

***Motion to support the concept of a trust fund as a tool (This is a standalone from SB 28 and not in place of)***

- Motion: Jim Simpson
- Second: Greg Jergeson
- Discussion: none
- Motion Carries

### **Postcards**

- Key aspects of the message to include
- When should we send these out
- Coordinate with Senator Lang on when the hearing will be - that is the time the post cards will be helpful (especially on the committee and in whatever house the bill is heard in first)

**Nepotism Law** - In process of finalizing a bill sponsor.

### **Daniels CD - Quiet Season Resolution**

- Alycia was placed on FWP advisory Council for Region 6
  - Leslie Robinson - chair for this Council
  - Rhonda Knudson - Alycia spoke with - as well as Bartel.
  - Tom France has submitted another bill related to dog training.
  - If we protect state lands in region 6 - what will this do to state lands in other counties?
- Pattison - This is not just Region 6. There may be potential for this to be statewide. Could this be amended into France's bill?

### **Big picture:**

Policy opportunities for other resolutions and priorities

Bill tracking - in process - 4000 bill titles already

### **Any recommendations or issues to send to MACD Board (meeting next week)**

- **Nothing**

## **Events**

### **January 24th**

**Rotunda Day - Press release** - This is part of a bigger campaign for conservation districts. Print and radio. It will be in media outlets across the state. This will air for two weeks building up to this awareness day. 12 districts + MSCA and River Councils

- Lunch
- Floor Announcements - get legislators there
- Press release will go out

**Meet and Greet at the Montana Club (5-9pm) - also planning printed invitations**

## Partner Updates

### Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Hearings this week. Water Rights.

Upcoming Hearings:

- Expand MEPA - 11th (Autumn Coleman will run)
- 11th - Revises timelines for water permit and change process
- 9th - Bill to revise solicitation requirements for water projects
- Forestry - HB85 - expanding categorical exclusions
- CARDD on Jan. 23rd.
- Section F - Long Range Planning Grant hearings begin January 17th - 20th

CD outreach campaign - also includes social media

**Missouri River CD Council** - No other things.

**Yellowstone River CD Council** - Don Youngbauer coming into town. Working on a couple other things.

**Ray Beck** - No update.

**MSCA** - Spoke with Lou Jones - his advice. Stay out of marijuana - that is a huge fight.

## Upcoming meetings:

1. MACD Board Meeting - Monday, January 9th at 7:30am
2. MACD Legislative Committee Meetings will be **Tuesdays at 7am via zoom** (same link and call in info every week)

## Open Mic and Adjournment

### Open Mic

- Nutrient work group - this is stalled (Dan R) if anything happens - we need to be involved.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:19am**

## Parking Lot

- Flathead River Erosion
- Resolutions and Legislative Priorities
- WSA update from Beaverhead CD