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## DISTRICT 7 MEETING MINUTES

Conference Call

November 29, 2017

### **District 7 Counties**

- Big Horn
- Carbon
- Stillwater
- Sweet Grass
- Yellowstone

**MACo Staff:** Harold Blattie, Executive Director; Sheryl Wood, Associate Director; and Shantil Siaperas, Legislative Analyst & Communications Specialist

**Call to Order:** There being no Chair for District 7, Ms. Wood called the meeting to order

**Purpose of Meeting:** To elect a Chair and Vice Chair to complete the term, which ends at the conclusion of the Business Meeting at the Annual Conference in September 2018.

- Commissioner Susan Mosness, Sweet Grass County, retired in October, which moved Vice Chair Doug Tucker, Carbon County, in the Chair position.
- Commissioner Tucker has resigned as Chair as of November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Chair position represents the counties in that district on the MACo Board of Directors
  - Four meetings annually: Annual Conference, one in December (held during the Elected Officials Training), Midwinter Conference, and one in June (budget setting).
  - If the Chair is unable to attend any of the board meetings, the Vice Chair would participate; if the Vice Chair can't make it, then an appointed commissioner from the district could stand in his/her place (it is up to the Chair to figure out who will attend).
  - The Chair also helps MACo set up the district meeting; districts 6 and 7 meets together—two meetings this year, as it's a pre-legislative year (spring meeting in May and summer meeting in August).

### **District Chair/Vice Chair Nominations/Elections:**

- Chair and Vice Chair positions are completing the current 2-year term (ends at the conclusion of the business meeting at the September 2018 Annual Conference).
  - Chair
    - NOMINATION/ELECTION: Commissioner John Ostlund, Yellowstone County nominated Commissioner Denis Pitman, Yellowstone County, for Chair. Commissioner Dennis Shupak, Stillwater County, nominated Commissioner Bill Wallace, Sweet Grass County, for Chair. Each county emailed Ms. Wood with their votes: Commissioner Wallace was elected Chair via majority vote.
  - Vice Chair
    - NOMINATION/ELECTION: Commissioner Chad Fenner, Big Horn County, nominated Commissioner George Real Bird III, Big Horn County, for Vice Chair. Commissioner Wallace nominated Commissioner Pitman for Vice Chair. Commissioner Pitman respectfully declined: Commissioner Real Bird was elected via acclamation.

**Meeting Adjourned**