

**MACo DISTRICTS 6 & 7 SPRING MEETING  
MAY 24, 2010 ROUNDUP, MT**

Minutes Recorded by: Cheryl Tomassi  
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1. **Introductions and opening comments:** Leslie Burroughs, Golden Valley County, District 6 Chair welcomed everyone and conducted roll call and introductions.

ATTENDANCE:

District 6: Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin Musselshell, Petroleum, Wheatland

District 7: Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone

Guests: Carl Seilstad, MACo President; Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director; Mike Waite, Congressman Rehberg's Office; Dorothy Thom, Lavina High School Student

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was recited.
3. **Approval of Minutes - June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009:** Minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 District 6 & 7 meeting were discussed. Ken Ronish moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Larry Lekse seconded. Motion passed. Susie Mossness was acknowledged for preparing the minutes.
4. **MACo Officer's Report:** President Seilstad thanked everyone for their support during the past year, and thanked MACo staff for their work on the budget. John Ostlund, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President reported that the upcoming legislative session focus will need to be on protecting county revenues and opposing state cost shifting.
5. **District 7 Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations:** There was a unanimous motion that Maureen Daley be re-nominated as the District 7 Chair for another 2 year term along with Bill Kennedy as the District 7 Vice-Chair. Susie Mosness seconded the motion. Nominations were moved to close. All in favor, no one opposed.
6. **MACo Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** John Ostlund moved to nominate Greg Chilcott as MACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Motion was seconded. All in favor, no one opposed.
7. **MACo Resolutions:**
  - a. Sheryl Wood explained the resolution process and the difference between a resolution and a policy. There was a discussion about the different resolutions that are coming up. Give a copy of any resolution that needs to be introduced to MACo, and the resolution will be introduced in August.
  - b. The Dispatchers from Missoula County are requesting their retirements to be transferred out of PERS and into the Sheriff's retirement plan. There was discussion regarding the dispatchers retirement plans in which it is up to the employee's if they want to stay with PERS or change to the Sheriff's retirement. If the employee doesn't want to pay the catch up for the differences then they can stay with the PERS, and all new employee's will automatically have to choose

the Sheriff's retirement plan. There was a discussion regarding the possible impact on if the employee chooses to change retirement plans or not. There was a discussion regarding the reasons for the dispatchers quick turnaround times on the job and whether the turnaround times were caused by stress or by the inconvenience of the job.

- c. Phil Hathaway asked about GASB 45 regulations. Sheryl Wood noted that a resolution had been introduced by Districts 8, 9 & 12, and more information would be presented at the August meeting.
- d. John Ostlund spoke about a proposed resolution on private property rights. John will be introducing the bill draft resolution at the upcoming fall convention regarding Emergency Zoning Laws. There is a need for everyone to take a look at the impact subdivisions will be making on or around ranch properties and the rights of the landowners. Emergency zoning is set up for health and safety reasons. It could be a huge loss for possible revenue for cow/calf operators, gravel pits, right to farm and ranch etc., if we don't get the resolution passed regarding emergency zoning laws. John will have a draft resolution available in a couple of weeks if anyone is interested in a copy.

Sheryl Wood reminded everyone to please look on the website for the correct format for resolutions.

- 8. **MT Department of Transportation (MDOT):** Gary Larson introduced himself and explained that he will be retiring soon from MDOT. Wayne Noem from MDOT explained briefly the overview of the STIP, (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and TCP, (Tentative Construction Program). All the documentation is listed on the MDOT website for review. The projects selected for each county were handed out, listing the projects, the status of the projects, and a list of the secondary projects. Wayne also discussed the Forest Service Highway Projects that will be starting soon. The MDOT will be busy working on field reviews in Judith Basin on the Memorial Highway project, and in Fergus County on the Crystal Lake Road. Gary Larson then introduced all the rest of the MDOT employees that attended today's meeting.
- 9. **MACo FY 2010-2011 Budget:** Sheryl Wood gave her report on the MACo Proposed Budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and she discussed the MACo FY 2011 projected cash balance report. Sheryl then discussed the school budgeting bill drafts amended subsections and date changes.

#### **10. Other Business:**

- a. **Medical Marijuana:** Sheryl explained that they do not have any authority to oppose the Medical Marijuana program and that they can't do anything about the medical marijuana patients. Legislature gets an annual report showing the number of applications for ID cards, and the number of qualifying patients and care givers that have been approved to receive medical marijuana.
- b. **FY 2011 MACo/JPA workers Compensation Rates:** Sheryl handed out the rates and noted that the rates did not increase for this year.

- c. **Copier Hard Drives:** Sheryl reported that discarded copiers can be a security risk as they have a hard drive that retains images of all files scanned and copied. If anyone has a copier machine built after 2002 you will need to check if the machine has a hard drive. If the copier has a hard drive, it needs to be destroyed or wiped clean prior to disposing of the copier.
- d. **Cyber Liability:** Sheryl reported that counties could purchase a cyber liability policy, as long as they have a county policy in place to address a security breach. MACo is currently working on a cyber liability policy that counties will be able to use as a model.
- e. **MACo JPIA Property damage claims:** Carl Seilstad discussed that work comp rates are staying the same but property damage claims are going to be rising, as the Pool has had a number of large claims.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.