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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 24, 2009
Red Lion Colonial Hotel – Helena, MT
7:30 A.M.

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call and Introductions:** Roll call and introductions were conducted. The attendance sheet is attached.
2. **President's Welcome:** President Seilstad welcomed new members and noted there were add on items to the agenda.
3. **Board Member Duties & Responsibilities:** Associate Director Wood reviewed the items in the 2009-2010 Board binders and asked members to contact her if they had any questions.
4. **2009-2010 Committee Appointments:** President Seilstad informed the Board that he would be working with other officers to do committee appointments.
5. **Staff Policy and Procedures Manual:** Associate Director Wood reported that the By-Laws require the Board to annually review and adopt the Staff Policy and Procedures Manual. There are no changes from the prior year being proposed at this time. Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Iman seconded to approve the MACo Staff Policy and Procedures Manual as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **2010 District Meeting Schedule:** President Seilstad informed the Board that he had been asked to consider having MACo staff attend fall District meetings only. By not having staff attend the spring meetings, it would save travel costs. President Seilstad added that District Chairs would be responsible for ensuring that resolutions are presented in the proper format, presentation of the budget to their members and accepting nominations for officers.

Following discussion, it was requested that the Executive Director be available by phone for budget questions, and that MACo send District Chairs meeting reminder notices as well as agenda items and budget documents.

7. Other Business

- a. **Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve:** Associate Director Wood asked the Board to approve signing of the statement of support. Commissioner Dunbar moved and Commissioner Rehbein seconded to approve signing the Statement of Support. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **QCI Investments:** Associate Director Wood asked the Board to approve the agreements to establish an account to transfer cash into a QCI Investment account and for Executive Director Blattie to be granted signature authority. Finance Officer Swindle noted that the same investment guidelines would be followed as are in place for counties, and cash is available within 24 hours if needed.

Commissioner Gettel moved and Commissioner Burroughs seconded to authorize the establishment of a QCI Investment Account and to grant Executive Director Blattie signature authority on the documents. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Health Care Trust Board Appointment:** Associate Director Wood informed the Board that the Health Care Trust Membership had passed By-Law amendments regarding the eligibility of Trustees. The HCT By-Laws have two members of the MACo Executive Committee as Trustees, if their counties are members of the Trust. Additionally, there cannot be two representatives from one county on the Board of Trustees. If no MACo officers are eligible, it defaults to the Board of Trustees to appoint a District Chair. As only the Past President is eligible to serve on the HCT Board of Trustees, the MACo Board is being asked to appoint an eligible District Chair to serve for one year as a HCT Trustee in the context of the MACo Officers position.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Iman seconded to nominate Golden Valley County Commissioner Leslie Burroughs to the one-year position on the Health Care Trust Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reiger moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rehbein moved and Commissioner Dunbar seconded to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously.


- d. **Agriculture Committee Letter of Support:** Commissioner Davey requested that the Board approve sending a letter of support to the Congressional delegation regarding the grazing allotments to the Yellowstone Grizzly Coordinating Committee and additional estate tax relief for agricultural operations in tax extender legislation H.R. 3524. Commissioner Davey reported that she has been working with the Stockgrowers and other agricultural associations on this issue. Discussion was held that the letter should be approved by the MACo Agriculture Committee and then forwarded to the Board. Commissioner Eissinger noted that the Agriculture Committee Policy Statement should be followed.

Commissioner Rehbein moved and Commissioner Ostlund seconded to approve the MACo Board submitting a letter to the Congressional Delegation regarding the pending estate tax repeal bills, upon recommendation by the MACo Agriculture Committee.


- e. **December Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 30, during Phase II of the Commissioners Certification.
- f. **Staff thank-you:** On behalf of the host county of the Annual Conference, Commissioner Hunthausen offered his thanks to the MACo staff for their work to make it a success.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Approved this 22nd day of February, 2010.



Carl Seilstad, President



L. Harold Blattie, Secretary

MEMBERS

Officers

- Carl Seilstad, President
- John Ostlund, 1st Vice President
- Connie Eissinger, 2nd Vice President
- Cyndi Johnson, Fiscal Officer
- Greg Chilcott, Urban Representative
- Michael J. McGinley, Past President

- Bernie Lucas, District #9
- Tony Berget, District #10
- J.R. Iman, District #11
- Tom Rice, District #12

District Chairs

- Richard Dunbar, District #1
- Mark Rehbein, District #2
- Donald Reiger, District #3
- Kathy Besette, District #4
- Arnie Gettel, District #5
- Leslie Burroughs, District #6
- Maureen Davey, District #7
- Andy Hunthausen, District #8

Association Representatives

- Leo Gallagher, County Attorneys
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- Marilyn Craft, Clerks of Court
- Steve Immenschuh, Coroners
- Gary A. Olsen, Magistrates
- T. Gregory Hintz,
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- Kevin Larkin, Treasurers
- Diane Inbody,
School Superintendents

Others present: Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director; Tom Swindle, MACo Finance Officer; Carlotta Grandstaff, Ravalli County Commissioner