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MEETING MINUTES

MACo LAND USE, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Great Falls, MT | Heritage Inn: February 10, 2020

Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Burrows, Chair, Ravalli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shane Gorder, Richland
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Strouf, Vice Chair, Custer	<input type="checkbox"/> Al Knight, Wibaux
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Crachy, Powell	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Skinner, Gallatin
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob "Pits" DeArmond, Carbon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Slotnick, Missoula
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Delger, Broadwater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pam Converse, MWCA Rep.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darrell Folkvord, Broadwater	

1. Roll Call & Introductions

Chair Burrows called the meeting to order, and roll call was conducted (see above).

Others Present: Commissioner Cory Kirsch, Jefferson County; Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County; Commissioner Doug Martens, Rosebud County; Kelliann Morris, Ravalli County Noxious Weed Coordinator; Robin Baker, Senator Daines' Office; and Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering.

2. Appoint Temporary Secretary for Duration of Meeting

Commissioner McLean was appointed secretary.

3. Review & Approval of Minutes: September 24, 2019

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Possible Committee Legislation: Amend MCA 76-3-610 (Effect of Approval of Application & Preliminary Plat), Tara DePuy, MACo PCT Land Use Attorney

Discussion was held regarding MCA 76-3-610 allowing extensions for Preliminary Plat Applications. Ms. DePuy asked the committee for approval to draft a resolution for legislative consideration concerning this statute. There is current litigation in Ravalli County declaring the statute unconstitutional on grounds of public's right to know and participation in the process. Commissioners discussed the ongoing processes involved in subdivisions and the need to allow extensions in many instances. It was moved by Commissioner Oelkers and seconded by Commissioner Crachy to approve Ms. DePuy's request for drafting a resolution. Motion passed.

5. Review/Update Committee Policy Statements

Policy statements for the Land Use, Planning & Development committee were reviewed. Discussion on #11

suggested counties can develop more stringent OR more relaxed regulations as deemed individually necessary for local use.

Questions were raised about the necessity of including #18. Comments indicate it contradicts #20. It was moved by Commissioner Oelkers and seconded by Commissioner Berg to strike #18 from our list of policies. Motion passed.

Meaning of the words *de minimus* in Policy #23 were discussed. After comment, Commissioner Slotnick moved to remove “the *de minimus*” from Policy #23. Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Chilcott. Motion passed.

6. Montana Weed Control Association Update: Pam Converse, MWCA Representative

Ms. Converse passed around a handout updating the group on weed control activities including Certified Weed Free Forage, NAISMA conference and upcoming training dates, Montana Dept. of Ag Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2020 Grant Program, Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, and lastly, the group’s intent to pursue license fee increases to help with weed control in the next legislative session.

7. Wind Energy Discussion

Commissioner Strouf asked the committee for input on creating a wind energy subcommittee. This subcommittee would include persons from both the Energy and Land Use Committees. The group approved creating this subcommittee by a show of hands.

8. Other Business

The committee discussed the need for current growth policies especially for grant applications.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.