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MINUTES

MACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, June 28, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MACo Conference Room – Helena

1. Call to Order – Pledge – Roll Call – Welcome – Introductions

President Strouf called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Deputy Director Rittal called the roll, and staff introductions were made around the room.

Staff present included Executive Director Bryson, Deputy Director Rittal, HCT Administrator Romasko, Finance Director Johnson, Communications Director Siaperas, General Counsel McCarthy, PCT/WCT Administrator Chamberlain, PCT/WCT Claims Administrator Payne, Associate General Counsel Alley, Accounting Tech McGowan, and Support Specialist Holling.

It was announced that Leo Gallagher, Attorney and Public Administrator for Lewis and Clark County, will be retiring. MACo thanked him for his many years of service to both Lewis & Clark County and the Association.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Ostlund moved, and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Executive Director Performance Evaluation & FY 2023 Salary

President Strouf reported that the Executive Committee met with Executive Director Bryson and has offered a renewal to the contract. The salary was left blank pending the outcome of the discussion and formal action on the Service Agreements and MACo budget. The salary will reflect any increase for market adjustment and/or CPI that is adopted.

4. NACo Committee Appointments

President Strouf announced that all NACo appointments would carry forward. Commissioners Butcher, Brodehl, and Krausz had been added and assigned committees. If there are questions about assignments and/or who will be responsible for travel reimbursements, a spreadsheet has been developed and members should reach out to Director Bryson.

5. FY 2023 PCT/HCT/WCT Trust Approvals

FY 2023 Pooled Investment Fees

→ PCT: Commissioner Chilcott moved to approve the Pooled Investment Fees as proposed at .15%. Sheriff Holton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- HCT: Commissioner Collins moved to approve the Pooled Investment Fees as proposed at .15%. Commissioner Krausz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- WCT: Commissioner Martens moved to approve the Pooled Investment Fees as proposed at .15%. Commissioner Butcher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2023 Facility Use Agreement

- PCT: Commissioner Chilcott moved to approve the Facility Use Agreement as presented. President Strouf seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- HCT: Commissioner Krausz moved to approve the Facility Use Agreement as presented. Commissioner Real Bird seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- WCT: Commissioner Martens moved to approve the Facility Use Agreement as presented. Commissioner McGinley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2023 MACo/Trust Service Agreements

- PCT: President Strouf moved to approve the PCT/MACo Service Agreement. Sheriff Holton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- HCT: Commissioner Krausz moved to approve the HCT/MACo Service Agreement. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- WCT: Commissioner McGinley moved to approve the WCT/MACo Service Agreement. Commissioner Butcher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. MACo Finance Report

Finance Director Johnson provided the MACo finance report.

- Supplemental 2022 Budget Requests: None anticipated
- FY 2022 Budget Amendment: None anticipated

7. FY 2023 Budget

Fiscal Officer McGinley reported on the recommendations from MACo's Tax, Budget & Finance Committee.

- The budget was reviewed and brought forward by MACo's Tax, Budget, & Finance Committee. The Trust portions of the budget have also been reviewed independently by each Trust Board.

Finance Director Johnson presented MACo's FY 2023 proposed budget.

FY 2023 Membership Dues

- Commissioner Ostlund moved to approve the membership dues with a CPI of 4.7% and Commissioner Youngbauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2023 Pooled Investment Fees

- No action needed by MACo—all Trusts approved.

FY 2023 Facility Use Agreement

- Commissioner Hendrickson moved to approve the Facility Use Agreements as presented and accepted by the PCT, WCT, and HCT. Commissioner Pitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2023 MACo/Trust Service Agreements

- Commissioner McGinley moved to approve the MACo and PCT/WCT/HCT Trust Agreements. Commissioner Pitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2023 MACo Budget

- Commissioner McGinley moved to approve the MACo budget as presented with a 7% market adjustment for salaries. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Proposed By-Law Changes

Commissioner Hendrickson updated the Board on behalf of the Bylaw Board Review Committee and reported the recommended changes to MACo’s bylaws.

- Commissioner Martens moved that the PCT, HCT, and WCT Trust Chairs have positions on the MACo Board and clarified that if the Trust Chair is already a director, he/she only gets one vote.
- The motion continued with recommending the proposed changes to MACo’s mission statement as well as allowing electronic notice as presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Strouf stated that the board’s recommendations would be considered by the membership at MACo’s Annual Conference during the business meeting.

9. Presidents Scholarship Report & Update: President Strouf & Past President Chilcott

President Strouf announced the scholarship awards: \$1,000 to Lauren True; \$500 to Wyatt Wellington; and \$500 to Chloe Setter, all of Custer County. At the next board meeting during MACo’s Annual Conference, Commissioner Chilcott will provide an update on the scholarships from 10 years ago.

10. Other Business

Deputy Director Rittal provided updates on upcoming events, initiatives, potential resolutions, and other miscellaneous matters.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- District Meetings: July 11-15, 2022
- NACo Annual Conference: July 20-24, 2022, Adams County, Colorado
- MACo Annual Conference: September 25-28, 2022, Billings

Initiative Updates from Deputy Director Rittal

- CI 121 is believed dead but formal announcement is pending Secretary of State verification.
- CI 191 is believed dead but formal announcement is pending Secretary of State verification.

Potential Resolution Reported by Deputy Director Rittal

- Clarification on Process for Abandonment of County Roads (Fallon County)

- Human Rights Bureau (Yellowstone County)
- BARSAA process simplification (Garfield County)

Other Updates

- Flathead County may bring legislation related to Workers' Compensation.
- Election Processes Work Group is going well.
- Special district interim bills are being considered by Local Government Interim.
- Criminal justice data reporting requirements are being considered by the Law & Justice Interim Committee.
- MDT has begun efforts to assess bridges statewide—handout provided.
- Property tax bills will be forthcoming.

Members were provided time to provide updates/announcements.

- Commissioner Seilstad spoke about the Montana State Nursing Home: They have 16 beds available for mental health needs.
- Commissioners Devlin and Chilcott discussed supplemental PILT money: There is a possible request to utilize 1% of the funds to develop a research arm of NACo related to public lands.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved by MACo Board of Directors [REDACTED]. Commissioner [REDACTED] motioned to approve, and Commissioner [REDACTED] seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MACO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Jason Strouf, President
- Roman Zylawy, 1st Vice President
- Ross Butcher, 2nd Vice President
- Doug Martens, Immediate Past President
- Mike McGinley, Fiscal Officer
- Denis Pitman, Urban Representative

PAST PRESIDENTS

- Shane Gorder (19-20)
- Bill Barron (17-18)
- Todd Devlin (16-17)
- Joe Briggs (13-14)
- Greg Chilcott (12-13)
- John Ostlund (10-11)
- Carl Seilstad (09-10)
- Bob Mullen (85-86)

DISTRICT CHAIRS

- Gary Macdonald, District 1
- Jerry Collins, District 2
- Kevin Krausz, District 3
- Larry Hendrickson, District 4
- Mary Ann Harwood, District 5
- Sandy Youngbauer, District 6
- Bill Wallace, District 7
- Cory Kirsch, District 8 (Proxy for Hunthausen)
- Bill Berg, District 9
- Pam Holmquist, District 10
- Dave Strohmaier, District 11
- Tom Rice, District 12

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

- Leo Gallagher, County Attorneys
- Vera Pederson, Clerk & Recorders
- Elizabeth Ball, Clerks of Court (East)
- Carly Anderson, Clerks of Court (W)
- Audrey Barger, Magistrates
- Susan Beley, School Superintendents
- Steve Holton, Sheriffs & Peace Officers
- Pam Reighard, MCTA (Proxy for Friend)

WCT TRUSTEES

- X Jason Strouf, Chair
- X Roman Zylawy, Vice Chair
- X Ross Butcher
- X Doug Martens
- X Mike McGinley
- X Denis Pitman

PCT TRUSTEES

- X Richard Dunbar, Chair
- X Greg Chilcott, Vice Chair
- X Mary Armstrong
- X Shane Gorder (ZOOM)
- X Steve Holton
- X Jason Strouf
- X Roman Zylawy

HCT TRUSTEES

- X Mike McGinley, Chair
- X Kevin Krausz, Vice Chair
- Joe Briggs
- X Ross Butcher
- X Jerry Collins
- X George Real Bird III
- X Roman Zylawy