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MEETING MINUTES

MACo ENERGY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom | October 1, 2020

Members

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duane Mitchell, Vice-Chair, Richland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shane Gorder, Richland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denis Pitman, Yellowstone
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1. Roll Call & Introductions

Chair Martens called the meeting to order, and Jason Rittal, MACo Deputy Director, conducted roll call.

Guests: Tayla Snapp, TransCanada; Leslie Robinson, Casey Collins, Bret Simons, and Mike Waters
Congressman Gianforte's Office

2. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2020

Commissioner Gorder motioned to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Review/Approve Committee Policy Statements

The committee amended two statements:

#8 – MACo supports the siting and permitting regulations of new ~~wind~~ RENEWABLE/ALTERNATIVE ENERGY projects to remain at the county level of government.

#9 – MACo supports legislative and/or budgetary relief that speeds the permitting and siting process for new transmission lines, PIPELINES, COAL MINES, OIL WELLS, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT through REGULATORY AGENCIES ~~the Department of Environmental Quality~~, in cooperation and coordination with impacted counties.

4. Other Business

Chair Martens brought up a discussion from the previous meeting: The committee spoke about dividing up the Energy Committee meeting so there is time to talk about fossil fuels and alternative energies separately. Due to the current situation with COVID, that idea is on the backburner for now, but Staff will try to accommodate it at the next meeting.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.