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## MEETING MINUTES

### MACo LAND USE, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Billings, MT | Billings Hotel & Convention Center: February 28, 2022

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#### 1. Roll Call & Introductions

Acting Chair Chilcott called the meeting to order, and roll call was conducted. A quorum was present (see last page). Associate General Counsel Alley was appointed secretary.

#### 2. MACo Land Use Attorney Introduction

Karen Alley was introduced as MACo's new Associate General Counsel.

#### 3. HB 257 Impacts on Implementation and Enforcement of Zoning and BLR Regulations

Discussion was held regarding the impact of HB 257 and whether it preempts enforcement of zoning regulations against any local business. Discussion suggested HB 257 has an impact on applicability of recreational marijuana zoning regulations. Possible solutions suggested were legislation to clarify the intent of HB 257 OR request an Attorney General's opinion.

#### 4. New Regulations on Gravel Pit Storm Water and Reporting Requirements

Discussion was held regarding Montana Department of Environmental Quality reporting and monitoring reporting requirements. Request was for MACo staff to review the regulations and updates.

#### 5. Montana Weed Control Association Update

Ms. Converse provided an update, including announcing a new Executive Director for MWCA, Bethannie Croxford, who works out of Havre. Ms. Converse updated spoke about infrastructure bills, including certifying gravel pits. She discussed a hay hotline and announced that grants from the Noxious Weed Trust Fund would be available in early March. She mentioned that both supply chain and labor issues are affecting MWCA.

#### 6. Review/Update Committee Policy Statements

Policy statements for the Land Use, Planning & Development committee were reviewed.

#### 7. Other Business

Associate General Counsel Alley provided an update that MARLS will be proposing a bill to bring back the occasional sale exemption. Attorney DePuy stated these kinds of exemptions create a loophole and that need to see the bill to know what is being suggested exactly. Commissioner Holmquist spoke about the need to be careful about what is exempted from subdivision review. Local review is the preferred option.

Commissioner Skinner raised concern for HB 257, especially in Urban Counties.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**MACO LAND USE, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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