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Districts 1, 2 & 3 Meeting Baker, MT – Garage Bar & Steakhouse August 19, 2010

District 1

- Daniels
- Phillips
- Roosevelt
- Sheridan
- Valley

District 2

- Dawson
- Garfield
- McCone
- Prairie
- Richland
- Wibaux

District 3

- Carter
- Custer
- Fallon
- Powder River
- Rosebud
- Treasure

Guests: Carl Seilstad, Harold Blattie, Sheryl Wood, Shantil Siaperas, Bettie Blattie.

Welcome & Introductions: Richard Dunbar called the meeting to order. Self-introduction of all attendees was completed.

Approval of June 9, 2009 Minutes: June 9, 2009 minutes

- MOTION: Daniel Watson moved to accept the June 9, 2009 minutes. Connie Eissinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Legislative Report

- School Budgeting Timelines, Harold Blattie
- Entitlement Shares, Harold Blattie
- Reference Book (Reductions/Shifts), Harold Blattie
- Law & Justice Bills (DUI, DNA, Jail Standards, MERLIN), Sheryl Wood
- Health & Human Services (Finance Committee), Sheryl Wood
- PERS/SRS/SAVA (Increases/Retirees), Sheryl Wood
- Presumptive Eligibility, Harold Blattie
- DNRC Co-op Program (Work Comp Coverage), Harold Blattie
- DPHHS Rules (EMS/Ambulance Run Reporting), Sheryl Wood

Resolutions

- Historic Road Right of Way sunset, Harold Blattie
- Permissive Medical Levy/TIF Funds, Harold Blattie
- Proposed Resolutions List, Sheryl Wood

NOTE: Harold Blattie discussed medical marijuana, as this will be a large item during the legislative session.

President's Report: Carl Seilstad gave his President's Report.

- Enjoyed working with commissioners and staff.
- People coming up will do a good job.
- Thanks.

The group broke into their respective districts.

Break for lunch.**District Reports:** Districts 1, 2, and 3 gave their respective reports.

- **District 3**
 - District Chair/Vice Chair Elections:
 - Don Reiger, Fallon County, elected as Chair – term ends 2012
 - Bill Loehding, Carter County, elected as Vice Chair – term ends 2012
 - Interoperability Montana
 - Problem with gravel pit permitting
- **District 2**
 - District Chair/Vice Chair Elections:
 - Doug Buxbaum, Dawson County, elected as Chair – term ends 2012
 - Todd Devlin, Prairie County, elected as Vice Chair – term ends 2012
 - In favor of Keystone XL Pipeline
 - Legislative Housing Fund
- **District 1**
 - District Chair/Vice Chair Elections:
 - No Elections – current terms don't end until 2011

Legislative Housing Fund: Discussion ensued regarding Legislative Housing Fund.

- Discussion regarding keeping it:
 - Connie Eissinger, McCone County
 - Daniel Watson, Rosebud County
- Discussion regarding returning it to counties:
 - Lesley Robinson, Phillips County
- MOTION: Lesley Robinson motioned to return funds to counties. Todd Devlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MACo 2nd Vice President Nominations

- MOTION: Mark Rehbein motioned to support Greg Chilcott for MACo 2nd Vice President. Don Reiger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

County Resolutions

- **District 3**
 - None
- **District 2**
 - Make the following into Policy Statements
 - Todd Devlin discussed Antiquities and Wild Horse and Burrows
 - Mark Rehbein discussed State and Federal Land Acquisition
- **District 1**
 - Troy Blunt urged support to reaffirm MACo Resolution 2008-04, Bison Management
 - Phillips County passed a resolution that bison would be considered “domestic livestock” no matter their origin (81-2-702)
 - Also an issue with movement of bison across county lines
 - These resolutions were moved forward unanimously.

Miscellaneous

- Connie Eissinger, McCone County (District 2), discussed predator control (coyotes and wolves) – using money from FWP to take care of the wolves.
- Jim Courtney, Carter County (District 3), discussed sage grouse and hawks in the endangered species act.
- Lesley Robinson, Phillips County (District 1) discussed the Antiquities Act/Monument.
 - BLM Director Abbey will hold a public meeting on September 16, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Malta High School

- There has been a document released concerning a reserve (bison/monument) in Phillips County and Valley County.
 - Checkerboard acquisitions
 - 1 sentence in 21 pages regarding “Public Input” (not local government)
- Idaho Legal Defense Fund
- Interoperability Montana

MACo Staff Report

- Damage to County Roads (Toole/BNSF)
- Summitnet
- Hardin Jail
- Particulate Matter (Don Reiger) – Harold to follow-up with John Prinkki at NACo
- Fallon County
 - Air force base expansion
 - Restricted airspace
 - Air ambulances
 - Oil employees
 - Commercial flights

Meeting Adjourned