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## Districts 6 & 7 Meeting Billings, MT – Metra Park, Yellowstone Room August 25, 2010

### District 6

- Fergus
- Golden Valley
- Judith Basin
- Musselshell
- Petroleum
- Wheatland

### District 7

- Big Horn
- Carbon
- Stillwater
- Sweet Grass
- Yellowstone

**MACo Staff:** Harold Blattie, Sheryl Wood, and Shantil Siaperas.

**MACo President and Officers:** Carl Seilstad, MACo President, Fergus County Commissioner and John Ostlund, MACo 1st Vice President, Yellowstone County Commissioner

**Guests:** Joanne Blyton, Jason Priest, Jerry Dell, Park County Commissioners Marty Malone and Randy Taylor, Representatives from Senators Baucus and Tester office.

**Welcome:** Maureen Davey, Stillwater County, welcomed everyone thanked Yellowstone County for hosting the meeting.

### **Pledge to Flag**

**Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes from June 2010 Meeting**

- Minutes recorded by Golden Valley Commissioner Leslie Burroughs.
- MOTION: The motion was made and seconded to approve June 10, 2010 Districts 6 & 7 minutes with the correction of Maureen Davey's name. Motion passed.

### **District Chair/Vice Chair Elections**

- Nomination for District 7 Chair and Vice Chair
  - MOTION. The motion was made and seconded to elect Maureen Davey for the 2 year term of District 7 Chair. Motion Passed.
  - MOTION: The motion was made and seconded to elect Bill Kennedy for the 2 year term of District 7 Vice-Chair. Motion passed.
- Nomination for District 6 Chair
  - MOTION: The motion was made and seconded to elect Ken Ronish to fill out the 2 year term of Leslie Burroughs as District 6 Chair to take effect after Leslie leaves office.
  - Chris King is Vice-Chair of District 6. The 2 year term of District 6 Chair and Vice-Chair will be up for election in 2011.

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### **MACo Staff Report and Legislative Updates**

- The delay in permitting gravel pits was discussed. Permits are being sent back as not complete rather than being approved by the state.
- Harold encouraged counties to locate their DNRC cooperative agreements and examine them to see if they signed them and guaranteed that all operators are covered by workers comp. Since most firefighters are volunteers, it is possible some are not being covered. This does not apply to independent fire districts.
- Reference Book (Reductions/Shifts), Harold Blattie
- Law & Justice Bills (DUI, DNA, Jail Standards, MERLIN), Sheryl Wood

### **Nomination for MACo 2nd Vice President**

- Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County has been nominated for MACo 2nd Vice President

### **MACo Officer Report**

- Carl Seilstad reported that he had really enjoyed serving the last year as our MACo President. He also said he had been able to visit Commissioner Bill Tandy shortly before he passed away. Our condolences go out to the family of Mr. Tandy.

### **MACo Resolutions**

- Interim Zoning, Yellowstone County
- Municipal Incorporation, Yellowstone County
- Harold Blattie and Sheryl Wood presented and discussed the resolutions that will be presented at the MACo annual convention.
- Sheryl discussed whether issues should be resolutions or put in MACo policy statements. Current bill draft requests for the 2011 legislative session were presented and discussed.
- The IM project is seeking a resolution of support from MACo to present at the 2013 legislature. It was discussed whether to use a survey monkey poll before convention to see if counties support this resolution.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Yellowstone County Commissioners Jim Reno and John Ostlund gave a brief account on the work being done on the Metra. They invited everyone in attendance to go on a tour of the building if they wished.
- Counties are welcome to help support the annual convention if they are able to do so. Thank you to Stillwater County for providing four sponsors so far. Please contact Paulette at Yellowstone County if you can help.

### **Meeting Adjourned.**