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MEETING MINUTES

MACo AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Billings, MT | Billings Hotel & Convention Center | September 27, 2022

1. Roll Call & Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Co-chairs Rice and Hendrickson. Roll Call was taken a quorum was present. Co-chair Hendrickson took the minutes.

Congressional Staff present included folks from Tester, Daines, and Rosendale's Offices. Morb Wicks, USDA State Executive Director Farm Service Agency, was also present.

Congressional Staff gave updates on the issues that are happening in Washington D.C., including the Farm Bill, cattle pricing, infrastructure, and broadband, hemp, 2022 flooding, and right-to-repair.

2. Review & Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting as presented, and Commissioner Peterson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Morb Wicks, USDA State Executive Director Farm Service Agency

Farm Service has received a large amount of funding, NRCS received the bulk of the funding for farm programs.

4. Montana Weed Control Association Update

Ms. Adler updated committee on the Noxious weed issues in the state. One of the new weeds coming in was Ventenata—a grass that looks like Downey Broom but unpalatable to livestock.

5. Policy Work Session

The Agriculture Committee was not assigned any resolutions, and the committee's Policy Statements had been reviewed during the Midwinter meeting and had no changes.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MACO AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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