1. **Roll Call & Introductions:** Chair Skinner called the meeting to order and conducted roll call.

   **Members**
   - X Joe Skinner, Chair, Gallatin
   - X Jeff Burrows, Vice Chair, Ravalli
   - X Dan Allhands, Madison
   - X Bill Berg, Park
   - X Tommy Billing, Garfield
   - X Bob “Pits” DeArmond, Carbon
   - X Steve Gates, Anaconda-Deer Lodge
   - X Kevin Hart, Anaconda-Deer Lodge
   - X Pam Holmquist, Flathead
   - X Tara DePuy, MACo PCT
   - ___ Mike Huotte, Anaconda-Deer Lodge
   - ___ Al Knight, Wibaux
   - ___ Josh Letcher, Lincoln
   - ___ Diane McLean, Hill
   - ___ Ron Nye, Madison
   - ___ Gordon Oelkers, Roosevelt
   - ___ Josh Slotnick, Missoula
   - ___ Jason Strouf, Custer
   - ___ Pam Converse, MWCA Rep., Pondera

2. **Appoint Temporary Secretary for Duration of Meeting**
   Commissioner McLean volunteered to take minutes.

3. **Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2019**
   There was not a quorum present, so the minutes could not be approved.

4. **Group Discussion: Gates on Subdivision Roads**
   Madison County reported a gate put on subdivision land (with no development or houses yet), put up to keep horses in a pasture creates a hardship for a landowner accessing her property beyond the subdivision. Ms. DePuy stated easements must state if it is dedicated to the public or not.

   Ravalli County discussed a road created by petition from 1898 and built by the county with historical 70-year public usage and was gated when ownership changed. A petition to abandon the road was not allowed because the road gave access to public land. County was threatened when attempting to remove the gate and citizens brought a lawsuit.

   Gallatin County discussed their requirement that require subdivision roads to be dedicated to the public as this county does not want gated communities. There are issues with that requirement and a lawsuit.

   Questions with public roads being county roads came up, as well as whether the County is liable if removing obstructions from a public, but not county roadway.

   Richland County policy explicitly states public roads are not the County’s responsibility.

   Ms. DePuy advised that all county subdivision laws may vary slightly, and each county needs to define legal access and physical access.

   Lake County shared that access to private subdivision land was blocked by the Tribe with a locked gate and “No Trespassing” sign. CSKT claims the road is on trust land and the County lacks jurisdiction. This road was dedicated to the public in 1909 before the County was organized. This case is currently in litigation.
Broadwater County has a road crossing property with a landowner who denies access to homes beyond the property. The owners farther in want to create a SID for road maintenance. A 2nd subdivision in Broadwater County a mile from an established road has no record of their access road being created and also wants to develop a SID for maintenance. There needs to be a petition for County road here or a dedication of current road for public use.

Lots created by family land transfers were discussed and questions rose about the possibility of ethnic groups using family land transfers who do not have indoor plumbing, electricity or water systems and do not create any type of road, but in essence create a subdivision.

Lincoln County brought up roads with county maintenance records since the 1970’s and prescriptive use was discussed. Counties were advised they can decide how much maintenance will get done on all roads in their maintenance systems.

Lewis and Clark County is exploring doing a road matrix to determine how roads are maintained.

5. **Montana Weed Control Association Update, Pam Converse, MWCA Representative**
   Ms. Converse spoke regarding statute 7-22-2152 regarding revegetation for disturbed areas and facilitating information sharing and follow through with agencies, contractors and citizens. Verbiage in the statute is often not followed and disturbances may create more weed problems.

6. **Adjournment**
   There being no further business, the committee adjourned.