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Members Present.....Commissioner Jeff Burrows, Commissioner Suzy Foss, Commissioner J.R. Iman and Commissioner Ron Stoltz

Date.....June 25, 2013

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► Commissioner Chilcott was in Helena for a MACo Board meeting.

► At 10:00 a.m. the Board met with Human Resource Director Robert Jenni who presented Employee Action Forms for signature. Also present was County Attorney Bill Fulbright to discuss transitioning the legal services from a Contract for Services with Attorney Michael Hayes to his office for Family Service (DFS) court issues.

Bill has been updated on the current DFS cases and has made contact with numerous state officials/agencies and is confident his staff will be able to step in and handle these cases with no adverse impact. If any conflicts of interest arise, his office is able to hire outside counsel. He would like permission to hire another attorney and a secretary which will assist him in handling the new legal work. If he starts advertising for these positions now, he hopes to have them filled by August 1 and September 1. **Commissioner Iman made a motion to start advertising for these positions (Attorney and Secretary) with an anticipated hire date in August or September. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)**

► Administrative Issues:

- Glenda brought forth a Fiscal Year 2014 Montana Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Revision to Project Sponsor Form for Commission signature. This will allow the SRTS Project in Florence to be handled by the County as the Fiscal Agent under CTEP. Glenda Wiles has also signed the form as the CTEP Administrator and Florence School Superintendent John McGee will also be required to sign the form. **Commissioner Foss made a motion to have the Project Sponsor Form be signed by the Chair and CTEP Administrator Glenda Wiles. Commissioner Iman seconded the motion. All voted "aye". (4-0)**
- Decision on purchase of extra microphones for conference room: The Board reviewed a \$1,850.00 bid for extra microphone mixer parts as well as microphones. After discussion it was agreed to extend wire & cabling for the existing microphones and share two of the existing microphones between staff and Commissioners.
- Grantsdale Cemetery Board Member Appointments: Two positions are open with four year terms. Two applications were received, one from Susan France which would be a

re-appointment and one from Debra Paddock. Glenda noted Ilene Schroder whose term ends June 30th agreed that Debra would make a good board member as she is involved in ancestry and Ilene has no problems not being re-appointed. Susan France also concurred Debra would make a good board member. **Commissioner Iman made a motion to appoint Susan France and Debra Paddock with terms ending June 30, 2017. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)**

- **Planning Board Member Appointment: One application was received from Susanna Pyron. Commissioner Iman made a motion to appoint Suzanna to the Board representing the Florence School District with a term ending December 21, 2013 (filling out the remainder of an open seat from 2011). Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)**
- **Printer purchase for C& R: Present was Clerk & Recorder Regina Plettenberg to explain the necessity of this purchase of a \$180.00 printer which has been approved by I.T. Director Joe Frohlich. Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to allow the purchase of this printer as presented in the I.T. form for purchase. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all "aye" (4-0)**
- **Emergency Preparedness to approve Task Order #14-07-6-11-042-0 for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 20, 2019 in the annual amount of \$51,088.00. Commissioner Foss made a motion to have the Chair execute this contract. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)**
- **Heather Mullee, Executive Director of the Bitterroot Water Forum and Kalena Gravina of the Big Sky Watershed were present to discuss a letter of support for their grant application request through DNRC (a capacity grant through the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Capacity)(see attached) which will allow an increased capability for self sustaining and an educational outreach program in the amount of \$10,000. These monies will host a Big Corp Watershed Member in 2014, specifically for education on the watershed health outreach. The Water Forum will provide cost share on this position. Commissioner Iman made a motion to sign a letter of support for this application. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)**

Big Sky Watershed
Attachment



Request for Letter of Support for "Bitter Root Water Forum: Building Capacity to Increase Conservation Action and Education in the Bitterroot Watershed" through the DNRC's Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Capacity Grant Program

June 25th, 2013

Purpose of the Grant Application: ✓

The goal of the Bitter Root Water Forum's (BRWF) application to the DNRC's Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Capacity (RRGL) program is to allow for BRWF to host a Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) Member in 2014. Our participation in the BSWC Program over the last two years has proven that increased capacity within BRWF can greatly increase youth access to natural resource education in the Bitterroot Valley. A successful application to the DNRC's RRGL Capacity Grant Program would ensure that we could provide the financial means necessary to obtain a BSWC Member again in 2014.

Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Capacity Grant:

The Montana Legislature established the RRGL program to fund activities which conserve, manage, develop, and preserve Montana's Renewable Resources. *The purpose of RRGL Capacity Grant is to support conservation districts and watershed groups to build their capabilities, knowledge, and resources in order to fulfill their mission.* It involves development of an organization's core capabilities such as staff and board leadership, financial management, fundraising, assessments of resource issues, *development of self-sustaining education or outreach project or program*, use of technology, and evaluation. The purpose of this grant program is not to fund long term, ongoing projects, but to enhance an organizations ability to meet its future goals on its own.

Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC):

Established in 2011, BSWC is a collaborative program among the Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC), the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) and the Montana Conservation Corps (MCC).

The BSWC invests in community solutions to protect and restore healthy watersheds in Montana. The BSWC places AmeriCorps members with Watershed groups, Conservation Districts, Education and other Natural Resource partners throughout Montana. Each college graduate member dedicates their community service term working on watershed health and protection, education and outreach and volunteer generation. Each member lives, works and serves in their host community from early January to late November.

The addition of a BSWC Member at BRWF has greatly expanded our ability to reach Ravalli County youth with watershed education.

The numbers:

1,750 students reached with watershed education lessons

42 Classroom lessons

7 Community Partnerships created with local school programs

7 Field Trips

6 Volunteer Days

5 Watershed Art Projects in the Community

2 Riverfest in the 'Root (free community watershed festival reaching ~ 400 Ravalli County residents with watershed education)

Activities:

Building a three-dimensional model of the Bitterroot watershed

"Future Irrigators of the Bitterroot" field trip with local FFA Students

Volunteer restoration days: willow collection and installation

Conservation Days and Envirothon

Making connections between water and food production, "How Much Water Does it Take to Grow..."

Water quality monitoring: identifying aquatic bugs, measuring dissolved oxygen and learning about watershed science

Downtown garbage pick-up

"Bucket Brigade" plant watering day for youth

Riverfest in the Root "Kids Committee" through a partnership with Keystone to Discovery After School Program