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**Executive Committee
Conference Call Minutes
October 21st, 2010**

The Executive Committee met on October 21st, 2010 beginning at 7:34 AM by telephone conference call. Those present were Dana Darlington; Chair, Dean Rogge; Reservoir Reach, Paul Gies; Middle Reach; John Chase; Upper Reach, Dick Iversen; Lower Reach, Laurie Riley Coordinator; Carie Hess, Secretary; Karl Christians, DNRC; and Jeff Tiberi with MACD and Ron Garwood representing Valley CD.

Approval of September 27th Minutes: There were no minutes as at the last meeting we did not have quorum.

Financial report and approval of bill payments: The financial report and budget were read. John Chase moved to pay the unpaid bills and Dean Rogge seconded the motion passed unanimously.

MRRIC Travel Funding: Carie stated that the council needed to move 798.14 into their savings account to complete the \$1,000 matching funds for the 223 grant. John Chase moved to transfer the money and Dean Rogge seconded the motion passed unanimously.

CMR Refuge: Laurie stated that the council should meet before the convention and the CCP comment deadline to draft their comments to the CCP. After some discussion it was thought to have the meeting on November 9th @ the Yogo Inn in Lewistown. The meeting is to start at 10 am and end around 4 pm. Carie would take care of the logistics. The committee discussed the stakeholder group and the fact that there had been some frustration at the pace the group is moving forward at. Dean noted that Jordan was setting up it's own local stakeholder group to deal with some of the CMR issues. Dana asked Laurie to get a hold of Tim Ouellette and get the grazing information that the NRCS has.

CREP Addendum Update: Dana had talked to Ron Hazelwood and Ron noted that he was still working on getting Lana Nesbitt to come out and tour some of the CREP projects. Laurie was to review the files and the current addendum and report back on where the council was. The addition of the grazing language was discussed briefly.

MRERP "Walk Around": Jeff Tiberi had sent an email in September and that the MRERP were conducting "walk arounds" to present updates throughout September and October. Jeff thought that this should just be sent out to the individual districts to follow up on.

Quarterly Meeting Plans: The next quarterly meeting was discussed as it would be held during the MACD state convention. Jeff noted that he would like to have an answer to participating in the legislative meet and greet in January. Dick moved for the council to participate and John seconded the motion passed. Jeff noted that the cost could be \$350.00 per group. Elections and ballots were discussed and Carie will have ballots ready for the Executive Committee and it was noted that Dana's term is up as Chair.

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It was noted that the council would work on the position statements at the CCP meeting and finalize at convention. Laurie noted that the council should state the positive side instead of the negative. State what the council is supporting and will support instead of not support.

Face to Face meetings: Karl thought that if the council was to have the face to face meetings that the council members should have a list of questions or concerns, Dean feels that there should be an Economist there and noted that others like Farmer's Union would like to participate in a meeting. It was thought to have FSA, Farm Bureau, DNRC, NRCS, Stockgrowers, Farmer's Union and the MRCDC come to the table with the APF and WWF. It was noted that this should be a quarterly agenda meeting item.

Next Conference call time & date: The next meeting was discussed and will be decided at the convention.

With no additional business being brought before the Committee, the call adjourned at 8:36 AM.

Submitted by:

Approved by unanimous vote on December 21st, 2010

Carie Hess, Secretary

Dana Darlington, Chairman