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## Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The Executive Committee met on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 beginning at 11:39 AM by telephone conference call. Present were Nick Schultz, Vice Chair;; Jim Beck Immediate Past Chair; John Chase , Upper Reach; Paul Gies, Middle Reach; Vicki Marquis, Coordinator; Carie Hess, Secretary; and Karl Christians with DNRC.

Approval of April 28<sup>th</sup> Minutes: John moved to accept the Executive Committee minutes and Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial report and approval of bill payments: The committee looked over the financial report John moved to pay the unpaid bills and Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. End of the year spending was also discussed.

NACD Northern Plains regional meeting: Vicki reported that the NACD Northern Plains meeting would be held in Wichita Kansas June 13-15. It was discussed to have Jeff Tiberi be the council's voice and that the council should pay part of his travel costs. Paul moved to pay \$500 of Jeff's travel and John seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Karl noted that Jeff had asked for talking points and John thought that these points should be prioritized. Vicki agreed to provide the talking points to Jeff prior to the meeting.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Agenda: The council looked over the June 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda. John noted that on the Upper reach report the country club project could be removed. It was noted to leave the Middle, Reservoir as submitted and since no one from the Lower reach was on the call Vicki would check with the Lower reach. It was also discussed to have an Executive Session immediately following the meeting to review the job applications.

CMR Tour Plans: Vicki noted that they would leave Jordan about 9:45 a.m. to head for the Mc Kever Ranch and that Garfield CD was sponsoring a sack lunch. It was thought to be back in Jordan by 3:30 - 4 p.m. It was noted that Carie would get a council members head count for room arrangements.

River Rendezvous: It was discussed that the River Rendezvous would be July 8<sup>th</sup> at Holter Lake and the Sterling Ranch. It was also discussed to have a planning meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> and to have the new coordinator on board by that time to go through the planning phase. Karl noted that either Jeff Mosley or Dennis DeVries could facilitate the planning session.

MRRIC Travel: Vicki noted that the recommendation was to go to the July meeting and if it is approved it will then go to the congressional delegation. The 223 grant was discussed and it was noted that Nicole McClain would testify on behalf of the grant at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> review in Livingston.

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CMR Refuge: Vicki noted that the CCP meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 4<sup>th</sup> in Lewistown and Karl, John, and Paul thought she should attend this meeting instead of the CMR Tour.

CREP Addendum: Vicki reported that she is working on the correct language for the grazing so it can be added to the addendum.

Bison Panel: Vicki noted that she had two proposals to be approved on the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. One proposal is to have a traveling panel and have meetings in 6 cities across the state. The second proposal would include hosting a 2 day meeting in 1 location.

Interior leaked Document: John feels that this is an important issue and that the CD's need to talk to the federal agencies. The CD's need to draft a statement opposing all monuments within the county and send to the County Commissioners, the commissioners need to support this statement and sign it then it needs to be sent on to the federal government. It was suggested that Vicki contact Pat Anderson to see if Phillips County has already responded or planning to respond and work with them on a template for the response.

Transition Plans: Vicki updated the transition plans and it was noted that interviews would be scheduled either the week of June 14 or the week of June 21 and that they could be held in Vicki's office or in Lewistown. John noted his concern that they need enough members to make a good decision. It was noted that the Executive Committee would do the hiring.

With no additional business being brought before the Committee, the call adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by unanimous vote on June 24th, 2010

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Carie Hess, Secretary

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Dana Darlington, Chairman