

**Executive Summary**  
**Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017**  
**West Yellowstone, Montana**

**Attendees:**

Members or Designees: Evan Hammer for Chair Jennie Stapp, Jennie was attending online part of the meeting – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Matt Van Syckle for Ron Baldwin – Department of Administration; Mike Bousliman – State Agency Representative; Gordon Conn – State Agency Representative; Warren Fahner – Local Government Representative; Elaina Graham - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Matt Heller – U.S. Interior Department Representative; Molly Hirschi – GIS Professional Representative; Ryan Leland online – Private Sector Representative; Cathy Maynard online – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Art Pembroke online - Local Government Representative; and Leslie Zolman online – GIS Professional Representative.

Guests: Ken Bixby, Jenny Connelley, Gerry Daumiller, Brandy Holstein, Steven Jay, Dan Stahly, Galen Steffens; Matt Van Syckle, and Ken Wall.

Staff: Eve Byron, Erin Fashoway, Michael Fashoway, Kenny Ketner, Diane Papineau, and Marlys Stark.

**Acting Chair Evan Hammer called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.**

**Approval of Executive Summary – Council**

**Motion by Member Bousliman and seconded by Member Pembroke to approve the November 18 and December 5, 2016 Executive Summaries as presented and the motion passed.**

**State Librarian’s Report – Jennie Stapp**

The budget portion of the legislative update is that there are restrictions on the coal severance tax funding which mostly affects the public library operations. A six percent vacancy savings will be in place this biennium as will a five percent operation’s cut.

HB61 which is the next gen 911 bill which cleans up the laws includes an assessment that MSL is supposed to do but no accompanying funding source. Third reading will be held today.

The surface water bill, HB360, has been sent to the Governor but not signed. No funding was approved with that bill. The ground water bill with \$250,000 is in Senate Financing and Claims currently.

Mike Bousliman reported that Department of Transportation has a fuel tax bill in play that will help some of their funding if it moves forward.

The long term goal is to adjust the land plan timeline to better fit all entities budgeting processes. The goal is to fund grants to develop and improve. Some timeline dates follow. June begin planning for the land plan, January 15 applications go out, February 15 is the grant application due date, March 1 will be the deadline for corrections and updates. The grant review subcommittee will be already meeting by that time with final approval completed by May 15. Ideally there will be an overlap of members sitting on both the land plan and grant review committees.

#### **FY2016/2017 MLIA Grant Report – Erin Fashoway**

There are four extensions for 2016 grants. There are two closed 2017 grants and one that rejected the grant. The others are in process. Park City will give a presentation on their grant.

#### **MLIA Account Review and Financial Report – Evan Hammer**

The collections report will be posted later. The collections are up a little this year. It is estimated that the total will be between 825,000 and 830,000 this year.

There will be some adjustments in the future because a central services personal services amount of \$17,271 was not included so the council budget and personal services and grants awarded were all higher than planned.

#### **MLIA Grant Review**

The list of grant applications and the recommended rewards were provided. The application was posted January 14 and a grant writing workshop was held January 27. February 15 grants were due. Mike Bousliman commented that the review process was more clear and easier than in the past. The applications were reviewed for completeness and any corrections were due March 15. March 10 the committee reviewed the scoring process. March 27 they did the scoring and April 6 they set their priorities.

The committee marked the recommended grants to approve and make a few suggestions or options for the council to choose. Based on the increased collections, the subcommittee recommends increasing the grant amount by \$20,000.

The grant amount allowed in the land plan needs to be increased by \$20,000 which is within the increased

Among the applications, there were a few that for various reason that the subcommittee felt did not meet necessary criteria but all others were recommended to fund at least some level. The subcommittee had notes and comments with the recommendations. They discussed stipulations included, sustainability of the project and the need for the applicant to have a stage in the project. There were some requests that MLIA funds cannot legally fund that were disallowed.

Requiring 911 grants to follow a particular data model to meet NENA standards was discussed. Overall standardization within the grants were also discussed. HARN software is not workable as errors carry through.

**Member Pembroke made a motion to accept the prioritization and stipulations and adjustments. He made a second motion to accept the library recommendations and adjustments to allow for compliance with the land plan. After discussion, those motions were withdrawn and Member Pembroke made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation with a \$4,500 reduction in the Deer Lodge grant per the recommendation.**

Evan Hammer explained that if funding were available, the Park County grant is a multi-year and they could do more work if they received more funding and that would decrease the number of years they submitted a grant application. They couldn't do more than double.

**Replacing all previous motions, Member Bousliman made a motion seconded by Member Pembroke to approve the additional funding up to \$20,000 as recommended and that motion passed.**

**Member Pembroke made a motion seconded by Member Bousliman to adopt the recommendation as presented on standards and the additional costs to make the requirements of data needed such as next gen, cad sdi and water standards and the motion passed.**

**Motion by Member Pembroke and seconded by Member Bousliman to increase the Park City grant up to \$40,000 this time only within the amount allotted for grants and the motion passed with Members Pembroke and Anderson voting against.**

#### **Reschedule May Meeting Date**

Since the May date is so soon after this meeting, staff would like to move the May 11 meeting date to either June 8 or June 22. After discussion, the council chose to meet June 22.

NSGIC will be discussed at the next meeting. It is an annual meeting and volunteers to attend will be requested in the future.

#### **Grant Recipient Presentation – Steven Jay, Park City**

Steven Jay presented on the project Park City is performing with their grant fund. They have applied for several years and are working on PLSS updates. They intend to finish the county and then rework trouble spots. The presentation was on some of the work already performed.

#### **Land Plan Subcommittee**

Volunteers for the land plan subcommittee were requested. The committee requirements are in Administrative Rule. Dawn, Elaina, Warren, Cathy, Mike and possible Leslie all volunteered. Again, overlap between the land plan and grant subcommittees is preferable over several years.

**Gail Shatkus**

The council was informed of the passing of Gail Shatkus who was a previous MLIA grant recipient for Liberty County. She presented to the council before.

**MAGIP Report**

MAGIP is updating their website. Grants and scholarship reports are available online. Nominations are now open. Intermountain 2018 will be held April 15 to 19 in Helena. The tech session is not set yet and will be discussed at the board meeting. It is possible it will be held as part of intermountain.

**Public Comment**

Gerry Daumiller said that per MAGIP bylaws a MLIAC member should sit on the MAGIP although nobody currently fills that place. Consider volunteering in the future.

Ken Bixby commented that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is beginning a huge reservation boundary change/update May 15 or so. They will be certifying boundaries with documents of treaties and surveys and so on. September 1 they should be mostly done.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.**