



**Montana Defense Alliance**  
**Monday, February 1, 2016**  
**Chamber Video Conference Center**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:**

David Weissman	Greg Doyon	Joe Briggs	Todd Neighbor
Steve Grooms	Len Watkins	Steve Martinka	Brad Livingston
John Faulkner	Doug Oswood	Dan McLaughlin	

**COMMITTEE GUEST:**

Cheryl Ulmer                  Christie Hagler

**CHAMBER STAFF:**

Tom Alfrey

**WELCOME:**

Welcomed Brad Livingston, new Chamber Pres./CEO, to the Executive Committee

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the January 4, 2016 minutes. Motion carries**

**FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORTS:**

- A. Ms. Ulmer, from Senator Tester's office reported on the following:
  - a. U.S. Fellow has joined their staff
  - b. High priority is homeland security
- B. Ms. Hagler from Congressman Zinke's office reported on the following:
  - a. Bison issues in Scobey & Malta
  - b. The Jr. ROTC program has been approved; will begin with classes at Great Falls High; continue to look for funding

**GUARD REPORT:**

- A. Mr. Martinka provided the following updates:
  - a. Personnel numbers:
    - 1. Army Guard – 2,652
    - 2. Air Guard – 975
  - b. Events:
    - 1. Vigilant Guard (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – FY18)
  - c. Steve M. will provide a Guard 101 presentation at the April meeting

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- A. November Financials Review:
  - a. December Revenue and Expenses were to the good, \$2,058.
  - b. MTDA Checking has a balance of \$16,475.
  - c. MTDA Money Market is \$40,149.
  - d. MTDA BASE Funds are \$89,380.

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the December Financials as presented. Motion carries.**

**BUSINESS:**

- A. News/Follow-up:
  - 1. See Delegation reports above for news and follow-ups.
  - 2. Mr. David Weissman has been appointed to the Chief of Staff Leader Group – His first meeting will be in February. Hope to gain additional information on F-35's.
- B. Trip/Activity Reports:
  - 1. See trip reports on line
  - 2. No trips this month
- C. Planning
  - 1. Future Trips:
    - a. Still working on visits with Counties, hope to set up some appointments during MACo.
    - b. Trip to Washington D.C for the Nuclear Summit in February 2016. Funding approved
    - c. ADC in February, 2016 – Funds have been approved.
    - d. Chief of Staff meeting, end of February. David to attend
    - d. The next SDC Symposium will be held in Albuquerque in May, 2016
  - 2. Update on Action Plans: see information in delegation report, above.
    - a. Malmstrom: Col. Wilcox promotion has been confirmed
    - b. MTANG – Projects are moving forward
- D. Other:
  - 1. The MACo conference starts today, February 1-4, 2016.
    - a) Booth has been set up and several Alliance Members are participating
    - b) Display maps of military facilities are on display
    - c) There will be a tour at MTANG on Thursday evening
- E. Open Discussion/Follow-ups:
  - 1. Arrange for orientation with Mayor Kelly
  - 2. Discussed need for a readiness program – Community/Military coordination

**The next MTDA Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Alfrey