



Montana Defense Alliance
Monday, July 11, 2016
Chamber Video Conference Center

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Len Watkins Greg Doyon Todd Neighbor Steve Grooms John Faulkner

COMMITTEE GUEST:

Jeff Key -Consultant Project Manager with Robert Peccia & Associates
Kate McMann - Planning Consultant with Robert Peccia & Associates
Deborah Lafontaine- JMA Master Planner
Lucy Morell-Gangler- City of Helena Planning Dept.
Laura Erikson JLUS Project Manager/Grant Manager of Lewis and Clark County
Nicole Brown- Broadwater County

CHAMBER STAFF:

Brad Livingston, Lindsay Lalonde

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the June 6th, 2016 minutes. Motion carries.**

FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORT

A. N/A

GUARD REPORT:

A. N/A

TREASURERS REPORT:

- A. Expenses in line, revenue down due to counties.
- B. Meeting Wednesday to call the counties for membership.
- C. Will need to transfer reserve funds of \$15,000.
- D. Len suggested possibly send out brochure and letters to business owners for MTDA awareness.

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the May Financials as presented, and transfer reserve funds. Motion carries.**

BUSINESS:

- A. Presentation by Jeff Key on Fort Harrison-Limestone Hills Training Area – JLUS Project
 - a. Fort Harrison is one of four training centers in the Northwestern region which includes 11 states
- B. Looking to link MTDA and JLUS efforts at Fort Harrison-Limestone Hills Training Range
 - a. Mr. Livingston suggested a Montana JLUS effort approach to Helena, stressing overall benefit i.e. Federal funding being put to positive use in the state of Montana
 - c. Discussions between MTDA committee and JLUS Project team comparing notes on encroachment issues, annexation, etc.

6. Political players: County Commissioners and elected officials seem on board with JLUS efforts
7. Possible telecommunications between Broadwater County, Lewis & Clark County, and MTDA Partnerships will create more of a statewide awareness

TRIP/ACTIVITY REPORTS:

- A. Steve Grooms relayed trip report from Strategic Deterrent Coalition Symposium
- B. ADC – Greg reported on the National Summit trip in Washington D.C.. Full trip report available online on the Chamber website.
- C. David attended the CoSAF retirement event

Planning:

UPDATE ON ACTION PLANS:

- A. Col. Allen Malmstrom get together a week from Saturday
- B. MTANG: 120 will deploy with 4 aircraft this coming Fall
- C. MTARNG: currently have a presence in Russia
- D. We will have a video conference with General Rand RE Global Strike Command

OPEN DISCUSSION/FOLLOW-UPS:

- A. New flyer will be mailed out for recruitment purposes

The next MTDA Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1st, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.