



Montana Defense Alliance
Monday, August 1, 2016
Chamber Video Conference Center

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Len Watkins David Weissman Greg Doyon Conferenced in: Col Don Emerson
Jeff Cheryl Ulmer Dan McLaughlin Joe Briggs Todd Neighbor John Faulkner

CHAMBER STAFF:

Lindsay Lalonde Brad Livingston

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- Motion made and seconded to approve the July 11, 2016 minutes with additional amendments in the trip report section for Greg Doyon. Motion Carries.

FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORT:

- A. Cheryl reports that Congress is on recess.
 - a. Senator met with Col. Allen on July 5th RE security of Malmstrom missile sites. Agreed that Hueys need to be replaced as soon as possible. Missile maintenance dispatch needs to get up and running.
 - b. NDAA is in committee, separate bills passed by House and Senate.
 - c. Senator Tester was awarded the 2016 Representative Sonny Montgomery Medal; will be awarded this Fall.
 - d. Tony McClain will be in town on August 10th at 1:30 at Chamber Video Conference Room.

GUARD REPORT:

- A. Col. Emerson reports from Helena, they're currently wrapping up training season, deployment in Romania (450 MT soldiers) 'Faberguarding' till 12 August.
- B. 83rd CST update.
- C. Less of an effort towards war more focused on training.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- A. Membership is about the same as last time, counties yet to pay
- B. Expenses down a touch

- Motion to approve the financials as presented, motion seconded and approved. Motion carries.

BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion on the Bypass
- B. Discussion on the new MTDA members
- C. Commitments from Eagle Beverage, Classic 50s, Mighty Mo, Albertsons, Cascade County (Tamara), Eklunds, US Bank, Prairie MT, Dr. Boes, Stockman Bank, Bloomgren, Rivera & Co, Summit Technical Solutions
- D. Prairie MT Bank will provide a money market/savings account for the \$25,223.64 in the savings account.
- E. Discussion on rates at varied banking institutions as well as a 59/mo. CD at US Bank. Todd Neighbor notified committee that if funds would need to be removed prior to the 59-month mark, he would allow for a fee waiver of the \$25 charge associated with the early withdrawal.

- F. Currently Embark has the savings funds of \$25,223.64. These funds will be moved from Embark to Prairie Mountain Bank. The \$89,000+ check will be provided for Todd Neighbor to deposit into the CD at US Bank.
- Motion to approve to put \$25,223.64 at prairie MT bank as well as \$89,000+ to US Bank CD. Motion seconded and approved. Motion carries.

TRIP/ACTIVITY REPORTS:

- A. David teleconference – update on triad. Need to make sure GBSD doesn't get overlooked.
 - a. Best practices – Steve, Dimmer & David took this opportunity to present (Dimmer spoke on community support, Steve discussed MAC support, David touched on MTDA programs)
- B. Future Trips
 - a. August 18th & 25th conference calls
 - b. September is Airforce Conference 19-22
Doug Oswood will accompany David
 - c. Task Force 21
 - d. November trip
 - e. October call
 - f. 18th – 20th in Albuquerque

Planning:

UPDATE ON ACTION PLANS:

- A. Partnership meeting next week,
- B. Aug 24th upcoming: Air Force will host monthly brown bag series in community. Contact Greg for more information.

OPEN DISCUSSION/FOLLOW-UPS:

- A. Trip expenses – receipts will be provided