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Executive Summary

Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)

September 6, 2007

Members or Designees

Mike Birtles, US Department of Interior, BLM; **Lance Clampitt**, USGS, NGPO; **Dave Davis**, Department of Transportation/MARLS; **Jim Hill**, Montana State Library; **Lisa Kimmet**, Prairie County; **Ed Madej**, Tetra Tech EMI; **Catherine Maynard**, US Department of Agriculture, NRCS; **Don Patterson**, US Department of Agriculture, USFS; **Art Pembroke**, Lewis and Clark County; **Lorin Peterson**, CSDT Tribal Government; **Evan Hammer** (designee) Department of Natural Resources & Conservation; **Chris Smith**, Fish, Wildlife and Parks; **Michael Sweet**, University of Montana – Missoula; **Robin Trenbeath**, Department of Administration, ITSD (Chair); **Randy Wilke**, Department of Revenue; **Ken Wall**, GeoData

Guests

Stu Kirkpatrick, Department of Administration/ITSD; Shawn McFadden, Department of Administration/ITSD; Christiana Von Reichert, University of Montana; Sibyl Govan, Montana State Library; Janet Hess-Herbert, Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Alex Philp, GCS Research, LLC; Catherine Love, CDM; Michael Fashoway, Department of Administration/ITSD; Erin Geraghty, Department of Administration/ITSD; Annette Cabrera, Yellowstone County; Bryant Ralston, ESRI; Shane Tuss, Northwestern Energy; Mike Bousliman, Department of Transportation; Doug Bureson, Missoula County/MAGIP, Jeff Brandt, Dept. of Administration

Approval of June Executive Summary ****Action Item****

The executive summary from June was accepted as presented.

MLIAC Appointment Status – **Robin Trenbeath**

The Governors office has compiled a list of possible MLIAC appointees and should have a final decision on Council members within two weeks.

Potential MLIAC Council Restructure – **Robin Trenbeath**

Robin presented the group with a handout on the possible restructure of the Council. Under his proposal, the council would be split into two groups, one being a policy group and the other would be a land plan work/implementation group. The policy group would consist of approximately seven members (Elected/Appointed Local Government Official, State Agency Department Director/Deputy Director, Legislators, Private Sector CEO, Tribal, State GIO). There would be no designees. The Land Plan Work/Implementation

Group would consist of approximately fifteen members (all other MLIAC members and the GIO). This group would meet quarterly. The purpose of the restructure would be to separate policy and technical issues.

The Council discussed Robin's proposal and preferred to wait and see where the Governor's Office is on the appointments and defer any reorganization discussion to another meeting.

MLIAC Priority Issue Survey Results – Robin Trenbeath

In August ITSD presented a survey to the Council to help the GIO determine and set priority issues for the year. Robin noted that he doesn't feel comfortable setting priorities from that survey when only one third of the council responded.

Robin proposed a new decision/policy process. In order to move policy issues forward the GIO will present Council with proposed policies, decisions and/or solutions that he feels are priorities. The Council, as a body, will have the option of providing input and advice to the GIO's proposal. After review and consideration of the input and incorporation of any appropriate modifications, the GIO will move forward with implementation of the policy, decision and/or solution. After some discussion, the Council recommended implementing this new process.

Lewis & Clark County Recommendation to MACO on the MLIA – Art Pembroke

Art Pembroke informed the council that Lewis and Clark County is taking three resolutions to the September MACO meeting that would, if sponsored by MACO, result in proposed legislation to change the structure of the MLIA. The resolutions alternatives are: 1) reverse the present 75% state, 25% local allocation, 2) limit the state allocation, or 3) repeal the act entirely. Art stated that he may have a potential legislative sponsor in Joe Tropilla. Some members of the audience commented on the potential negative consequences of even proposing a legislative change within the first full year of MLIA implementation.

2008 Land Plan Subcommittee Progress

The appointees to the 2008 Land Plan Subcommittee are as follows: Ed Madej (private sector), Lisa Kimmet (local government), Randy Wilke (state sector), Catherine Maynard (federal sector), Ken Wall (MAGIP), Lorin Peterson (tribal sector). There is no Legislative representation at this time. The Chairperson for the subcommittee will be Catherine Maynard. A draft plan will be ready in November.

MLIA Grant Status – Stu Kirkpatrick

Out of the eleven grants that were approved for funding, ITSD has successfully negotiated contracts/statements of work with five of the six state agency contracts. Out of the four local government grants, three have been negotiated and signed. The Stillwater County grant is waiting on a rewrite and the CSKT wetlands grant still needs to be negotiated.

MAGIP Issues

➤ **Report – MAGIP President, Doug Bureson**

Doug Bureson reported to the group that there has not been a MAGIP meeting since the last MLIAC meeting. MAGIP is now in the middle of updating their membership. The group is having a problem with participation and funding.

Doug emphasized the importance, from a MAGIP perspective that the Council actively addresses the funding issues that have been continually pointed out. There is an obvious shortfall and the Council needs to seek alternative logical funding solutions beyond MLIA. Robin asked that an effort be made to revive existing documentation of funds expended for framework data collection efforts.

➤ **Elect/Appoint MLIAC representative to MAGIP Board**Action Item****

Catherine Maynard moved to nominate Evan Hammer as the MLIAC representative to the MAGIP Board. Art Pembroke seconded the motion. The motion is qualified based on Mary Sexton designating Evan Hammer as the representative of Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The motion passed unanimously.

MLIA/ITSD Budget Report – Robin Trenbeath

ITSD presented the Council with a handout on the FY2007 actuals and FY2008 budgeted GIS line items that included the accounting of MLIA funds. Robin expressed hope that this accounting would finally answer the questions that Council has previously asked regarding ITSD's budget.

Montana Geospatial Portal – Sibyl Govan

Sibyl Govan gave a presentation on the Montana Geospatial Portal that the Montana State Library is implementing. The primary purpose of a GIS web portal is to expand GIS data sharing opportunities among public and private entities. The Montana State Library will be calling upon the entire GIS community for help as they engage in the cooperative process of building a Montana GIS Portal. The role of the Montana State Library will be to provide project management, technical support, customization, coordination and outreach for the Montana GIS Portal. The role of the Department of Administration, GIS Services Bureau will be to participate in the portal design and to help promote interest and participation among theme steward and data publishers. The role of the Montana Land Information Council and the GIO will be to provide guidance and feedback to the GIS portal project team.

Governor's Geospatial Challenge – Robin Trenbeath

Robin noted that he, along with others, have been discussing the possibility of holding a Geospatial exercise, tentatively being called the "Governor's Geospatial Challenge" probably in 2008. This exercise would be somewhat similar to table top exercises held in the emergency response communities and attempt to answer questions related to some important Montana issue. The goal is to help stakeholders identify geospatial need and to better understand the relationship between data and business need.

Open Forum and Public Comment

Michael Sweet informed the Council of the progress made on the Wildland Fire Basemap Application and its actual use on fires this summer. He also noted that that the GNIS group has been able to secure about \$20,000 in grants to advance GNIS in Montana.

The Next Meeting will be held December 4, 2007.