

**Montana Association of Oil, Gas & Coal Counties, Inc.**  
**MINUTES**  
**Board Meeting June 20, 2017 Lewistown, MT**

President, Richard Dunbar called the meeting of the MAOGCC to order.

**Roll Call:** Bill Nyby conducted roll call. Quorum was not met.

**Guests:** Ken Morrison, Shelly-Ann Frederic and Peter Rutkowski, TransCanada;  
Bridger Mahlum- Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Jim Atchison – Executive Director Southeast Development  
Jim Halvorson - Montana Board of Oil and Gas  
Nate Adams – representing Senator Daines

**Board of Directors:** Mr. Dunbar informed the group, three directors are up for election. Bill Nyby, Chad Fenner and Loren Young. Without a quorum, the group is unable to have an official vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Nyby gave the Treasurers report:

\$102,872.19 in checking

\$ 25,479.92 in savings

\$ 49,469.63 in CD's

Income July 1, 2016 through June 17, 2017 \$55,648.20

Expenses July 1, 2016 through June 17, 2017 \$64,311.57

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June 2016 meeting in Lewistown were reviewed.

**TransCanada/Keystone XL Pipeline** – Mr. Dunbar reported on his last trip to Washington DC and met with the State Department regarding the need for the pipeline. He thought this time, they were well received. And on March 24<sup>th</sup>, President Trump announced the pipeline would proceed. Shelly-Ann Frederic and Peter Rutkowski spoke about the hurdles the project has faced.

Mr. Dunbar thanked TransCanada and Northwestern Energy and Tractor & Equipment (Williston & Billings), for sponsoring the Golf BBQ and lunch today.

**Economic Development** – Jim Atchison spoke about the economic development and difficulties Colstrip is undergoing with the shutdown of power plants. He represents Custer, Rosebud, Powder River and Treasure counties.

**Montana Board of Oil and Gas-** Jim Halvorson presented the trends in oil production by counties and reviewed the legislature funding system.

**Executive Director Report** - Jon Metropoulos explained his conflict between working for MAOGCC and working for a client owning one of the Colstrip plants. He thanked Dave Galt for representing the organization in Helena when it came to coal discussion. He doesn't feel this split should happen in the organization. He has recommended to the board a change needs to happen before the next session.

In the interim, the Revenue and Transportation Committee wants to look at the how oil and gas royalties are distributed, in particular the division between counties and cities. Counties will want to keep informed on this committee. This may lead to a redistribution of funds.

There is also interest in looking at the property taxes that Keystone may pay once the pipeline is installed and distributing them statewide instead of the county derived.

**Legislature** - Dave Galt sent his report regarding bills of interest to the organization from the 2017 Legislature.

**Talon Energy**- Doug Martens reported on a meeting he and Richard Dunbar attended last week with Talon Energy. The company has been sold and the new owners attitude is they want to continue to do business in Montana. The Decker Coal Company has reported they intend on increasing their production for sales into Canada.

**Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)** – The organization made a decision to join the MIC in 2016 with a \$5,000 commitment. The board will be reviewing this position on the coalition. Mr. Dunbar recommended the MAOGCC membership continue.

**Bylaws** – Mr. Dunbar recommended the board review the bylaws and how many counties representation is needed for a quorum.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Loren Young