

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Greef, on January 8, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Denise Hayman (D)

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Noah Horan, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 40, 1/5/2015

00:01:48 Chair Greef

### HEARING ON HB 40

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:43 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 40, Revise board of adjustment laws for conservation districts.

00:03:31 Chair Greef

#### Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:38 John Tubbs, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:04:43 Mark Bostrom, DNRC

00:07:40 Elena Evans, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:08:20 Chair Greef

#### Opponents' Testimony: None

#### Informational Testimony:

00:08:35 Laurie Zeller, DNRC

00:08:54 Chair Greef

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:03 Chair Greef

#### [EXHIBIT\(loh04a01\)](#)

00:11:17 Rep. Richmond

00:11:38 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:12:09 Laurie Zeller, DNRC

00:12:17 Chair Greef

00:12:49 Rep. Richmond

00:13:09 Laurie Zeller, DNRC

00:13:40 Chair Greef

00:13:44 Rep. Custer

00:14:20 Laurie Zeller, DNRC

00:15:00 Rep. Custer

00:15:19 Chair Greef

#### Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:01 Rep. Berry

00:16:22 Chair Greef

00:17:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Swanson moved that **HB 40 DO PASS**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Rep. Schwaderer and Rep. Steenberg were excused.

00:17:53 Recess

00:23:24 Reconvene

00:23:30 Chair Greef  
00:25:06 John Sheehan  
00:25:44 Jen Certa  
00:25:52 Sarah McGlothlin  
00:26:06 Chair Greef

[EXHIBIT\(loh04a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:26:56 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:27:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:27:54 Chair Greef  
00:28:38 Rep. Richmond  
00:28:50 Chair Greef  
00:29:03 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
00:29:26 Chair Greef  
00:30:19 Noah Horan, Committee Secretary  
00:31:12 Rep. Garner  
00:31:15 Chair Greef

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:31:59

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh04aad.pdf](#))**