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Study of State Labs at MSU Bozeman Interim Committee

65th Montana Legislature

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FREDERICK (ERIC) MOORE
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BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT
KELLY MCCARTHY
KERRY WHITE

COMMITTEE STAFF

SHAUNA ALBRECHT, Lead Staff

MINUTES LOG

August 28 & 29, 2017
Marsh Lab, 1911 W Lincoln St.
Bozeman, MT

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. GORDON VANCE
REP. BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT
REP. KELLY MCCARTHY
REP. KERRY WHITE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

SEN. FREDERICK (ERIC) MOORE
SEN. LEA WHITFORD

STAFF PRESENT

SHAUNA ALBRECHT, Lead Staff

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 1](#))

AGENDA ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The Study of State Labs at MSU Bozeman Interim Committee took the following action:

- approved nomination of Sen. White for Chair
- approved nomination of Sen. Hamlett for Vice-Chair

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:03 Sen. Vance, acting chair, called the meeting to order and LFD staff called roll. ([Attachment 3](#)) Senators Moore and Whitford were excused.

00:00:40 Introductions

00:02:39 Sen. Vance provided an explanation of the day's lab tours.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

00:06:11 Sen. Vance opened nominations for election chair and vice chair.

00:06:17 **MOTION:** Rep. McCarthy nominated Rep. White for chair and Rep. Hamlett as vice chair.

VOTE: Motion passed. ([Attachment 4](#))

00:07:36 LFD staff member Shauna Albrecht provided a committee update, work plan and history of state labs.

00:19:08 Committee discussion about establishment and oversight of MSU labs.

00:25:58 Ms. Albrecht presented information on vet diagnostic lab.

00:28:24 Committee discussion.

00:32:31 Chair White asked for public comment on lab discussion, there was none.

00:33:08 The committee discussed labs in other states and the role of additional labs in Montana.

00:49:28 Chair White asked if labs were of benefit of MSU students.

00:49:42 MSU President Waded Cruzado presented university mission and history.

00:57:26 Committee discussion on history and function of MSU labs.

RECESS

01:28:00 The committee recessed for tours of Bozeman Deaconess Hospital lab, Analytical Center Lab and Wool Lab.

01:28:34 The committee reconvened.

PUBLIC COMMENT

01:28:58 Nina Baucus, Board of Livestock member, said all labs need help and public health issues (including brucellosis and TB) in Montana are of concern and the diagnostic lab is necessary according to a recent lab accreditation. ([Attachment 5](#))

01:32:42 Committee discussion.

RECESS

01:46:00 With no further business, the committee adjourned and will reconvene August 29, 2017, at 8 a.m.

August 29, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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REP. BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT
REP. KELLY MCCARTHY
REP. KERRY WHITE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

SEN. FREDERICK (ERIC) MOORE
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STAFF PRESENT

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AGENDA ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

00:01:51 The committee reconvened and Chair White asked committee members to comment on the lab tours (including Wildlife Lab at Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Seed Lab, Pulse Lab, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab from earlier that day.)

00:03:05 Rep. McCarthy

00:07:17 Sen. Vance

00:08:49 Rep. Hamlett

00:10:31 Chair White

00:16:28 Chair Vance

00:17:15 Rep. Hamlett

00:19:08 Chair White invited comments from MSU representatives.

00:19:34 Dr. Bill Layton, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab

00:20:42 MSU President Waded Cruzado

ADJOURNMENT

00:31:12 With no public comment and no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned. The committee will meet Sept. 29, 2017, in Helena and will schedule another meeting in October.