**Montana Grass Conservation Commission**

 **Zoom Meeting Minutes for December 10th, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

 **Call to order, Chairman Richard Stuker**

**Directors Present:** Richard Stuker, Craig French, Audra Ortega, Absent: Sigrid Pugrud, Travis Brown.

**Others Present:** Ellie Brighton - MASGD, Shauna Simpson – DNRC, Mark Bostrom - DNRC.

**Minutes from Previous Zoom Meeting dated October 18, 2024.**

The Minutes from October 18, 2024, Zoom Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Audra Ortega made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2024, Zoom Meeting, Craig French 2nd motion, motion passed.

There was no public comment.

**Montana Grass Conservation Commission RFP Candidate Approval.**

The Montana Grass Conservation Commission reviewed the candidates for the RFP that was sent out. The purpose of the RFP Project is to develop the History of Federal and State Laws pertaining to Montana’s State Grazing Districts and the Taylor Grazing Act Districts.

Commissioner Audra Ortega moved to accept the applicant RG Research and Evaluation, Commissioner Richard Stuker 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Public comment, DNRC Mark Bostrom discussed what the draft contract will look like for the winning applicant.

**Appoint new Commissioner for Montana Public Lands Council.**

Chairman Richard Stuker called for any Commissioner that would like to take his place on the Public Lands Council to please to please say so. Commissioner Audra Ortega said she would be willing to run for the Public Lands Council.

Commissioner Richard Stuker moved to nominate Commissioner Audra Ortega to the Montana Public Lands Council, Craig French 2nd the motion, motion passed.

No Public comment.

**Public Comment or any other business that comes before the Montana Grass Conservation Commission.**

Chairman Richard Stuker thanked everyone for their help and that he enjoyed his time on the Montana Grass Conservation Commission. Chairman Stuker also talked on what to do moving forward.

**Craig French moved to adjourn the meeting. Audra Ortega seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.**

Richard Stuker – Chairman

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