



2022 MAOGCC Annual Meeting Agenda (As of 05-25-22)

June 13-14, 2022

The Northern Hotel

Billings, MT

MONDAY, JUNE 13th

03:00 PM **Exxon Refinery Tour**
More details and directions to come on this!

05:00 PM **DINNER**
Dinner will be provided by MAOGCC at The Northern Hotel in the Babcock Room.

06:00 PM **PRESENTATION:**
Michael Freeman, Natural Resource Policy Advisor
Michael Freeman joined the Gianforte Administration from the Department of the Interior, where he was appointed to serve as Acting Deputy Solicitor for Water Resources and before that, as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Environmental Management. In addition to a short stint in the private sector, he spent nearly seven years on Capitol Hill advising members of Congress on energy, environmental, and natural resource policy issues. He began his career as an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He is a native of Butte, MT.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14th

Breakfast is on your own, but there will be pastries, coffee, etc. available in the meeting room

08:00 AM **MAOGCC MEETING**
Call to Order
Roll Call
Introductions

08:05 AM **CONSENT ITEMS**
Agenda
Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

08:15 AM **FINANCIAL ITEMS**
Financial review

08:30 AM **ACTION ITEMS**
Bylaw Changes
Board Member Elections (Richard Dunbar and Doug Martins are up for re-election)
Future Meeting Locations

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08:45 AM DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman's Update: Commissioner Richard Dunbar
Executive Director Update: Shelby DeMars

09:00 AM PRESENTATIONS START

Please note we are waiting to hear back from a few more presenters so there may be changes to the presentation times.

09:00 AM Ben Jones—Petroleum Engineer, Montana Board of Oil & Gas

Ben Jones, a petroleum engineer for nearly 15 years, brings experience from both the private and public sectors and currently serves as the petroleum engineer and technical advisor for the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC), which administers the Montana oil and gas conservation laws; promotes conservation and prevents waste in the recovery of resources; and regulates oil and gas exploration and production. Ben will be providing an annual update from the Board of Oil & Gas on production over the past year.

09:15 AM Chris Puyear—NorthWestern Energy

Chris Puyear serves as a Government Affairs Specialist for NorthWestern energy where he advocates for policies to secure affordable, sustainable power for NorthWestern's 340,000 customers. Chris will be presenting an update on NWE's newest projects and the impact of recent court rulings.

09:30 AM Chris Bakker—CEO, Avanti Energy

Chris will be presenting on Avanti Energy, their helium development efforts in Montana and elsewhere, as well as the "how" and "why" behind helium development.

10:30 AM Jon P. Heroux—Corporate Counsel, External Affairs for Westmoreland Mining, LLC

Jon will be joining the conference to provide an update on the regulatory environment and permitting updates with Westmoreland.

11:00 AM Terry Johnson—Terry Johnson Consulting: Economist, Statistician, Financial Analyst

Terry Johnson served the state of Montana for almost 40 years as an economist, statistician, and most recently as principal financial analyst for the Montana Legislature. Johnson earned a B.S. in mathematics from Montana State University and developed expertise in economic analysis and government finance. In July 2004 he became the first Montanan to receive a national award from the National Council of State Legislatures in recognition of his achievements in revenue forecasting, state fiscal and tax policy analysis. Terry will be presenting a program he has designed to assess the impact that potential legislative tax changes can have on local governments.

11:30 AM Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

Darryl James is the Executive Director of the Montana Infrastructure Coalition, or MIC, which is comprised of volunteer members representing over 100 industry, labor, and trade associations, local governments and business entities. The purpose of the Coalition is to provide reliable information to state and local decision-makers and their constituents regarding the need for infrastructure investment, and to explore economically and politically sustainable methods of funding critical infrastructure in the future.

12:00 AM ADJOURN