

# MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

## MINUTES

April 21 2026

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Meeting called to order by Doug Smith.

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### In Attendance

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In Person: Carla, Doug, Brianna, Kaylee, Terri, Dyan Youpee, and Diane Spoklie

Online Via Zoom: none

Guests: Lynne Foland, Windfall, and Sarah Fischer, prospective board member for Daniels County

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### Introductions

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Sarah Fischer/Daniels County (prospective board member) – Pam Tillis will be in Daniels Co this summer – Pioneer Days coming up and Golf Tournaments

Dyan Youpee/Ft Peck Tribes – Working with Buffalo Ranch to bring Dark Sky Storytelling in by July – many schools already want to be apart of this; spearheading a Tribal Tourism Program and a big event for 150 years in 2036

Terri/Roosevelt – New SRE building broke ground, vendor show was successful; May 12<sup>th</sup> is Fishing Day for Brockton Schools at Ike Pond; late May/early June will be ribbon cutting for Pool House and open house as well; June 6<sup>th</sup> – town clean up day for Culbertson; June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Frontier Days parade and events

Diane Spoklie/Sheridan – Graduations coming up; Sheridan Electric just broke ground on a new building; Treasure Trail garage sale and Car Show is coming up with many interested from out of the area in motels

Kaylee/Phillips – PC Prevention coming up with some fun activities for Mother's Day/Father's Day; Car Show/Drag Races first weekend in June; Poncho's BBQ & band second weekend of June; Malta Farmers Market third weekend of June; Roar & Explore in July at GPDM and Big Race Weekend stop in July

Doug/Sheridan – nothing new

Carla/MRC – nothing new

Brianna/MRC – here learning the job

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### Approval of Minutes

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Approved.

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### Correspondence

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Carla passed around the folder to the in-person attendees – letters of support, ITRR date for MRC, and Herb's board resignation letter.

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### Timeline

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Right on schedule. Compliance and quarterly reports turned in.

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## Executive Director Report

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MT Road Trip - Brianna and Carla met with Windfall to discuss "MT Road Trip" July 7-13 coming through our area from Glendive to attend the Wolf Point Stampede, then they will fish Nelson Reservoir on the 12<sup>th</sup> – mostly State funded, but MRC may be asked for something closer to the event.

Talking Trail – New signs are being done up with new logo and 2 QR codes – 1 code will connect to Talking Trail app and 1 will send you to your location and the information about it.

Billboards – Brianna noticed the Oswego sign is rippling and Carla contacted the company and they will replace since it is still under warranty

Montana Trail 406 – discussed email; need more details to further discuss

Resiliency Plan – Coming to an end on May 31<sup>st</sup> and all reports will be submitted by then.

RAP – Application was sent out to the board, no comments were heard back so Carla submitted on 4/15/2026. The funding amount was updated before the application was submitted so now, we have \$679,962 to work with for two years; \$339,000 in year 1 and \$340,000 in year 2. Some projects in the works for the RAP funds are a photo/video shoot, website redo, and a MonDak region promotion of our area to work with the "newly" populate region and showing them what our MRC region has to offer to see and do.

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## Treasurer's Report –

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Opportunity Account \$79978.95

Private Funds \$13867.04

RAP \$36168.33

Resiliency \$65968.83

P&L looks fine. Resiliency funds will be used up by end of June except enough to pay taxes and account will be closed after that.

Terri made motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kaylee seconded. Approved.

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## Committee Reports

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**Executive Committee** – Will need to do outreach to try to replace Herb Allison on the board since his resignation we have no representation from McCone Co

**Travel Guide** – Final proofs to be printed today and shipping set to start on April 30<sup>th</sup>

**DMO** – Plan and budget were sent out for board review and no issues or questions were brought up. Terri motioned to approve both the DMO Plan and DMO Budget for \$104,987 and Kaylee seconded. Approved.

**Coop Application** – Great Plains Dinosaur Museum submitted for \$2500 to help with social media marketing for their "Roar & Explore" event in July Approved

**Social Media** – nothing

**Public Relations** - nothing

**MT Dinosaur Trail**-

**Old Business** – None

**New business** – None

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## Next Meeting

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Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – in person/zoom in Wolf Point.

Terri motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.