



Montana Opioid Abatement Trust

April 11th, 2024

*Operating Trustees Meeting Minutes
1597 Avenue D, Suite 6, Billings, MT*

*Meeting called to order at 1:00PM by Chairman Will Selph
Attendance Taken*

Operating Trustees Present

Steve Crawford, Will Selph, Scott Malloy, Rebecca de Camara, Becky Rice, Phil Bain, Maureen Ward, Drenda Niemann, Brenda Kneeland, Jake Strissel

Guests Present

David Knobel (Crowley Fleck), Ty Elkin, Gary Lucas, Eric Vermulm (Allied Investments)

Staff Present

Rusty Gackle (Executive Director), Steffanie McGowan (Program Director)

Approval of Nov. 28th Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes was properly moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MOAT Updates

MOAT staff updated Trustees on communications with abatement regions, as well as various organizations and groups across the state. A brief overview of the first round of grant applications was given along with grant application updates.

Allied Investments gave an overview of Trust performance report.



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Old Business

Trustees discussed adopting Financial and Investment Subcommittee appointees. Resolution to adopt selected appointees, Will Selph, Brenda Kneeland, and Scott Malloy to the Financial and Investment Subcommittee was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Trustees discussed adopting Grant Subcommittee appointees. Resolution to adopt selected appointees, Rebecca de Camara, Phil Bain, and Drenda Niemann was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Trustees discussed adopting current committee terms. Resolution recommending terms as presented was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Committee terms are as follows:

Multi County Region: Jake Strissel (*1 year*), Brenda Kneeland (*3 year*)

Metro Region: Phil Bain (*1 year*), Scott Malloy (*1 year*), Drenda Niemann (*3 year*)

Department of Justice: Becky Rice (*2 year*), Will Selph (*3 year*), Steve Crawford (*3 year*)

DPHHS: Rebecca de Camara (*2 year*), Maureen Ward (*3 year*)

Resolution to move Trust principal location from 115 N. Broadway Ste. 310, Billings, MT 59101 to 1597 Avenue D, Suite 6, Billings MT 59102 was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

Trustees discussed allocation and distribution opportunities, as well as the Trusts fiduciary responsibility.

Trustees discussed Abatement Region conference.

Executive Director, Rusty Gackle presented Trustees The Clark Nuber proposal for Trust audit services.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM