



Montana Council of Cooperatives

January 27, 2021

Dear Montana Cooperatives and Cooperative Associations,

Thank you to those who attended the virtual workshops on January 11 – 13, 2021. If you missed the workshops or would like to share with other staff members, they can be found on the new and approved Montana Council of Cooperative's website!

As you are aware, the Business meeting was not held at that time. Please join us at the rescheduled 61st Annual Meeting of the Montana Council of Cooperatives on February 18, 2021. Because of COVID restrictions, we will be holding the business meeting virtually with limited room to attend in-person. Please register for the business meeting by going to the website at www.montanacouncil.coop.

Staff and Board members are invited to join in-person with a maximum limit of 25 at the original Montana Club (a cooperative by the way), located at 24 W 6th Avenue in Helena. We intend to host a small dinner on the evening of the 18th with Legislative Leadership and our partnering associations. The MCOC Board will cover the dinner, but we ask that if you want to partake to register with Juanetta before February 11. Again, due to the restrictions currently in place in Lewis and Clark County, we have opted to keep the dinner to a minimum of 25 people. Register today if you want to attend in person by calling Juanetta at 406-727-1517 or email juanetta@mcdc.coop. The first 25 to register will be the ones to attend.

The Council's updated website was revealed on January 11 with a new look and a membership portal. Enclosed is a postcard with your cooperatives' unique PIN# for access to the membership portal. Please follow the postcard's instructions on how to log in. This is where members of MCOC can network, share news, seek and provide advice, and strengthen Montana's overall cooperative community. **Please visit the Council's NEW website at <https://montanacouncil.coop>.**

Also enclosed are your updated official meeting notice, agenda, and voting delegate form. If you submitted a delegation form earlier, it is on file, and a new one is not needed. The complete packet with minutes, financials and management report can be downloaded from the website.

We know that this is a unique approach to our Annual Meeting, but if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please call our Administrator Tracy McIntyre on the office cellphone (406)-868-0757 or email her at tracy@mcdc.coop.

Best Regards,
Ben Boreson, President
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