

MISSOULA COUNTY OPEN LANDS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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**This will be a hybrid meeting, held in-person in the Lands and Communities
conference room (127 E. Main, 2nd floor), and via Microsoft Teams**

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Land Acknowledgement
Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 2026
- Public Comment and Announcements on items not on the agenda
- New Business (6:05pm: 70min)
 - 1. New OLC Member Welcome & Intros
 - 2. Guest Speakers – Paraic Neibergs & Kyle Barber – Conservation Lands Appraisals & Valuation
- Subcommittee Reports/Communications/Questions
 - 1. Staff Communications (7:15pm: 15min)
 - i. OLC New Bylaws Confirmed
 - ii. 20th Anniversary Open Space Bond Planning Update
 - 2. Subcommittee Communications (7:30pm: 20min)
 - i. Communications
 - Good Neighbor Handbook Updates
 - ii. Board Chair/Vice-Chair Communications
 - Chair/Vice Chair Elections – April Meeting
 - Guest Speaker Brainstorm
 - 3. General Communications and Questions (7:35pm: 20 min)
 - i. Round Robin updates
- Future Agenda items (7:55pm: 5 min)
- Adjourn

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Missoula County Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee is to advise the Board of County Commissioners and represent the citizens of Missoula County in the protection and preservation of open space and rural lifestyles for present and future generations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Establish policy and adopt rules for its operations consistent with any and all plans and policies adopted by Missoula County and approved by the Commissioners.
2. Keep records and have responsibility for the custody of all records and documents of the OLC.
3. Advise and assist the Commissioners in:
 - Review and implementation of plans, policies, programs, and regulatory and non-regulatory tools that support or impact open space and rural lifestyles;
 - Implementation of the Open Space Bond Program by reviewing applications and recommending funding to conserve open space in accordance with the Program's Interlocal Agreement;
 - Outreach and two-way communication with rural communities relative to open space and rural lifestyles.
4. Collaborate with Lands, Culture and Recreation staff and other city and county advisory committees.

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OLC Administrative Subcommittee Agenda

Date: February 18, 2026 10a via Microsoft TEAMS

Attendees: Sarah Holden and Jenny Zaso

A. Land Acknowledgment

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B. Follow-up from January OLC meeting

- Good Neighbor Handbook Update
 - Conservation District, FWP interest in funding and retaining use of graphics was discussed. We will ask OLC to weigh in at March meeting. Sarah also brought up other potential funding sources – Western MT Conservation Commission and Pesticide Stewardship Partnership program who are looking to work on educational resources for new residents and have possible EPA grant funds to utilize. AgWest has shown interest in sponsoring, but we don't have \$ amount yet.
 - Jenny is still working with content experts on edits to GNH sections
- New OLC Members Update – Feb 26th Approval
 - March OLC Meeting will be new members 1st Meeting. New members will be approved by BCC on Thursday, Feb 26th at 10a at a public admin meeting. After that, Jenny will work with Sarah and Sharon to meet each new member for coffee and provide them with an orientation packet and answer any questions they have about serving on OLC. New members up for approval are: Noel Treat, Caroline Byrd and Brad Hall.
- Guest Speaker Debrief – Matt Heimel, Flood Plain presentation – this was a great speaker choice – Sarah asked how we might broaden the audience for our guest speakers as they have such important knowledge to share!

C. Upcoming Agenda Items for March

- New Member Introductions – this will be the first item on the agenda.
- Upcoming Guest Speakers – this will be the second item on the agenda
 - March Meeting: Paraic Neibergs & Kyle Barber – Conservation Land Valuation & Appraisals
 - BCC & Land Trust partners both expressed interest in attending!
- Chair and Vice Chair Elections – we will confirm interest of renewal of our current Chair and Vice Chair (Sharon and Sarah) at March meeting and give new members time to meet and chat with Sarah and Sharon. We will also confirm if anyone else is interested. Then, at the April meeting official officer elections will be held.
- 20th Anniversary Planning Update – Jenny will provide OLC information on chosen dates for celebration and event ideas that have been discussed by a committee made up of the County, City and Five Valleys Land Trust and ask for feedback.

D. Other Future Agenda Items

- Ranching/conservation producer speaker: Food Policy Advisory Board would also be invited to listen to this speaker. (TBD timing)
- Small Ag Land Conservation program update – April Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:24a.

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