

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK**  
**STATE OF MONTANA**

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Governor Steve Bullock today announced the following appointments.

**Montana Children's Trust Fund Board**

- **Valerie Widmer**, Hamilton. Qualification: Public Representative. Widmer is the Executive Director at Emma's House, a child advocacy center in Hamilton.

**Coal Board**

- **Dan Miles**, Butte. Qualification: District 1. Miles owns Summit Valley Title Company with his wife, and retired after 30 years of employment with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Apprenticeship and training bureau.
- **CJ Stewart**, Crow Agency. Qualification: District 1, Impact Area. Stewart is a Senator for the Crow Tribal Legislative Branch and serves as the Natural Resources Chairman.
- **Tom Towe**, Billings. Qualification: District 2 and Attorney. Towe is an attorney in Billings and a former state Legislator.
- **John Williams**, Colstrip. Qualification: District 2, Impact Area, Chairperson. Williams is retired, and has been mayor of Colstrip, and served the Southeastern Montana Development Corporation.

**Electronic Government Advisory Council**

- **Sherri Davidoff**, Missoula. Qualification: Public Representative. Davidoff is a Security Consultant at LMG Security in Missoula.
- **Karen Harrison**, Lolo. Qualification: Public Representative. Harrison is the Director of Human Resources for the Missoula Developmental Service Corporation.
- **Jane Weber**, Great Falls. Qualification: Local Government. Weber is a Cascade County Commissioner.

**Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees**

- **Janene Caywood**, Missoula. Qualification: Archaeologist. Caywood has worked in the field of cultural resources management for 30 years, and has successfully completed projects throughout the western United States for federal, state and private clients.
- **Ed Jasmine**, Helena. Qualification: Public Representative. Jasmine is retired after a 35-year banking career.
- **Ed Smith**, Helena. Qualification: Public Representative. Smith is the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court.

### **State Lottery Commission**

- **Frank DiFonzo**, Sidney. Qualification: Law Enforcement. DiFonzo is the Chief of Police for the City of Sidney.
- **Cindy Hiner**, Deer Lodge. Qualification: Public Representative. Hiner is a former state legislator, and is Director of Nursing at the Deer Lodge Correctional Facility.
- **Wilbur Rehmann**, Helena. Qualification: Public Representative. Rehmann is a local Helena musician and contractor for the U.S. Transportation Security Administration.

### **Board of Milk Control**

- **Jeanne Lemire Dahlman**, Forsyth. Qualification: Public Representative, Democrat. Lemire Dahlman ranches with her husband in Forsyth and is a retired educator.
- **Ariel Overstreet-Adkins**, Helena. Qualification: Public Representative, Independent. Overstreet-Adkins has been Communications Director for the Montana Stockgrowers Association, and will be attending Law School at the University of Montana in the fall.
- **Jim Parker**, Fairfield. Qualification: Public Representative, Democrat. Parker is retired having worked previously for agriculture equipment manufacturers. Parker graduated from Montana State University and served in Vietnam.
- **W. Scott Mitchell**, Billings. Will serve as Chairperson of the Board.

### **Board of Oil and Gas Conservation**

- **Peggy Nerud**, Circle. Qualification: Public Representative. Nerud is a rancher in Circle and retired educator.

### **Poet Laureate**

- **Tami Haaland**, Billings. Qualification: Poet nominated by Arts Council. Haaland is a published poet and current Professor at Montana State University Billings.

### **Board of Directors of the State Compensation Insurance Fund**

- **Bruce Mihelish**, Lolo. Qualification: Private Enterprise and Executive Management Experience in an Insurance Company. Mihelish was President/CEO of Insurance Operations for Western States Insurance.
- **Richard Miltenberger**, Helena. Qualification: Private Enterprise and Executive Management Experience in insurance financial accounting. Miltenberger is Executive Vice President and Partner at Mountain West Benefits.
- **Lynda Moss**, Billings. Qualification: Public Representative. Moss served as Executive Director of the Foundation for Community Vitality and served as a Montana State Senator from Billings for eight years.
- **Lance Zanto**, Helena. Qualification: Policy Holder. Zanto is the Chief Workers Compensation Program Manager for the state of Montana.

### **Board of Veterans' Affairs**

- **Shawn Backbone**, Crow Agency. Qualification: Tribal Member, Veteran. Backbone is the Vice Secretary for the Crow Tribe, and was in the 1/29 Infantry Regiment as a gunner stationed in Fort Bennington, Georgia, and was honorably discharged in 1987.
- **Byron Erickson**, Helena. Qualification: US Department of Labor. Erickson is currently with the US Department of Labor working on veterans employment in the state of Montana.
- **Clarence Sivertsen**, Black Eagle. Qualification: Veteran, Region 3. Sivertsen is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman of the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe, and was Active Duty in the Army for two years before transferring to the Montana Air National Guard. He retired from the Air National Guard with 28 years of service, and continues to serve in the in-active reserves.

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