

STATEMENT OF MARTIN R. CONNELL

STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss.
County of Yellowstone)

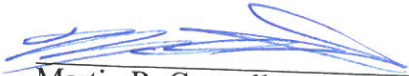
The undersigned, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says as follows:

I am a petitioner for the recall of Donald Jones, Yellowstone County Commissioner.

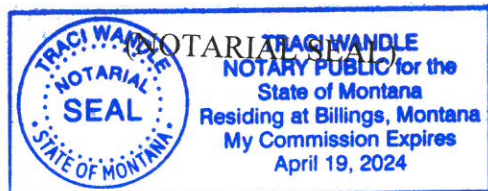
Donald Jones should be recalled for the following reasons: Official misconduct. Upon information and belief, conducting a meeting with another Yellowstone County Commissioner, constituting a quorum, deciding to request proposals for a private Metra Park manager without first conducting a public meeting as required by law; failing to hold non-biased informational public hearings, and gathering all the facts before deciding to request proposals for a change in Metra Park's management from public to private. The two public hearings were held with minimal and inadequate public notice. Virtually all who spoke opposed the idea of proceeding to a request for proposals without an independent study, but it was clear to all present that Commissioner Jones held the hearings not to receive public input but to attempt to meet the requirement of holding public hearings after the decision had been made. Commissioner Jones stated that he was not elected to hand off the decision and did not need an independent third party analysis to tell him how to make a decision. This response was in the face of an outstanding Request For Proposal to hire a new public manager and two years of hard work and considerable public and private input into the development of a Metra Park master plan.

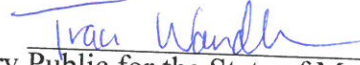
I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this statement, which are true to the best of my knowledge. This statement is submitted to comply with the requirements of §2-16-617(4), MCA.

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Martin R. Connell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 2021.




Notary Public for the State of Montana