I. Call to Order
Chair Jake Gillen called the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee to order at 11:02 AM. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced themselves. Commissioner Luke Johnson made a motion to adopt the minutes from December 4, 2016. Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. Platform Recommendations to Policy Committees
Committee staff, Jennifer Berquam, reminded members of one of the goals of the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee – to develop and recommend to the appropriate policy committee or the AMC Board of Directors, state and federal agricultural and rural development policies for inclusion in the AMC Platform.

Chair Gillen led a discussion on issues of concern to rural counties. The topics included healthcare, transportation and public lands (issues with acquisitions, land valuations and maintenance of lands currently held in public ownership).
III. **Adjourn**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.