

**Montana Coal Board
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2018
Conference Call**

Board Members Present

Chairman John Williams, Vice Chairman Sidney Fitzpatrick, Shawn Fredrickson, Amber Henning, Marianne Roose, Tim Schaff

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present

Jennifer Olson, Division Administrator; A.C. Rothenbuecher, Grants Bureau Chief; Amy Barnes, Legal Counsel

Public Present

Kathie Bailey	Snowy Mountain Development Corp
Bill Kennedy	MSU-Billings Foundation
Dennis Gerke	Hardin Schools
Dave Warren	Foundation Board of Trustees
John Eglund	MSU-Billings
Robbie Carpenter	MSU-Billings Foundation
Tom Lutey	Billings Gazette
Ron Larsen	MSU-Billings
Shannon Wilcox	MSU-Billings
Dianne Lehm	Big Sky Economic Development Association
Melanie Schwartz	Big Sky Economic Development Association
Eric Nord	MSU-Billings Foundation
Donna Hagan	MSU-Billings
Jim Atchison	SEMDC
Jerrae Kuntz	Rosebud Healthcare Center
Doris Pinkerton	City of Forsyth
Joe Purcell	City of Hardin
Becky Bey	KLJ
Candy Wells	Bighorn County
Linda Greenwald	Bighorn County
Sheriff Simpson	Bighorn County
Lance Peterson	Bighorn County
Alma Lopez	HRDC District 4
Jim Keane	Representative – Butte

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The board heard public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Action by the Board: Shawn Fredrickson moved to put the Big Sky Economic Development grant, on behalf of MSU-Billings Foundation, on the current meeting's agenda. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion failed. Chairman Williams and Board Members Henning and Schaff voted in opposition to the motion.

MSU Billings Application

Action by the Board: Tim Schaff moved to withdraw 832 based on the board attorney's recommendation. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion failed. Board Members Fitzpatrick, Fredrickson and Roose voted in opposition to the motion.

Action by the Board: Chairman Williams moved the following action items to the March meeting:

- Consider suspending the award to MSU-Billings
- Consider allowing Big Sky Economic Development to submit the MSU-Billings application on behalf of the MSU-Billings Foundation
- Consider approval of the Big Sky Economic Development application to include waiver of the 45-day application rule

The motion was seconded. Board discussion. In discussion, the board discussed the Big Sky Economic Development application could be considered as the first application at the March meeting, but no motion was made to do so. Motion passed. Vice Chair Fitzpatrick voted in opposition to the motion.

Other Matters

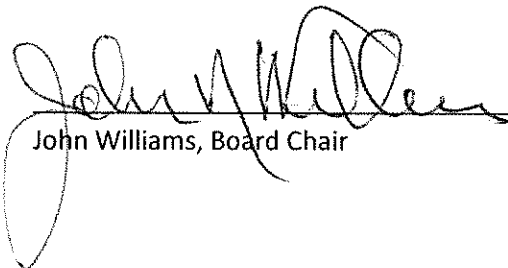
No other matters discussed.

BOARD MATTERS

No board matters discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.



John Williams, Board Chair