

**Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2018
Billings, MT**

Board Members Present

Chairman John Williams, Vice-Chair Sidney Fitzpatrick, Veronica Small-Eastman, Tim Schaff, Marianne Roose, and Amber Henning.

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present

Jennifer Olson, Division Administrator, A.C. Rothenbuecher, Operations Manager, Anne Pichette, Administrative Officer, and Bonnie Martello, Paralegal.

Public Present

Jim Atchison	Southeastern Montana Development Corporation
Julie Emmons	Southeastern Montana Development Corporation
Kristi Gatrell	Big Horn Hospital Association
Raymond Ragsdale	Town of Broadus
Peggy Fruit	Town of Broadus
Matt Redden	Big Horn County Road and Fire Department
Theodore Hafemann	Big Horn County Road and Fire Department
Liz Cheng	Montana Department of Labor and Industry
Bill Kennedy	Montana State University-Billings
Dianne Lehm	Big Sky Economic Development Association
Karen Sweeney	Southern Montana Development Corporation
Lowell Cutshaw	Interstate Engineering
Rae Peppers	Lame Deer Public Schools
Juanita Brady	Lame Deer Public Schools
Paula Small-Plenty	Big Horn Hospital Association
Bill Hodges	Big Horn Hospital Association
Dax Simak	Stahly Engineering
Tom Berry	Musselshell County Commissioners
Brad Howell	Roundup memorial Healthcare
George Real Bird III	Big Horn County Commissioners

Welcome – Call to order

Chairman Williams called to order the meeting of the Montana Coal Board at 8:34 a.m. He thanked three Legislators for attending; Representatives Rae Peppers, Ken Holmlund, and Senator Jason Small.

Roll call

Ms. Pichette called the roll for board members. The following board members were present: Chairman Williams, Vice-Chair Sidney Fitzpatrick, and Veronica Small-Eastman. On the phone via conference call were Marianne Roose, Amber Henning, and Tim Schaff.

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Opportunity for Public Comment

- Paula Small-Plenty – Big Horn Hospital, provided an update on the nurse’s station upgrade at Heritage Acres. Staff and residents are pleased with all the upgrades. (handouts were provided)
- Bill Hodges – Big Horn Hospital Association, the upgrades spoken of by Paula Small-Plenty are enjoyed by all as it is more welcoming. The Community Health Assessment as required by the government will take place soon.
- Brad Howell – Roundup Memorial Healthcare, spoke regarding updates on all hospital projects awarded Coal Board funds.
- Jim Atchison – SEMDC, saddened to hear of Pam Haxby-Cote resigning as Director of Commerce. He recapped 7 community projects. Ten projects were completed in 2018 from the Infrastructure Needs List though there is still a great need for assistance. Provided the List to the Board. (handouts were provided)

Approval of Minutes (September 20, 2018)

- Chairman Williams called for discussion from the Board regarding the minutes and any comments from the public. Ms. Henning requested a correction to the draft minutes as her name was left off from the Roll Call portion. Anne Pichette will make the correction.

Action by the Board: Chairman Williams called for all in favor to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Email and Security Training

- Bonnie Martello – Paralegal, Department of Commerce, reviewed the process to assist the Board with ease of transition to the State email access and clarified what areas had been challenging through a PowerPoint presentation. Cyber Security Training must be completed yearly by each member.

Budget Status Update

- Ms. Olson – Community Development Division Administrator, discussed the updated budget spreadsheet and reminded all that the spreadsheet is available on the website.

	<u>Direct</u>
Funds available for 2019 Biennia:	\$6,822,204.00

2018 State Fiscal Year (July '17 – June '18)

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| • Funds appropriated for SFY 2018: | \$3,403,336.00 |
| • Coal Board funds awarded for SFY 2018: | \$2,976,073.00 |
| • Revenue available in Coal Natural Resource account: | \$3,631,279.46 |
| • Balance of available SFY 2018 appropriation: | <u>\$ 427,263.00</u> |
| • Balance of available revenue less awards made: | <u>\$ 655,206.46</u> |

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2019 State Fiscal Year (July '18 – June '19)

- Funds appropriated for SFY 2019: \$3,418,868.00
- Coal Board funds awarded for SFY 2019: \$ 260,000.00
- Revenue available in Coal Natural Resource account: \$1,037,013.02
- Balance of available SFY19 appropriation: \$3,158,868.00

Bi-Total awarded:	\$2,976,073.00
Bi-Total Revenue:	\$3,709,735.78
Bi-Total appropriation available:	\$3,846,131.00
Bi-Balance of available revenue:	\$ 733,662.78

Total 2018 funds reverted: \$35,773.00

Balance of revenue with reverted funds: \$1,467,992.48

Action by the Board: Mr. Schaff made a motion to approve the budget. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.

Project Updates

- Number of projects awarded since the beginning of the 2018 Biennia: 28
- There are currently 41 open contracts and 8 are in process.
- Ms. Pichette provided updated information from numerous awardees regarding completions, extension requests, draws, and contract routing. See the following extension requests:
- Contract #0836 – Rosebud County

Action by the Board: Mr. Schaff made a motion to extend the contract for six months. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

- Contract #0825 – Lame Deer Public Schools

Action by the Board: Vice-Chair made a motion to extend the contract for six months. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed. Ms. Small-Eastman recused herself from the vote.

Action by the Board: Chairman Williams amended the motion to one year. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick seconded. Motion passed. Ms. Small-Eastman recused herself from the vote.

- Contract #0821 – Hardin Public Schools

Action by the Board: Ms. Henning made a motion to extend the contract for six months. Mr. Schaff seconded. Motion passed.

- Contract #0810 – Big Horn County

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to extend the contract for nine months. Mr. Schaff seconded. Motion passed. Vice-Chairman Fitzpatrick recused himself from the vote.

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- Contract #0807 – Lodge Grass Public Schools

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to extend the contract for nine months. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.

- Contract #0805 – Musselshell County

Action by the Board: Ms. Roose made a motion to extend the contract to December 31, 2021. Mr. Schaff seconded. Motion passed.

- Contract #0787 – Crow Tribe is requesting a change in scope to modify use of funds for land acquisition.

Action by the Board: Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick made a motion to accept the change. Ms. Small-Eastman seconded. Motion passed.

- Contract #0785 – Big Horn County

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to extend the contract for one year. Mr. Schaff seconded. Motion passed. Vice-Chairman Fitzpatrick recused himself from the vote.

- #0799 – City of Colstrip

Action by the Board: Mr. Schaff made a motion to extend the contract for six months. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Williams recused himself from the vote.

- Contract #0759 – City of Colstrip

Action by the Board: Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick made a motion to extend the contract for six months. Ms. Small-Eastman seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Williams recused himself from the vote.

- Ms. Pichette – discussed that since the Board's Orientation in June of 2017, there has been an update to the Governor's Appointee Handbook. She reviewed changes as they apply to the Board as well as legislative discussions as found on page 4 due to the upcoming legislative sessions.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

- Bill Kennedy – MSU Billings, provided a brief update on the Science Building with construction starting in the summer of 2019. He invited the Board to visit the university to see the progress next year.

Old Business

- Chairman Williams reviewed for the Board that there were 5 tabled applications.

Action by the Board: Mr. Schaff made a motion to remove applications #0850, #0851, #0853, #0854, and #0855 from the table. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0850 Big Horn County – Memorial Hospital Renovation & Updates \$500,000

- The applicant is requesting \$500,000 for the renovation of the hospital and replacement of equipment.

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- Bill Hodges – Foundation Director, Big Horn Hospital gave a PowerPoint presentation on the background of the Hospital, the Foundation, and the Donor program for fundraising as well as the increase in patient surge. (handouts were provided)
- Kristi Gatrell – Hospital Administrator, Big Horn Hospital Association, this hospital is the only hospital within 5000 square miles. Our future hope is to be able to offer cardiac rehab so that residents do not have to travel so far in order to receive care.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – has CDBG committed money to this project?
- Bill Hodges – a CDBG application has been submitted but there is no firm commitment as of yet.

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to fund this project at \$250,000. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick recused himself from this vote.

Application #0851 Big Horn County – Excavator Purchase **\$165,000**

- The applicant is requesting \$165,000 to complete the purchase of an excavator.
- Matt Redden – Supervisor, Big Horn County Road Department, the department has always had to rent an excavator. During the fires of 2011, one was used all summer long costing the department \$8000 -\$9000 per month. Previously the Board asked me to investigate the purchase of a used excavator; the shop Foreman advised against it as it is doubtful one in decent condition could be purchased as they get used roughly. The dealer I spoke with said a good one would have been used long enough so that there wouldn't be any warranty left on it.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – No questions or comments.

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to fund this project at \$82,500. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick recused himself from this vote.

Application #0853 City of Lewistown – Creekside Central Station Restroom Facility & Kiosk **\$88,000**

- The applicant originally requested \$226,000 to complete the construction of a year-round public restroom facility but has now amended the amount to \$88,000.
- Karen Sweeney – Snowy Mountain Development Corporation, and Creekside Committee member, this would be the first year-round public restroom facility for the City and is part of a large and unique project. As to the Statutory Criteria, the City is in a Designated Impact Area and there are 94 abandoned coal mines along with the abandoned railroad that was used to haul coal. Communities like Lewistown that lost mines are affected for years after the closure. (handouts were provided)
- Holly Felt – City Manager, this is a catalyst project as it adds to the overall investment and vibrancy into the City. Four new businesses have opened with three more properties having been sold recently that are due to this project.
- Dorothy Bowman – in 70 years the population of Lewistown hasn't changed much but there is renewed enthusiasm and young ones are returning home to raise their families. They desire places of interest such as this project is providing.

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- Scott Sanford – moved to Lewistown in the late 1980’s and sold the building next to the park because of the desire to contribute to the City’s prosperity.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – what is the budget? Has the City designated funds for the project?
- Holly Felt – as there are multiple components to the overall project, the City has budgeted whatever the difference might be after receiving \$138,000 from the Land & Water grant, if awarded the \$88,000 from the Coal Board, and community donations; approximately \$200,000 or so towards this part of the total project is what is estimated.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** - this applicant has appeared before the Board three times previously. The City has shown there has been an impact from coal in that 90+ mines used to operate in that area and now the City and community is committed to this total project as a result of the decrease in coal production to make it a thriving and inviting area.

Action by the Board: Ms. Henning made a motion to fund this project at \$40,000. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0854 Northern Cheyenne Tribe – Transportation Sand/Salt Storage Facility \$154,621

- The applicant is requesting \$154,621 to complete the the construction of a sand/salt storage facility for the transportation department.
- Anne Pichette – the Waiver of Sovereign Immunity has been received however, documentation of the Environmental Review has still not been received though staff was told to expect it.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – to clarify, the Environmental Review is incomplete at this time? Will Commissioner Joiner speak to this project? It would be beneficial to have a representative of this project appear to answer questions from the Board.
- Ed Joiner – Commissioner, Rosebud County, attended meetings regarding this project 2 – 3 years ago. What was discussed was the need for this project as the sand for roads comes from Ashland and they usually run out prior to reaching Lame Deer; this would help solve that problem but am unclear where the project currently stands.

Action by the Board: Ms. Henning made a motion to table the application so that the Tribe can provide all needed documents. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0855 Town of Broadus – Wastewater Project \$400,000

- The applicant is requesting \$400,000 to complete wastewater improvements to two lagoons and the lift station.
- Lowell Cutshaw – Interstate Engineering, provided pictures of the issues needing to be addressed by this project. (handouts were provided)
- Raymond Ragsdale – Town of Broadus, Public Works Director, the primary issues are safety related. The last upgrade to the system was 37 years ago. First, it is necessary to manually clear the pumps which requires much safety equipment just to do this one job and the access is a

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ladder chute only three feet wide. Second, the area around the crumbling lagoon banks must be mowed but it is only a matter of time until this is no longer possible.

- Julie Emmons – SEMDC, at the last meeting the question of impact was raised; Broadus is impacted by Colstrip, Decker, and Gillette Wyoming as the border to Wyoming is only 40 miles away. In 2016 Arch Coal declared bankruptcy and emerged from such in October of 2016 but cut 456 employees; 5 from Broadus. The vendors who supported Arch were impacted as well with one from Broadus being left with \$126,000 in frozen invoices causing that company to finally relocate taking employees who chose to move also and leaving behind now out of work former employees. The Town has the highest number ever of houses for sale and open rental units. Every restaurant has a for sale sign.
- Jim Atchison – SEMDC, every Fall, updates are made to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 5-year plan for all seven communities and then shared with entities such as this board. This project is listed in the document and is also on the Regional Infrastructure Needs List. (handouts were provided)
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – prioritizing these projects is very difficult given the limited funding available. Still struggling with the Statutory Criteria being met. Can the project move forward with half the requested funds?
- Julie Emmons – SEMDC, the Town can borrow the additional funds so that the project can proceed at this time.

Action by the Board: Ms. Henning made a motion to this project at \$200,000. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Application #0857 Lame Deer Schools – Bus Purchase \$200,000

- The applicant is requesting \$200,000 to complete the purchase of two new school buses.
- Rae Peppers – Lame Deer Schools, provided documentation for the Environmental Review process as well as an updated list of buses currently owned. Three buses were purchased in 2000 and two were purchased in 2015. Newer buses are needed due to safety issues as the buses travel on very busy highway 212. (handouts were provided)
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – why aren't Transportation funds being used as the State has funding to replace route buses based on mileage? How much is a new bus? Is there only the quote from one company in the application?
- Juanita Brady – Transportation Director, Lame Deer Schools, each bus averages at least 2000 miles per month; mostly on unpaved roads which leads to greater wear and tear and higher maintenance costs. Quotes received were from the Bluebird and Harlow companies as they agreed to work with the District on pricing. One quote was \$112,000 and the other \$123,000.
- Rae Peppers – we were unaware of the funding through the Transportation Department but due to the State's limited funding, we still request funds for one new bus from the Coal Board.

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- Representative Ken Holmlund – currently have a call into the Transportation Department to check on available funding.
- Ed Joiner – Commissioner, Rosebud County, due to the high volume of traffic on Highway 212, there have been numerous close calls with students accessing the bus. The population is growing in the Lame Deer area but mostly outside the City limits which requires more transportation capabilities.
- Representative Ken Holmlund – after speaking with a legislative representative for Transportation relayed that Lame Deer Schools receives about \$50,000 from the State for transportation expenses along with \$50,000 from Rosebud County for the mileage the buses drive which is approximately \$1.50 per mile. This amount doesn't cover their current costs. Even if the school received Federal impact money, it is unlikely they would be able to purchase a new bus. The money received covers just the cost of running their buses.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – can the project be categorically excluded from MEPA review? The quote received is for a rear-engine or “pusher” type bus and may not be best on gravel routes.
- A.C. Rothenbuecher – Operations Manager, it is an option available to the Board to categorically exclude a project. Also, the Board may award contingent on certain conditions being met.

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to categorically exclude this project from MEPA review. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

Action by the Board: Mr. Schaff made a motion to fund this project at \$112,000. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed. Ms. Small-Eastman recused herself from this vote.

Application #0858 City of Lodge Grass – Community Renewal Equipment **\$56,500**

- The applicant is requesting \$56,500 to complete the community renewal project with the purchase of equipment and machinery.
- James Quincy Dabney – Mayor, Lodge Grass, discussed the minimizing and prioritizing of the needs of the City as requested by the Board in February. Much headway has been made with clean-up through a work program where members can work off past due water bill payments by assisting with street clean-up. The most essential need is a Skid Steer with 3 attachments. As for missing components to the Environmental Review process, those will be faxed to staff.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – what additional funds are being provided by the City?
- James Quincy Dabney – the City will provide the cost of the attachments to the Skid Steer.
- A. C. Rothenbuecher – Operations Manager, according to the application, a USDA-RD grant was received.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – this project could be categorically excluded from MEPA review. Excluding could start a precedent of applicants not viewing these documents as a necessary part of the application process.

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- James Quincy Dabney – the necessary items for the Environmental Review process were included in the February application but can be faxed to Ms. Pichette.

Action by the Board: Ms. Henning made a motion to table this project. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0859 City of Roundup – DuraPatcher Purchase **\$67,500**

- The applicant is requesting \$67,500 to complete the purchase of a DuraPatcher for the Public Works Department.
- Sandra Jones, Mayor, City of Roundup, thanked the Board for past awards. The documentation requested by staff to complete the Environmental Review process is being provided today. The City has 23 miles of paved streets to maintain. Previously the City has had to rent the necessary equipment which costs approximately \$1,000 per month but it is challenging to find one that is available and to keep it running. Signal Peak Mine employs about 100 Roundup residents. The City has debt against loans for other city improvements. The City is contributing \$10,000 towards this purchase. (handouts were provided)
- Glen Russell – Shop Foreman, City of Roundup, this equipment is very necessary especially in the Spring and will save time and money.
- Kathie Bailey – SMDC, Roundup has been aggressive in their planning efforts with writing and updating their Growth Policy, Master Plan, CIP, and by being active in CEDS; positioning their community for any coal impact.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – were any other quotes received? Roundup is a great example of a community within an impact area that strives to meet the Statutory Criteria.
- Glen Russell – the only place within the State is the one in Great Falls that provided the quote.

Action by the Board: Mr. Schaff made a motion to fund this project. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0860 City of Roundup – Water Truck Purchase **\$92,667**

- The applicant is requesting \$92,667 to complete the purchase of a water truck for the Public Works Department.
- Sandra Jones – Mayor, City of Roundup, was instructed by the City Council to request funds for this purchase though it meant having two applications at a time of limited funding.
- Glen Russell – Shop Foreman, City of Roundup, current equipment is a 1949 model and it is becoming impossible to find parts for repairs and is a difficult truck to handle. As the Department does its own road building, this equipment is necessary.
- Kathie Bailey – SMDC, the City has approved a Tax Increment Financing District for a region to invest back into the economic development program and has also formed a Rural Montana Invest Cooperative where extra revenue can be pooled and used for any type of project that may benefit the community; assist a business, buy a property, etc. to help with coal impact.

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- **Questions and comments from the Board** – it is stated in the application that the City must have open bidding so has formal advertising been done for this project? Was the Environmental Review completed?
- Sandra Jones – for any project over \$80,000 open bidding must occur. If the funds are approved by the Board, this will take place. The documents requested by staff have been provided today. (handouts were provided)

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to fund this project at \$40,000. There was no second.

Action by the Board: Chairman Williams made a substitute motion to fully fund this project. Mr. Schaff seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0861 Musselshell County – Side Dump Trailer Purchase **\$49,726**

- The applicant is requesting \$49,726 to complete the purchase of a side dump trailer for the County Road Department.
- Tom Stockard – Supervisor, County Road Department, thanked the Board for past assistance. Last year’s severe winter caused extensive damage to the County’s roads. The current equipment owned is not designed to haul the type or rock needed which di cause damage to a piece of equipment.
- Nicole Boerner – Commissioner, Musselshell County, provided the missing documentation as requested by staff for the Environmental Review process. In 2015, Tom Stockard was hired by the County and has been instrumental in systematically overhauling the Department to function more effectively. (handouts were provided)
- Kathie Bailey – SMDC, apologized for the missing documentation.

Action by the Board: Ms. Roose made a motion to fund this project. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0862 – Musselshell County – Roundup Memorial Healthcare Beds **\$194,433**

- The applicant is requesting \$194,433 to complete the replacing of beds in the Roundup Memorial Healthcare Facility.
- Brad Howell – Administrator, Roundup Memorial Healthcare, thanked the Board for all the support previously shown to the hospital. Seven years ago, the facility was near to closing but now have been able to upgrade so much critical equipment due in large part to the Coal Board. The current beds are now old enough that obtaining replacement parts is difficult. This project will include 20 regular beds along with nine bariatric beds and four gurney beds for the emergency room. The quotes received were from the two largest makers of hospital beds and are the most reasonable and most comfortable within that price range. The coal impact on the facility is due to Signal Peak Mine which employs about 300 people with 60 – 80 working at any given time; RMC is the closest facility to the Mine. The Facility has operated at a loss for 7 out of the last 10 years; current debt is maximized. \$35,000 in matching funds has been obtained

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through Signal Peak Mine Community Resources. Previous coal board funds have allowed the partnering with other grant programs which extends our funding availability. The community has been a strong supporter even approving a Mill Levy in June. This is our highest priority on our needs list and will significantly improve patient comfort and safety and will let us integrate other technology to better assist patients.

- Karen Sweeney – SMDC, when the Facility needs to rent beds due to broken equipment, it costs approximately \$2000 per month. Also, they will incur the cost of staff to set up the new beds.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – Musselshell is like Roundup in coal impact, incurred debt, and efforts to help themselves.

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to fund \$100,000 for this project. Mr. Schaff seconded.

Action by the Board: Chairman Williams made a substitute motion to fund \$150,000 for this project. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0863 Rosebud County – Ashland Public School Repairs **\$93,000**

- The applicant is requesting \$93,000 to complete repairs at Ashland Public School.
- Julie Emmons – SEMDC, provided a recap to the Board of the Town of Ashland’s planning discussions as well as the requested Environmental Review Process documentation requested by staff. In 2013 the school was seeking repairs and was referred to the Quality Schools Planning Grant Program. Then they paid lots of money for a grant writer to apply for a full Quality Schools Grant but this program was not funded by the Legislature. The school has been waiting a long time for these repairs. Ashland is 30 miles from Colstrip and 49 people come from zip codes served by the school that work in the coal or power industry. Staff suggested a Master Facilities Plan and the school will work towards that. (handouts were provided)
- Alan See – School Board member, provided a map of the school district showing the majority of district is untaxable. The impact if the school was to close would be dire as most students are special needs and all are on reduced lunch fees. The Catholic school in the area does not accept special needs students.
- Auggie Lopez – Principal, Ashland School, reviewed the current situation of the repairs needed to the roof, lights, and boiler heating.
- Ed Joiner – Commissioner, Rosebud County, the engineer hired compiled a list if items to fix or replace that totaled about \$1.8 million. The Board has prioritized the list and has applied for a CDBG grant to assist with the roof repairs.
- Jim Atchison – SEMDC, this project is listed on the Infrastructure Needs List. Mr. Atchison read and provided to the Board a letter written by Representative Justin Small, SD 21, who was unable to attend. (handouts were provided)
- Representative Ken Holmlund – supports the work of Ashland Public Schools and gave a background of the Quality Schools program and current efforts to provide a new and similar program to assist schools.

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- **Questions and comments from the Board** – this type of application is representative of what this Board accomplishes. 30% of previous awards have been in support of education. What more can be done to assist the school?
- Auggie Lopez – on this side of the State it feels as though the government does not really hear our needs as decisions that affect us are made by those who don't live here. The Coal Board is critical in situations like this.

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to fully fund this project for heating repairs. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.

Opportunity for Public Comment

- Kathie Bailey – appreciates the efforts of the Board and the difficulty in prioritizing all the projects. Thank you to Commerce staff as well; these communities need all the support possible.
- Representative Ken Holmlund – thank you to all and strong support will be voiced for the Board and all they do during the Legislature.

Board Matters

- The date and location for the next meeting was confirmed. March 21, 2019 quarterly meeting will be held in Helena due to the Legislature. Logistics will be provided by staff when confirmed.

Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Williams at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019 in Helena, Montana, location to be announced.