

Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021
Via Zoom Only

Roll Call of Board Members:

Hal Fuglevand - Present

Pat Lorello - Present

Tim Schaff - Present

Jon Wells - Present

Catherine Laughner - Present

Marianne Roose - Absent

Veronica Small-Eastman - Present

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:

Cheryl Cohen, Interim Division Administrator

Becky Anseth, Interim Operations Manager

Rachel Young, Administrative Officer

Jessica Blumberg, Attorney

Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

Paula Loving, Housing Office Manager

Public Present:

Bill Kennedy, President MSU Billings Foundation

Bill Hodges, Director Big Horn Hospital Foundation

Doris Pinkerton, Clerk/Treasurer City of Forsyth

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

George Real Bird, Commissioner Big Horn County

Detective Middlestead (sp), Big Horn County Sheriff's Office

Under-Sheriff Not Afraid, Big Horn County Sheriff's Office

Larry Vandersloot, Commissioner Big Horn County

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip

Bob Lewandowski, Superintendent Colstrip Public Schools

Call Meeting to Order

0:06 Ms. Young called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

0:44 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

Commerce Updates

Meeting Date Options

6:59 Motion: Ms. Laughner – Wednesday, June 9th

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Small-Eastman no comment. Motion passed.

14:54 Motion: Ms. Laughner – Wednesday, September 8th

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Small-Eastman no comment. Motion passed.

Elections

Chair Election

27:54 Motion: Ms. Laughner – nominate Pat Lorello as Chair

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Second: Mr. Fuglevand
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Vice-Chair Election

35:17 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – nominate Tim Schaff as Vice-Chair
Second: Mr. Wells
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes

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37:18 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve minutes
Second: Mr. Wells
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

December 10, 2020 MT Coal Board Meeting Minutes – page 17 of binder

38:47 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve minutes
Second: Mr. Wells
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Opportunity for Public Comment

40:13 Chair Lorello asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction.
41:06 Bill Kennedy, President MSU Billings Foundation

Budget Status Update

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44:31 Presenter: Ms. Young

Project Updates

#0825 – Lame Deer Public Schools Extension Request to 6/1/2021 – Page 27 of binder

1:03:17 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Mr. Wells – approve extension request to 6/2/2021
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0883 – City of Colstrip Extension Request to 10/31/2021 – Page 26 of binder

1:10:30 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve extension request to 10/31/2021
Second: Mr. Wells
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

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1:16:11 Presenter: Ms. Young

Old Business

1:18:41 Presenter: Ms. Young

New Business

#0916 – City of Forsyth – Page 35 of binder

1:19:13 Presenter: Chair Lorello introduced project

2:12:32 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve application for full amount

Second: Mr. Wells

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0917 – Big Horn County/Sheriff's Office – Page 88 of binder

1:35:46 Presenter: Chair Lorello introduced project

2:14:04 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve application for full amount

Second: Ms. Small-Eastman

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0918 – Big Horn County/Cemetery District No. 1 – Page 127 of binder

1:57:02 Presenter: Chair Lorello introduced project

2:16:50 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – approve application for full amount

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0919 – Big Horn County/Big Horn Hospital Association – Page 168 of binder

2:08:19 Presenter: Chair Lorello introduced project

2:11:16 Motion: Ms. Laughner – accept withdrawal of application

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Application and Manual Review

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2:23:48 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Mr. Wells – table until next meeting, will be old business item

Second: Ms. Laughner

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

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Opportunity for Public Comment

- 2:39:08 Chair Lorello opened the meeting for any public comment.
2:39:27 George Real Bird, Commissioner Big Horn County
2:40:15 John Williams, Mayor Colstrip
2:41:22 Doris Pinkerton, Clerk/Treasurer City of Forsyth – chat message read-in by Ms. Young

Board Matters

Confirmation of next meeting dates and location

- 2:45:01 Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment

- 2:51:38 Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.