

**Montana Coal Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2022**  
Billings, MT

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Hal Fuglevand - Present	Catherine Laughner - Present
Pat Lorello - Present	Marianne Roose - Present
Tim Schaff - Absent	Veronica Small-Eastman - Present
Jon Wells - Present	

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:**

Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Program Manager  
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer  
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant  
JB Lorenzo, Chief Council

**Public Present:**

Jim Atchison, SEMDC	Bill Hodges, Big Horn Hospital Association
Rae Peppers, NCUC	Sidney Fitzpatrick, Big Horn County Commissioner
Sandra Jones, Mayor Roundup	Representative Sharon Stewart-Peregoy,
Chad Hanson, Engineer Great West Engineering	Mike Opie, Accountant Big Horn County
AJ Espinoza, Road Superintendent Big Horn County	Tina Toyne, ED Director BH County
George Real Bird III, Big Horn County Commissioner	

**Call Meeting to Order**

0:03 Chair Lorello called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.  
0:40 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

**Commerce Updates**

1:22 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

1:55 Chair Lorello asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:  
Jim Atchison, SEMDC  
Bill Hodges, Big Horn Hospital Association

**Amend Board Procedure for Accepting Incomplete Applications**

35:52 Motion: Mr. Wells – comply with the rules that are in place, if an application is incomplete and the documentation required is not submitted to commerce staff before the 10 days prior to a Board meeting, it is not on the agenda for discussion  
Second: Mr. Fuglevand  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

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**Approval of Minutes**

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37:19 Presenter: Ms. Young  
Motion: Ms. Roose – approve minutes  
Second: Chair Lorello  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Budget Status Update**

**Revenue History and Budget Update – page 6 of binder**

37:59 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Project Updates**

**Open and Closed project status – page 9 of binder**

39:40 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0917 – Big Horn County – page 8 of binder**

0:40:48 Presenter: Ms. Young  
Motion: Mr. Wells – approve extension request to 12/31/2023  
Second: Ms. Small-Eastman  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Old Business**

**#0942 – Lame Deer Schools – page 10 of binder**

0:47:00 Presenter: Ms. Young  
Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – continue to table pending more information from Applicant  
Second: Ms. Roose  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Catherine Laughner-no. Motion Passed.

**New Business**

**#0943– Northern Cheyenne Utilities Commission – page 33 of binder**

0:49:26 Presenter: Ms. Young  
1:05:43 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – Award application less the cost of the audit  
Second: Ms. Roose  
Board Discussion  
1:06:58 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – Amend motion to make approval of funds contingent on receipt of  
waiver of immunity documentation  
Second: Ms. Small-Eastman  
Board Discussion  
1:12:09 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – Second amendment to motion to award \$135,680  
Second: Ms. Small-Eastman

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

**#0944 – City of Roundup – page 83 of binder**

1:14:08 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:33:34 Motion: Ms. Roose – Award full amount requested

Second: Ms. Small-Eastman

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Chair Lorello-no. Motion Passed.

**#0945 – Big Horn County – page 124 of binder**

1:34:34 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:01:54 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – Fund \$760,000

Second: Ms. Roose

Board Discussion

2:04:02 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – Amend motion to award \$608,000

Second: Ms. Roose

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

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

2:04:54 Chair Lorello opened the meeting for any public comment:

George Real Bird III, Big Horn County Commissioner

**Board Matters**

**Confirmation of next meeting dates and location**

2:05:39 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Adjournment**

2:06:12 Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.