

Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023
Helena, MT

Roll Call of Board Members:

Hal Fuglevand - Absent	Catherine Laughner - Present
Pat Lorello - Present	Marianne Roose - Present
Tim Schaff - Present	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

Public Present:

Representative Gary Parry	George Harris, MT Coal Council
Jim Atchison, SEMDC	Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC
Tom Stockert, Musselshell Co Rd Dept.	George Harris, MT Coal Council
Representative Paul Green	Dan Baker, Miles City PD
Senator Ken Bogner	Bob Lewandowski, Superintendent Colstrip Pub Sch
Chad Hanson, GWE	Larry Fink, Mayor Hysham
Chris Hess, Superintendent Forsyth Public Schools	Jennifer Anderson, Forsyth School Board Trustee
Kristi Gatrell, CEO Big Horn Hospital	George Real Bird III, Commissioner Big Horn Co.
Alan See, Ashland Public School Board	Doug Hopkins, Ashland Public School Board
AJ Espinoza, Road Super. Big Horn County	

Call Meeting to Order

0:05 Chair Lorello called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
0:38 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

Commerce Updates

0:58 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment

1:50 Chair Lorello asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:
Representative Gary Parry
Jim Atchison, SEMDC
Tom Stockert, Musselshell Co Rd Dept.
Representative Paul Green
George Harris, MT Coal Council

Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023
Helena, MT

Approval of Minutes

December 8, 2022 MT Coal Board Meeting Minutes – page 4 of binder

12:46 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Mr. Wells – approve minutes
Second: Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Budget Status Update

Cash Activity Detail – page 8 of binder

13:31 Presenter: Ms. Young

Project Updates

#0889 – City of Hardin – page 9 of binder

18:25 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Ms. Roose – approve change of scope and extension request
Second: Ms. Small-Eastman
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0918 – Big Horn County – page 11 of binder

24:15 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Mr. Wells – approve budget revision and extend to December 31, 2023
Second: Ms. Small-Eastman
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Open and Closed project status – page 7 of binder

27:36 Presenter: Ms. Young

Old Business

Review of Proposed Updates to Application and Guidelines – page 12 of binder

0:28:35 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Ms. Roose – approve proposed updates to Application and Guidelines
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

New Business

#0949– Musselshell County – page 54 of binder

0:32:56 Presenter: Ms. Young
2:32:03 Motion: Ms. Laughner – award full amount, \$97,600
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Ms. Small-Eastman. Motion Passed.

Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023
Helena, MT

#0951 – Miles City – page 380 of binder

0:36:44 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:02:00 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – award for one police car, \$54,000

Second: Ms. Roose

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

#0952 – Colstrip Public Schools – page 418 of binder

0:46:06 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:48:03 Motion: Ms. Roose – deny applications 0952, 0954, 0955, and 0956

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

#0953 – Town of Hysham – page 459 of binder

1:01:28 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:37:31 Motion: Ms. Roose – award full amount requested, \$189,000

Second: Mr. Wells

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

#0954 – Forsyth Public Schools – page 546 of binder

1:15:35 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:48:03 Motion: Ms. Roose – deny applications 0952, 0954, 0955, and 0956

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

#0955 – Big Horn County – page 589 of binder

1:39:50 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:38:22 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – award \$150,000

Second: None

Motion Died for lack of a second.

2:48:03 Motion: Ms. Roose – deny applications 0952, 0954, 0955, and 0956

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

#0956 – Ashland Public Schools – page 633 of binder

1:50:51 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:02:00 Motion: Ms. Roose – deny applications 0952, 0954, 0955, and 0956

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

#0957 – Big Horn County – page 680 of binder

1:58:46 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:44:47 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – award \$385,000

Second: Ms. Roose

Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023
Helena, MT

Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes – Ms. Roose, Vice-Chair Schaff, Ms. Small-Eastman, Mr. Wells; No – Ms. Laughner, Chair Lorello. Motion Passed.

Opportunity for Public Comment

2:49:29 Chair Lorello opened the meeting for any public comment:

Tom Stockert, Musselshell County Road Department

AJ Espinoza, Roads Superintendent Big Horn County

Dan Baker, Miles City PD

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

George Read Bird III, Big Horn County Commissioner

Larry Fink, Mayor Hysham

Bob Lewandowski, Superintendent Colstrip Public Schools

Board Matters

Confirmation of next meeting dates and location

2:52:56 Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment

2:54:03 Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.