

**Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
June 05, 2025
Billings, MT**

Roll Call of Board Members:

Hal Fuglevand - Present	Catherine Laughner - Present
Scott Rosenthal - Present	Sandra Jones - Present
Tim Schaff - Present	Sandy Tutvedt - Absent
Jon Wells - Present	

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:

Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Manager
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

Public Present:

Jack Rosander, Colstrip City Council	Jim Atchison, SEMDC
Tom Byrne, Roy Water & Sewer District	Kitty Schmid, Great West Engineering
Lawrence Killsback, BHC Economic Dev Dir	Tobin Novasio, Superintendent Hardin Public Schools
Dennis Kopitzke, Mayor Forsyth	Representative Gary Parry, HD 35
Kitty Schmid, Great West Engineering	Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC
Kristi Gatrell, CEO Big Horn Hospital	Paul George, Chief of Police Hardin
Ruth Baue, Treasure County Commissioner	

Call Meeting to Order

0:12 Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
0:38 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members

Commerce Updates

01:11 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment

04:19 Chair Wells asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:
Jim Atchison, SEMDC
Jack Rosander, Colstrip City Council Member

Budget Update

Cash Activity Detail – page 4 of binder

08:02 Presenter: Ms. Young

Project Updates

Open and Closed project status – page 6 of binder

10:04 Presenter: Ms. Young

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#1012 – Big Horn County – Thank You Letter - page 8 of binder

12:16 Presenter: Ms. Young

New Applications

#1016 – Fergus County/Roy Water and Sewer District – Purchase of a Service Truck – page 10 of binder

0:17:05 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1017 – Hardin Public Schools – Resurfacing the Tennis Courts Project – page 45 of binder

0:26:42 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1018 – Big Horn County – Communication Upgrade in Big Horn Hospital – page 105 of binder

0:34:27 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1019 – City of Colstrip – Preparation of an Updated Economic Diversification Strategy – page 143 of binder

0:50:47 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1020 – City of Hardin – Purchase Equipment and Tools for Hardin Police Department – page 163 of binder

1:03:00 Presenter: Ms. Young

Board Action Items:

Approval of Minutes

March 13, 2025, MT Coal Board Meeting Minutes – page 234 of binder

1:20:47 Motion: Ms. Jones – approve minutes

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

Board Action on Grant Updates

#0937 – City of Forsyth – Change of Scope and Extension Request – page 214 of binder

1:21:56 Motion: Ms. Jones – approve extension request through end of December 2026

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

#0946 – City of Colstrip – Change of Scope Request – page 216 of binder

1:33:57 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve budget adjustment

Second: Ms. Jones

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

#0966 – Treasure County – Budget Revision Request – page 232 of binder

1:37:42 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve budget revision

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

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

Board Action on Grant Applications

#1016 – Fergus County/Roy Water and Sewer District – Purchase of a Service Truck – page 10 of binder

1:40:41 Motion: Ms. Laughner – fund full amount, \$50,000

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Second: Ms. Jones

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Vice-Chair Schaff and Chair Wells. Motion Passed.

#1017 – Hardin Public Schools – Resurfacing the Tennis Courts Project – page 45 of binder

1:42:04 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$50,000

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

#1018 – Big Horn County – Communication Upgrade in Big Horn Hospital – page 105 of binder

1:43:23 Motion: No motions – request denied

Second: N/A

Ms. Young called for a vote: N/A.

#1019 – City of Colstrip – Preparation of an Updated Economic Diversification Strategy – page 143 of binder

1:44:43 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund full amount, \$30,000

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

#1020 – City of Hardin – Purchase Equipment and Tools for Hardin Police Department – page 163 of binder

1:47:21 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund full amount, \$113,457.80

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

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

Opportunity for Public Comment

1:54:05 Chair Wells opened the meeting for any public comment:

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

Lawrence Killsback, Big Horn County Economic Development Director

Tom Byrne, Roy Water & Sewer District

Board Matters

Confirmation of next meeting dates and location

1:57:22 Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment

1:59:32 Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.