

**Montana Coal Board**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**October 8, 2014**  
Conference Call - Helena, MT

**Board Members Present On Conference Call**

Chairman John Williams, Vice-Chairman Loren Acton, Dan Miles, Marcia Brown, Tom Towe, and Ralph Lenhart. Absent was CJ Stewart.

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present**

Aaron Pratt, Coal Board Administrative Officer and Amy Peck, Community Development Division Administrative Assistant.

**Public present:**

George Real Bird – Crow Tribe (by phone)

**Welcome – Call to order**

Chairman Williams called to order the meeting of the Montana Coal Board at 9:05 am.

**Roll call:**

Mr. Pratt called the Roll for Board members. The following board members were present by phone: Chairman John Williams, Vice-Chairman Loren Acton, Dan Miles, Marcia Brown, Tom Towe, and Ralph Lenhart. Absent is CJ Stewart.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Consideration of Crow Tribe Executive Branch letter concerning MT-CB-PL-0745:**

- Mr. Pratt reads the letter submitted by the Crow Tribe
- George Real Bird – Thank you for considering our request. While moving forward with the contract we realized that the PAR needed to be a PER. A wet spring prevented us from building the Arbor prior to Crow Fair. We are now in demolition; the wires are coming down. The request really did change from preliminary architectural to actual engineering.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – Is there support for the design from the Tribe? Is this request allowable within our guidelines?
- George Real Bird – We have met with the Committee of Elders and they enjoyed the three concepts presented and then chose the one that was shown to the Board in June.
- Mr. Pratt – This decision is at the Board's discretion. Staff will make an amendment for a change in the Scope of Work, Budget, and Implementation Schedule.
- **Questions and comments from the Board** – There has been much support for the Crow Tribe. Seems the conclusion wouldn't have been different if presented this way at time of application. It is an appropriate change.

**Action by the Board:** Mr. Towe made a motion to accept the request of the Crow Tribe and change the contract from a Preliminary Architectural Report to a Construction Architectural and Engineering Services contract. Mr. Miles seconded. Motion passed.

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**Other Board Matters:**

- There were no other matters to consider.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Lenhart. Mr. Towe seconded. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Williams at 9:20 a.m.



John Williams, Board Chair

12-12-14

Date