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.

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