**Montana Coal Board**
***Meeting Minutes***
**December 17, 2013**
*Hampton Inn, Billings, MT*

**Attendance**

**Department of Commerce (DOC) staff present:**
Jennifer Olson, Community Grants Bureau Chief
Andy Fjeseth, Administrative Officer
Amy Alton, Administrative Assistant
Joanne Gilbert, Administrative Assistant

**Public present:**

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| Bryan Adolph | Musselshell Co. | Larry Lekse | Musselshell Co. |
| Ron Arneson | Town of Lodge Grass | Dave Mosser | Town of Lodge Grass |
| Jim Atchison | Southeast MT Dev. Corp. | AJ NotAfraid, Jr. | Crow Tribe |
| Lori Benner | Crow Tribe/Nittany Grantworks | Newton Old Crow, Sr. | Town of Lodge Grass |
| Aaron Edwards | Musselshell Co. Sheriff's Office | David Paugh | Golden Valley Co. |
| Kelly Gebhardt | Roundup Airport | Albert Peterson | Hardin Public Schools |
| Robert Goffena | Musselshell Co. | George Real Bird | Crow Tribe |
| Kenny Kepp | Hardin Public School | Woodrow Weitzeil | Musselshell Co. Sheriff's Ofc. |

**Welcome - Call to order**
Chairman John Williams welcomed all present.

Chairman Williams called to order the meeting of the Montana Coal Board at 8:30 a.m.

**Roll call:**
Mr. Fjeseth called the Roll. The following board members were present: Chairman John Williams, Vice- Chairman Loren Acton, Dan Miles, CJ Stewart, and Tom Towe. Marcia Brown and Ralph Lenhart were present via conference call.

**Informational Session**
Ms. Olson distributed to the Coal Board a packet titled, "Impact Area Review" which addressed MCA 90-6-207. The Department of Commerce determines on a biennial basis which communities are designated as "coal impact areas". Items in the packet included:

- MT Department of Transportation's (MDT) map showing train traffic within coal impacted areas and within non-designated areas.
- Department of Commerce, Census and Information Center (CEIC), report identifying which areas are having a change in population of 10% and either a net increase or net decrease within a 3-year period. If coal activity is occurring in an area within 100 miles of that change, they would then become a designated area.
    - Mr. Towe explained that in Part 1, there are high level coal areas by mathematical designation, which must receive 50% of the funds. The other non-designated coal areas cannot receive more than 50% of funds.

- Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Energy and Minerals Bureaus, chart identifying the amount of coal tonnage produced - a designation needs to occur with at least 300,000 tons of coal development. DEQ summates there are no changes and no new coal development. DEQ's website provides an informative table identifying current coal mining areas and amount produced within Montana.
- Air and Resources Management Bureau's report identifying whether a part of the designation is either steam-generated or another coal mining facility is operated under an air quality permit. An e-mail from Charles Homer stated that because this does not fall under either category it would not further expand the coal impact area.

**Financial Review**

Ms. Olsen provided a financial flow chart from the Legislative Fiscal Division. She explained that the Coal Natural Resources Account appropriates an estimated amount for Coal Board funding on a quarterly basis. She provided charts showing cash balance, revenue trends, and a comparative analysis showing expenditures.

**Application Review Procedures**

Ms. Olsen discussed proposed changes to the Coal Board's current Administrative Rules:

Administrative Rule 8.101.302 to remove from the website Appendix S – PAR outline which no longer exists and to state that information for the Preliminary Architectural Report is available online under the Coal Board Application Guidelines.

***Motion & Action:*** Mr. Towe made the motion to accept the proposed change to ARM 8.101.302. Mr. Miles seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Olson discussed proposed changes to ARM 8.101.305, in which applicants would submit applications 60 days prior to the quarterly meeting. This would give DOC staff additional time to provide technical assistance to applicants, as well as getting more detailed information to the Board.

***Motion:*** Mr. Acton moved that the staff reports were very helpful and he recognized that additional time be given with the 60 days. Mr. Miles seconded.

Ms. Olson established with the Board meeting dates for 2014 – 3rd month each quarter – 2nd Friday of month: March 21 – Roundup – location to be determined by Musselshell County; will tour Signal Peak Mine; June 13; September 12; and December 12.

Mr. Miles recommended that meetings be held in areas where programs are operating; touring facilities; and to promote better community participation. Mr. Miles also discussed the need to set meetings for the entire year in advance.

Chairman Williams and Ms. Olson discussed the 60 day time frame:

- Applicants would submit applications to DOC.
- The applicant would have 50 days to receive technical assistance from DOC or for updating information.
- The Coal Board would receive their DOC information binders within two weeks before the meeting.

- Per the current ARM, the applicant has until 10 days before the Coal Board meeting to submit additional information.

Some of the public's opposing comments regarding the 60 day rule included:

- Representative Tom Berry disagreed because it would have a negative impact on the community.
- Brian Adolph commented they wouldn't have solid numbers as estimates wouldn't be held for 60 days.
- Larry Lekse, Musselshell County Commissioner, explained that if you were to fund a fire truck, the bids are only good for 30 days.
- Representative Duane Ankney opposed the 60 day change. He's always been impressed how the Coal Board operates.
- Kathie Bailey, SMDC, stated that from the time of submitting proposal to administering the project, it becomes harder to present good solid information.

Mr. Stewart stressed to not burden the applicants. He opposed the 60 days rule. He moved to make motion, but was reminded by Chairman Williams that the board was still addressing Vice-Chair Acton's motion.

Mr. Acton made the motion as the rule currently reads amount of time before the meeting to send in will vary from 30-60 days depending upon the time of month when meeting is held. There should be a fixed time. No good argument to keep it as it changes with every meeting.

Bill Hodges, Big Horn Hospital, supported the 60 days because for HealthCare equipment, when he contacts the vendor, he's given 90-day quote or he won't get the equipment.

Mr. Towe discussed with Ms. Olson that changing it to 45 days could work.

***Amended Motion:*** Mr. Acton moved to amend the motion to 45 days before each quarter. Mr. Miles seconded amended motion. Amendment passed 6-1, with Mr. Stewart opposing.

Ms. Olson explained that once the ARM is adopted, then the Board can change it. She explained the ARM procedure for the public hearing and public comments.

***Action***: Motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Stewart opposing.

There was much discussion amongst the Board regarding the memo received from Commerce Director Meg O'Leary, which included staff report of recommendations. The Board agreed that it's important to not base their decisions on what DOC staff reports, but rather on the applications presented by the public at the meetings.

***Motion***: Mr. Acton made the motion that the Coal Board continue to prepare recommendations like they have prepared for today's four new applications, but eliminating any recommendations to fund or not to fund and eliminating any comments as to the level of funding.. Mr. Stewart seconded.

Mr. Towe opposed motion stating it's beneficial having info from staff's recommendation on each application. The Board can accept or refuse staff's reports but to first go through applications and then make decisions.

Discussion from the public:

- Representative Ankney enjoyed discussion as the Board really steps up to the plate making best decisions!
- Representative Berry appreciated discussion and agreed to leave rules as they are!
- Jim Atchison, SEMDC, over the past 12 years, has seen numerous boards and applicants come through. The Board does a great job and is very productive, helping projects to move forward.
- Kathie Bailey, SMDC, agreed the board should have decision-making authority. It's also important that the applicant be shown where they may have missed criteria.

***Action:*** Motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Towe opposing.

Vice-President Bud Viren, Signal Peak Mine, presented a very informative slideshow on the overview of the mine and coal production – where it's been and where it's going.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Chad Sealey, Superintendent of Roundup Public Schools, stated that in June 2013 the school received $500,000 of Coal Board funding. He requested clarification: is award for new construction of k-6 school or rehab and addition to existing 100-year building; rehab of the existing building could cost $8 million. If this was addressed through bond vote in May, they would need to set 70 days prior – then could they extend vote in September?

Chairman Williams was concerned that remodeling an existing old building might not be the solution. He asked if this could be addressed at the March 21st meeting in Roundup. If there was a time constraint, he recommended they work with DOC to prepare a plan for the right approach and have a conference call if March 21st doesn't work. Ms. Olson stated they would provide any interested parties advance notice of the call. DOC could provide technical assistance on completing PAR and how it might provide board further info on existing building or new construction.

Jeff Kanningof Collaborative Design, conducted another review of building: the life of the building; if the old building isn't a school, then it's not up to firecode for viable use - changes with new rules and regulations coming in.

Mr. Towe asked if the school board and community are opposed to use existing building. Superintendent Sealey stated that some would like to use existing building – the second report showed it was possible.

Ed Auker, Big Horn County DES Coordinator, reported the Auto Vehicle Location System (AVLS) is working very well. He explained that when a 911 call comes up, the location is placed on the dispatcher's map. The map also displays on the screens of the ambulance or law enforcement vehicle so they see where to go. With the RIMS system, they've been able to leverage computers from the AVL system so most officers can do reporting from the car.

Jim Atchison, SEMDC, stated that Colstrip - Unit 4 has been offline for most of year; most 36 furloughed workers are being called back; currently hiring 15 deferred fulltime jobs; 40-60 temporary workers coming to Colstrip; and may be ready by February.

**Approval of Minutes**

***Action:*** Mr. Towe requested that an error be corrected and moved to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2013 meeting. Mr. Acton seconded. Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Budget & Financial Report**

Mr. Fjeseth presented the Budget & Financial report:

- Money appropriated for the 2015 Biennia: **$3,918,811**
  Balance of available funds: **$1,588,610**

Mr. Fjeseth stated at the last Coal Board meeting, the board funded project #0735 (HVAC system at Crow Agency Public School) requesting that half be funded in FY 14 and the other half be funded in FY 15. Additionally, the board funded project #0742 (Town of Lodge Grass Wastewater Project) requesting that the project be funded with only FY 15 funds. The Department of Commerce requested that the FY designations for each project be removed.

***Action:*** Mr. Acton made the motion to fund both projects from the 2015 biennia. Mr. Stewart seconded. Motion passed with 7-0.

Mr. Towe asked if the date change might affect funding going to the school. Ms. Olson replied they would proceed with same Implementation Schedule.

**Extensions**

#0706 Little Bighorn College – extension approved until 6/30/2014.
#0688 Musselshell County HealthCare – no extension date requested. DOC would send letter to approve extension of 12 mos.
#0612 and #0672 – Crow Tribe – extension approved until 12/31/2014.

***Action:*** Mr. Acton moved to approve extension dates requested and that Musselshell County be approved with an extension of 12 months. Reports in letters show that projects are moving forward. Mr. Miles seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**Current Project Updates**

- Number of projects awarded since the beginning of the 2015 Biennia: **20**
- Award letters have been sent, and contracts are in the process of being executed
- There are **21** open contracts, **7** of which are currently pending closeout.
- Additionally, there are **19** contracts pending execution.

**Old Business – Tabled Projects:**

**Application #0730 - Treasure County**
**Repair to Historical Yucca Theater**
**Requested $63,400 – Tabled Due to Absence of Applicant**

Treasure County submitted an application to repair the exterior of Yucca Theater. The back of the theater is showing severe exterior deterioration and will require more than just painting and patching to repair. This project proposes to install a new roof for the back quarters of the building and repair leaks on the big roof. The applicant also proposes new siding where stucco is not found and repairing the existing stucco, replacing windows and window frames for better weatherproofing. The total cost of the project is estimated at $69,400. The request from the Board is 91% of the cost of the project. The County's audit status is current and they use an approved accounting system. The county was not present and the board unanimously voted to leave the application on the table.

- Chairman Williams requested DOC to send letter to Treasure County asking if their intent was to continue with their application or withdraw.

**Application #0740 - Musselshell County**
**Majerus Road Improvements**
**Requested $750,000 – Tabled**

Mr. Acton moved to remove from table. Mr. Miles seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Fjeseth read a summary of Musselshell County's application to reconstruct approximately 20 miles of gravel road. County roads related to the mine are experiencing severe deterioration from the increased mine traffic. Majerus Road received heavy traffic during construction of the rail spur that occurred during the start-up phase of Signal Peak Mine. While the road was left in an improved condition by the construction contractors after the rail spur was completed, the road continues to receive heavy traffic by mine employees and contractors. The road is made up primarily of loam, becoming extremely slippery when wet. Vehicles frequently slide off or become stuck. The total cost of the project is estimated at $750,000. The project has been tabled at the last 2 coal board meetings at the request of the applicant, however, the applicant has submitted a letter (which you will find in your binders) requesting that the application be considered today. The request from the Board is 100% of the cost of the project.

- Commissioner Lekse stated there's a direct impact as Majerus Road ties into 21-mile Road through Golden Creek. Approximately less than a mile of the road needs to be reconstructed and graveled. The County has no funds available.
- Mr.Miles asked if they could work with mine to have a joint-maintenance agreement. Commissioner Lekse stated miners live in the area and there's alot traveling the road to the mine and railroad. Bryan Adolph stated that after the road is fixed, the county could maintain that part of the road.
- Mr. Acton recommended to table until they submit data from a daily traffic count.
- Chairman asked how long they could do normal maintenance. Commissioner Lekse explained there's no gravel and it's hard to recover what gravel they're losing. He also stated it could be done in sections.
- Chairman requested they return with daily traffic count and the cost needed to reconstruct the most important part of the road.
- Mr. Stewart agreed that if the Board isn't given all of the information, the project might be underfunded. He also recommended that they hold out until the Coal Board visits Roundup in March and drives through the area.

***Action:*** Mr. Stewart made the motion to table. He agreed they need to know the daily traffic count. Mr. Miles seconded. Motion passed to table.

**Application #0745 - Crow Tribe**
**Preliminary Architectural Report for Crow Tribal Arbor –**
**Requested $30,000 - Tabled**

Mr. Stewart made the motion to remove from table. Mr. Acton seconded.

Mr. Fjeseth read a summary of the Crow Tribe application for the preparation of a Preliminary Architectural Report for the Crow Tribal Arbor. The arbor has many sub roof leaks, the bleachers are not sturdy, and the 20 ft cross beams are decaying due to weather/water damage. The application was tabled at the last Coal Board meeting pending research of potential TIIP grant eligibility; the applicant has submitted a letter (in your binders) detailing the research they conducted into their eligibility for a TIIP grant. The total cost of the project is $50,000. The request from the board is 60% of the cost of the project.

- Mr. Towe asked what's happened since the application was tabled. Ms. Olson explained that currently they are not eligible for TIIP funding. However, once planning is completed, then they can apply for construction phase.
- Mr. Towe asked what's the degree of severity of impact - increase or decrease in coal? George RealBird, Executive Assistant to the Tribal Chairman, stated the Crow Tribe receives 2/3 of annual budget from coal severance tax – and the tribal members receive per capita payment paid from royalties through coal revenues. The Crow Fair budget has been historically funded through the general fund. Any repairs to the arbor are paid from the general fund.
- Frances PrettyPaint, Contracts and Grants Specialist to the Crow Tribe, reported that the statute does not apply to the tribe; however, the tribe does meet the criteria stipulated in the statute. The request for $30,000 is needed in order to meet health and safety requirements, especially with the elderly in extreme summer heat and with people walking on the unburied power lines that run through the arbor. Also, so they can seek additional funding.
- Mr. Stewart noted that the tribe's 60-65% revenue comes from coal mine; 100% of crow fair budget and upkeep of arbor comes from coal. Ms. PrettyPaint stated the Crow Tribe's major monies come from coal production and per capita distribution has been much lower.
- Mr. Acton and Mr. Towe discussed that Montana does not derive any coal severance taxes from the mines in Indian Country.
- Mr. Towe asked about an impact increase with coal production in 2013 and projected in 2014. Mr. RealBird stated that every Crow Tribal member's per capita distribution will be larger.
- Mr. Stewart asked how the impact affected the general fund. Mr. RealBird stated the impact has been difficult. Last 3 years have had no budget for repairs into arbor; last year $10,000 was split with arbor, rodeo grounds, and horse racetrack as well.
- Ms. PrettyPaint stated there's a severe impact with substance abuse and suicides among youth; trying to emphasize culture to youth.
- Chairman explained there's a quality of life issue with Crow and coal culture. He recommended to do next step with maintenance or redesign. He agreed this does fit within criteria and supports project.
- Buzzy Covers Up elaborated on the cultural ceremonies of the Crow Day event.
- Mr. Miles commented the Crow Tribe committing 40% of cost - $20,000 is a good match.

***Action:*** Mr. Stewart made the motion to fully fund. Mr. Towe seconded. Motion passed 4-1, with Mr. Acton opposing.

**New Business**

**Application #0749 - Rosebud Public Schools - Upgrade to Playground and Equipment**
**Requested and Awarded $25,000**

Mr. Fjeseth read a summary of the application to build a new playground with new, safe equipment. The playground will be a free-standing structure with a number of activities and playing surfaces for the students. The project is being implemented in phases, with phase 1 slated to be completed before Thanksgiving. The Coal Board grant would fund phase 2 of the project which will purchase state of the art rubber mats and building of a new concrete pad that will be used for a basketball court and hard surface for a wheelchair bound student. The request of the board is 32% of the cost of the project.

- Matt Kleinsasser, Superintendent of Rosebud Public Schools, applied for funding through various sources and has completely funded phase 1 through 100% donations. It would cost over $40,000 to bring up to minimum code; vendor would provide $12,000 to put down rubber safety mats over pea gravel; need to replace asphalt with concrete courts; give the new student who is wheel-chair

bound a larger area to utilize equipment; redo sprinklers, update draining system – tie into existing draining system.

- ✧ Mr.Towe related to staff's report – little information given on adverse impact on coal. Superintendent explained there are approx. 400 voters in school district – approx. 63% of people have tie to coal; 3 family members worked in mine when shutdown in unit 4; furlough affected 4 families; approx. 35%-40% have family or relative tied to coal.
- ✧ Mr. Towe stated that they hadn't quantified info. Superintendent Kleinsasser stated that within a school of 75, if you remove 6 children, that's a loss of 10% that can't be put back into education.

***Action:*** Mr. Acton made a motion to fully fund. They have met need, playgrounds are important for communities, they don't receive coal money, proved impact with amount of people living in area and kids attend school. Mr. Stewart seconded. Motion passed 4-1, with Mr. Towe opposing.

**Application #0750 Musselshell County - Motor Grader for Road Department – Requested and Awarded $284,600**

Mr. Fjeseth read a summary of Musselshell County's application to purchase a new road grader. Musselshell County is divided into three districts for County road maintenance purposes (Northern, Eastern, & Southern); Signal Peak Energy is located in the Southern District. Each district has two motor graders for regular road maintenance and road re-building projects. Numerous complications have made the workload for the Southern district unmanageable. The applicant states that the County plans to use Coal Board funds in conjunction with a trade-in of a 1979 140G CAT to purchase a 2014 diesel powered, articulated frame all-wheel drive motor grader. The request of the board is 84% of the cost of the project.

- ✧ Commissioner Lekse reported they need to update a 1979 blade. He estimated that approx. 70% of mine-related traffic travels two county roads to the mine. In 2010, they purchased a blade but still owe $160,000.
- ✧ Mr. Towe asked about using equipment from the northern district to help with the southern district. Commissioner Lekse explained they cover three districts, but they found it's difficult to pull equipment from one district because they lose maintenance from the district where they reside. With the increased population with subdivisions and the mine activity, they need to add one more blade to the southern district. The county's funding goes into fixing infrastructure for many of their old buildings.
- ✧ Mr. Miles noted that the County produces 30% of coal - but receives only 5.5% of gross proceeds tax. When Signal Peak asked Musselshell County for tax abatement on railroad, the commissioners approved. But when the mine requested gross proceeds, the county refused.
- ✧ Chairman Williams stated they increased allocated dollars to Coal Board to offset some impacts being faced by Musselshell County. Commissioner Lekse explained that they put the mill portion received into capital improvement funds.

***Action:*** Mr. Acton moved to fully fund at $284,600. Mr. Acton stated that Musselshell County's proposal has sufficient information for reasonable request, they are in compliance with impact aspects, they are helping trading own piece of equipment and with research and with that amount of money. Mr. Miles seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Acton requested that in the future, DOC staff share their evaluations with the applicants prior to the meeting. This could help the next proposals to be better ones.

**Application #0751 - Ashland Fire District - Ashland Fire Hall Construction Documents Requested $126,300**

Mr. Fjeseth read a summary of the Ashland Fire District's application to support continuation of the efforts afforded in the Coal Board funded PAR (#0712). In this phase, the applicant proposes contracting an architectural and engineering (A&E) firm to continue development of construction documents which would include facility specifications. This phase will provide the applicant with a more accurate and detailed estimate for the cost of construction. The applicant hopes to develop these construction documents and be able to begin a more strategic capital campaign to assist in funding the construction of a facility that meets the future demands of the service region and mutual aid agreements. The request of the board is 89% of the total project cost.

- Miles Dennis, Firechief, requested funding for constructural drawings. With the challenges with floods and fires, they have tried to get all emergency services of fire department, ambulance, and police into one location. They have mutual aid agreements with Northern Cheyenne and Colstrip, Rosebud County, and St. Labre fire departments. There are numerous coal facilities within their district. The fire district is unable to receive funding from 9 large, non-profit entities. After they met with High Plains and Redstone, they were able to reduce overall construction drawing cost by $450,000, which went from $2.6 million to $2.2 million to put toward project.
- Pat Dennis, Chairman of Board, described it as a high impact area with the increased growth of the community, additional subdivisions, potential with the railroad, and Cheyenne Tribe. Also with the addition of the new 80-unit Heritage Assisted Living facility, the fire equipment is inadequate.
- Jim Atchison, SEMDC, stated that over the last 2-3 years, this project has been listed on the 4-county Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy document and on the SEMDC Infrastructure Needs List.
- Mr. Miles asked, where would the $2.2 million come from? District Chairman Dennis explained the district is working with two grantwriters to seek funding with Shockapee tribe – checked with USDA but it would be a loan.
- Chairman Williams confirmed the fire district is located in both Rosebud and Powder River Counties and includes the new Otter Creek Mine, which will increase income with taxable value. He stressed he would like to see financial efforts from both counties.
- Mr. Acton stated that the growth wasn't substantial at Ashland ELEM with .35% since 2007. Mr. Dennis explained there are 3 major subdivisions where growth pattern is substantial and children attend St. Labre School.
- Mr. Acton and Ms. Olson agreed that the PAR minimally met requirements. Randy Hofer, High Plains Architects, stated that some concepts were not included in final report to DOC: detailed alternative based on need; community benefited from gathering space; cost estimate on quantity basis rather than square footage of area; and energy efficiency.
- Mr. Acton was concerned with the large amount requested for a PAR – could it be worked into construction phases with a lower amount. Mr. Dennis agreed they could possibly reduce cost of construction drawings by $34,000 if they could get other funding.

***Action:*** Mr. Towe made a motion to table the application and have the applicant resubmit relating to the portion of architectural design and background of seeking local efforts from county funding. Mr. Miles seconded. Chairman Williams requested they come back with numbers of impact of coal development. Motion passed 4-1, with Mr. Acton opposing.

**Application #0752 - Big Horn County - Road Department Fifth Wheel Semi Trucks Requested and Awarded $140,000**

Mr. Fjeseth read a summary of Big Horn County's application to purchase two new fifth wheel semi-trucks for the County Road Department. Big Horn County is the largest coal producing county and the sixth largest county in Montana. Economic and socio-economic pressures that occur as a consequence of coal

extraction, including activities within the County, bordering Montana counties, and two neighboring Wyoming counties increase the need for reliable equipment to service, maintain and improve roads within the County and assist other regions and states in emergency situations. Big Horn County road department dollars are spent primarily on road repair and maintenance materials. The County currently owns two 1994 Volvo fifth wheel semi-trucks, each with approximately 750,000 road miles; the trucks spend more time in the shop being repaired than in use maintaining Big Horn County roads. The County plans to use Coal Board funds in conjunction with County funds to purchase the new vehicles. The request of the board is 58% of the total project cost.

- Casey Roan, mechanic with Big Horn County Bridge & Roads Dept., provided to the Coal Board a letter of support from the Crow Tribe. They need to purchase 2 semis – Big Horn County will provide $100,000 for one and they're requesting $140,000 for other semi. With an increase in net population and in coal production, this will heavily impact roads with West Moreland.
- Mr. Towe discussed with Mr. Roan the staff's evaluation that the applicant hasn't explored priorities for use of funds available. County had replaced 4 but the new semis are 5th and 6th priorities. Two major mines in West Moreland and Cloud Peak will increase more road traffic. There is no federal or state funding available for road or fire equipment.
- Chairman Williams questioned if there are other monies available as gross proceeds from local efforts.

***Action:*** Mr. Stewart made a motion to fully fund. He agreed there's a great need. Mr. Miles seconded. Motion passed 4-1, Mr. Towe opposing.

***Substitute Motion:*** Mr. Towe made a substitute motion to fund at $70,000. Both trucks may work for quite a long while and they shouldn't fund without more information. Mr. Acton seconded. Motion failed 4-1.

**Next Application Due Date**

*Board Action:* The following will be posted on the Department of Commerce's Coal Board website:

At the December 17, 2013 Coal Board meeting, the application date was approved by the board. To be considered for Coal Board funding at the March 21, 2014 meeting all applications must be received by the Department on or before February 3, 2014.

**Adjournment** - With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Williams at 2:30 P.M. The next meeting will be held March 21, 2014 in Roundup, at a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Fjeseth, Administrative Officer

John Williams, Board Chair

Date 3-21-14

Andy Fjeseth, Administrative Officer

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