

Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2023
Billings, MT

Roll Call of Board Members:

Hal Fuglevand - Absent	Catherine Laughner - Present
Pat Lorello - Present	Sandra Jones - Present
Tim Schaff - Present	Sandy Tutvedt - 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:

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip	Keith Raymond, Director Rosebud Co EMS
Jim Atchison, SEMDC	Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC
Bob Lee, Rosebud Co Commissioner	Jeramie Middlestead, Sheriff Big Horn Co
Leslie Messer, Director Richland Economic Dev	Tyler Bush, McKinstry
Steve Becker, Chair Colstrip Public Schools	Representative Gary W. Parry, HD39
Joe Novasio	Jacy Head, Beartooth RC&D
Bill Bullock, Carbon Co Commissioner	Brad Caton, Red Lodge Area Comm Foundation
Keith Raymond, Director Rosebud Co EMS	Ed Joiner, Rosebud Co Commissioner
Pat Zent, Public Works Director Colstrip	Eric Terrill, Superintendent Pryor Public Schools
George Real Bird III, Big Horn Co Commissioner	Wade Steere, Colstrip Public Schools Board Member

Call Meeting to Order

0:06 Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
0:54 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

Commerce Updates

1:30 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment

2:42 Chair Wells asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:
Jim Atchison, SEMDC
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip
Keith Raymond, Director Rosebud Co EMS
Bob Lee, Rosebud Co Commissioner

Approval of Minutes

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7:42 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Ms. Jones – approve minutes
Second: Mr. Lorello
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Budget Status Update

Cash Activity Detail – page 13 of binder

9:40 Presenter: Ms. Young

Project Updates

#0929 – City of Hardin – Extension Request – page 15 of binder

13:21 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – grant extension to September 2024
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0963 – Lavina Public Schools – Thank you card for funding – page 16 of binder

14:44 Presenter: Ms. Young

Open and Closed project status – page 17 of binder

15:07 Presenter: Ms. Young

New Business

#0975 – Big Horn County – Purchase four patrol vehicles for Sheriff’s Office – page 19 of binder

0:18:52 Presenter: Ms. Young
1:46:36 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – fund full amount, \$120,000
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0976 – Richland County – Develop EDS and Revise CEDS – page 52 of binder

0:33:33 Presenter: Ms. Young
1:48:02 Motion: Ms. Jones – award full amount, \$45,000
Second: Mr. Lorello
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0977 – Colstrip Public Schools – Construction of gymnasium vestibules – page 81 of binder

0:42:17 Presenter: Ms. Young
1:49:19 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – award full amount, \$376,151
Second: Ms. Jones
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Laughner. Motion Passed

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#0978 – Town of Lodge Grass – Purchase new backhoe – page 119 of binder

0:54:46 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:50:47 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – deny application

Second: Mr. Lorello

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

#0979 – Carbon County – Purchase AWD vehicle – page 150 of binder

1:02:47 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:52:57 Motion: Ms. Laughner – award adjusted amount, \$87,165

Second: Ms. Jones

Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes – Ms. Laughner, Ms. Jones, Chair Wells;

No – Mr. Lorello, Vice-Chair Schaff, Ms. Tutvedt. Motion Failed.

#0980 – Rosebud County – Purchase Quick Response Vehicle – page 176 of binder

1:21:09 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:54:31 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – award full amount, \$70,400

Second: Mr. Lorello

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

#0981 – City of Colstrip – Conduct Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating Study – page 197 of binder

1:34:49 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:56:13 Motion: Mr. Lorello – award full amount \$39,000

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

#0982 – Pryor Public Schools – Prepare PAR for school building – page 224 of binder

1:40:08 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:57:29 Motion: Ms. Laughner – award full amount, \$83,062

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

Opportunity for Public Comment

2:02:30 Chair Wells opened the meeting for any public comment:

George Real Bird III, Big Horn Co Commissioner

Leslie Messer, Richland Economic Development

Bill Bullock, Carbon Co Commissioner

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip

Bob Lee, Rosebud Co Commissioner

Wade Steere, Colstrip Public Schools Board Member

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Board Matters

Confirmation of next meeting dates and location

2:10:40 Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment

2:13:02 Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.