

MONTANA COAL BOARD ORIENTATION

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2013

Hilton Garden Inn, Billings, MT

John Williams (Chair), Colstrip – Impact Area, District 2
Marcia Brown, Butte – Business Person, District 1
Dan Miles, Butte – Business Person, District 1
Tom Towe, Billings – Attorney, District 2

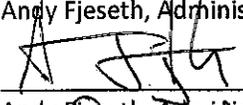
Loren Acton, Bozeman – Education, District 1
Ralph Lenhart, Glendive – Education, District 2
CJ Stewart, Crow Agency – Impact Area, District 1

Call to Order

- Chairman Williams called to order the orientation of the Montana Coal Board at 10:00 am. He welcomed all present. The Department of Commerce (DOC) staff present included: Kelly Lynch, Community Development Division Administrator, Jennifer Olson, Community Grants Bureau Chief, Andy Fjeseth, Administrative Officer, and Joanne Gilbert, Administrative Assistant.
- Mr. Fjeseth called roll. Board Members Acton, Miles, Towe & Williams were present. Member Stewart was a few minutes late. Members Brown & Lenhart were absent.
- Chairman Williams opened up floor for public comment. There was no comment from the public.
- Ms. Olson introduced and presented bios on each of the new Coal Board Members: Dan Miles, CJ Stewart, and Tom Towe.
- Mr. Fjeseth presented the movie on *"Against the Darkness: A Tribute to Montana's Coal Miner"*.
- Ms. Lynch gave a presentation on "the Process of Running an Open Public Meeting".
- The meeting reconvened at 12:45 pm. Ms. Brown and Mr. Lenhart were absent.
- Ms. Olson presented an overview of the "Internal Process on How the Coal Board Operates".
- Mr. Fjeseth provided a summary of the Coal Board's background, application example, and criteria of award.
- Ms. Olson discussed financials and budget reports to show how Coal Board funds are expended.
- Mr. Towe requested that "severity of coal impact analysis" be added as a new item on the next agenda.
- Ms. Lynch recommended that DOC staff would provide a ranking analysis by the next meeting of which applications are eligible and meet and don't meet criteria and open grants and dollars expended.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Fjeseth, Administrative Officer



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John Williams, Board Chair

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