

**Montana Coal Board  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2018  
MSU-Billings, Billings, MT**

**Board Members Present**

Chairman John Williams, Vice-Chair Sidney Fitzpatrick, Veronica Small-Eastman, Shawn Fredrickson, Tim Schaff, Marianne Roose

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present**

Jennifer Olson, Division Administrator; A.C. Rothenbuecher, Grants Bureau Chief; Anne Pichette, Administrative Officer; Emily Rowe, Administrative Assistant; Teri Juneau, Accounting Manager

**Montana Department of Revenue Staff Present**

Tracy Morano, Bureau Chief; Van Charlton, Unit Manager

**Public Present**

Liz Ching	
Allen Fulton	
Bruce Price	
Chad Fenner	Big Horn County
Duane Ankney	Senate District #20
Joe Purcell	Big Horn Hospital Association
George Real Bird III	Big Horn County Commission
Tom Berry	
Doris Limberkand	Northern Cheyenne Utilities
Sheri Bement	Northern Cheyenne Utilities
Robbie Carpenter	MSUB
Kristi Oaks	MSUB
Dennis Gerke	Hardin Schools
Lisa Skriner	MSUB
Ed Joiner	Rosebud County Commissioner
Dianne Lehm	Big Sky Economic Development Association
Ron Larsen	MSUB
Dennis Kopitzke	City of Forsyth
Linda Greenwalt	
Doris Pinkerton	City of Forsyth
Bob Pallas	Golden Valley County
Jim Atchison	SEMDC
Ryan Tooke	Rosebud Healthcare Center
Bill Hodges	Big Horn Hospital Association
Thom MacLean	Big Sky Economic Development
Michael Fuss	
Robert Goffena	Musselshell County Commission
Sandra Jones	City of Roundup
Bill Kennedy	MSUB
Donelle Boyer	Bighorn County

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to change the order of meeting agenda items to enable public attendees to hear the Department of Commerce and Department of Revenue Updates report and Budget and Projects Updates report before the Opportunity for Public Comment agenda item. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UPDATES**

**Action by the Board:** It was moved the Department of Commerce initiate contracts for commencement of work for projects that were granted money awards by the board in June (2017) as soon as coal tax revenues come available. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

## **BUDGET AND PROJECT UPDATES**

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to approve the Budget and Project Updates report. The motion was seconded. The board discussed first addressing the Rosebud County draw requests and the Crow Tribe request to terminate. It was moved to withdraw the motion to approve the report until after the two action items were addressed. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

### ***Rosebud County Draw Request***

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to approve release of \$6,000 to Rosebud County for help with completion of the thrift store. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

### ***Crow Tribe Request***

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to release \$15,000 for Application #0745. The motion was seconded. It was moved to withdraw the motion to release \$15,000 for Application #0745. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to accept the Crow Tribe's request to terminate its contract (and forfeit \$15,000 in undrawn Coal Board grant funds). The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed. Veronica Small-Eastman voted in opposition to the motion.

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to accept the budget report and project updates. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The board heard public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS** (applications tabled September 22, 2017)

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to remove Application 0832, 0833, 0834, 0835, 0836, 0837, 0838, 0839, and 0840, which were tabled in the September meeting, from the table. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

**Tabled Applications**

Project 0832	MSU Billings	Yellowstone Science & Allied Health Bldg Renovation	\$500,000.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0832 at \$500,000. The motion was seconded. Chairman Williams made a subsidiary motion to fund the project at \$150,000. The motion died for lack of a second. Board discussion. The main motion passed. Chairman Williams and Board Member Schaff voted in opposition to the motion.

Project 0833	Musselshell County	Purchase of Road Grader	\$269,750.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0833 at \$269,750. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

Project 0834	Golden Valley County	Jaws of Life Purchase	\$27,363.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0834 at \$27,363. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

Project 0835	Big Sky Economic Dev	Coulson Park Master Plan	\$10,000.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0835 at \$10,000. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion failed. Chairman Williams, Board Members Fredrickson, Roose and Schaff voted in opposition to the motion.

Project 0836	Rosebud County	Sheriff's Office Equipment and Upgrades	\$188,000.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0836 at \$172,579. The motion was seconded. Chairman Williams made a subsidiary motion to fund Project 0836 at \$135,000. The subsidiary motion was seconded. Board discussion. Subsidiary motion passed. Board Member Roose voted in opposition to the motion.

Project 0837	Town of Broadus	Powder River First Responders Capnography Machine	\$6,100.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0837 at \$6,100. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

Project 0838	Town of Roundup	Public Works Department End Dump Purchase	\$67,309.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0838 at \$60,000. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

Project 0839	City of Colstrip	Economic Diversification Strategy Implementation	\$175,000.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0839 at the requested amended amount of \$70,000. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed. Chairman Williams abstained from voting.

Project 0840	City of Forsyth	Fire Truck Purchase	\$184,000.00
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**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0840 at a new number of \$164,000. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Applications**

Project 0841	Big Horn County	Law Enforcement Vehicle Fleet Upgrade	\$ 69,646.00
Project 0842	Big Horn County	Library Capital Improvement Needs	\$ 30,433.00
Project 0843	Big Horn County	Fairgrounds	\$ 66,785.00
Project 0844	City of Hardin	Improvements Project HS Complete Pavement	\$ 169,296.00
Project 0845	Rosebud County	Restoration Project Health Care Center Equipment Updating Project	\$ 66,000.00
Project 0846	Hardin Public Schools	Activity Center Pool Roof Replacement	\$ 384,300.00

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to table Project 0844 per request of the City of Hardin Mayor. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

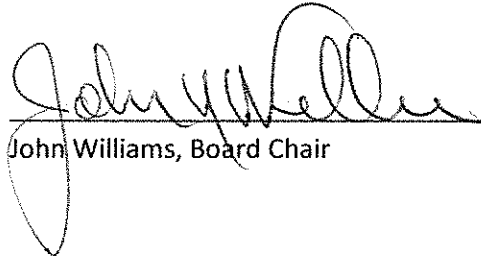
**Action by the Board:** Board Member Fredrickson moved to table Projects 0841, 0842, 0843, 0845 and 0846. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 22, 2017 and December 21, 2017 Conference Call)**

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to approve the minutes from September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the December 21<sup>st</sup> conference call. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.



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John Williams, Board Chair

