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 Skirner 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**

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<th>Project 0832</th>
<th>MSU Billings</th>
<th>Yellowstone Science &amp; Allied Health Bldg Renovation</th>
<th>$500,000.00</th>
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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.

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<th>Project 0833</th>
<th>Musselshell County</th>
<th>Purchase of Road Grader</th>
<th>$269,750.00</th>
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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.

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<th>Project 0834</th>
<th>Golden Valley County</th>
<th>Jaws of Life Purchase</th>
<th>$27,363.00</th>
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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.

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<th>Project 0835</th>
<th>Big Sky Economic Dev</th>
<th>Coulson Park Master Plan</th>
<th>$10,000.00</th>
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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.

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<th>Project 0836</th>
<th>Rosebud County</th>
<th>Sheriff's Office Equipment and Upgrades</th>
<th>$188,000.00</th>
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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.

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<th>Project 0837</th>
<th>Town of Broadus</th>
<th>Powder River First Responders Capnography Machine</th>
<th>$5,100.00</th>
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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

**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

**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

**Action by the Board:** It was moved to fund Project 0840 at a new amount 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 Improvements Project  $66,785.00

Project 0844  City of Hardin  HS Complete Pavement Restoration Project  $169,296.00

Project 0845  Rosebud County  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 22nd and the December 21st conference call. The motion was seconded. Board discussion. Motion passed, unanimously.
ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

[Signature]
John Williams, Board Chair