STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MONTANA COAL BOARD
December 20, 2018 – Billings, Montana
BOARD MEETING

John Williams (Chair), Colstrip – Impact Area
Sidney Fitzpatrick, Hardin – Impact Area
Shawn Fredrickson, Butte – other
Amber Henning – Attorney

Marianne Roose, Eureka – other
Tim Schaff, Roundup – Education
Veronica Small-Eastman, Lodge Grass - Education

Notice of Public Meeting

December 19, 2018:
The Board may gather informally for dinner at 6:30 p.m. location Jake’s (2701 1st Avenue North).

December 20, 2018: The Board will hold a quarterly meeting at 8:30 am, Thursday, December 20, 2018, at the Doubletree (27 North 27th Street) Billings, MT. The Board may gather for lunch at a downtown location to be determined at the meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information or to request reasonable accommodations for a disability, please contact CDD staff at (406) 841-2770 or at DOCCDD@mt.gov before the meeting.

Agenda:
1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Opportunity for public comment on items not on the agenda, but within the Board’s jurisdiction
4. Approval of minutes (September 20, 2018)
   o Opportunity for public comment
   o Board discussion
   o Board action (as applicable)
5. Email and Security training
6. Budget Status Update
   o CDD Staff update
   o Opportunity for public comment
   o Board discussion
   o Board action (as applicable)
7. Project Updates
   o CDD Staff update
   o Opportunity for public comment
   o Board discussion
   o Board action (as applicable)
8. Old Business
   o CDD Staff update
   o Opportunity for public comment and discussion of environmental review*
   o Board discussion
   o Board action (as applicable)
*Please note that as the Board reviews the following applications, action in the form of an environmental determination may be made by the Board.

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**Total Funds Requested:** $1,445,621.00

9. New Business
   - CDD Staff update
   - Opportunity for public comment and discussion of environmental review*
   - Board discussion
   - Board action (as applicable)

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**Total Funds Requested:** $753,826.00

10. Opportunity for public comment
11. Board Matters
   A. Confirmation of next meeting dates and location
      - March 21, 2019 confirmed, location discussion
      - June confirm dates and location
   B. Items for agenda
12. Adjourn
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September 20, 2018  
Colstrip, MT

Board Members Present  
Chairman John Williams, Vice-Chair Sidney Fitzpatrick, Veronica Small-Eastman, Tim Schaff, Marianne Roose, and Amber Henning.

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present  
Jennifer Olson, Division Administrator (phone), A.C. Rothenbuecher, Operations Manager, Anne Pichette, Administrative Officer, Amy Barnes, Legal Counsel (phone), Teri Juneau, Fiscal Manager (phone) Bonnie Martello, Paralegal, and Jodee Prevel, Administrative Assistant.

Public Present  
Jim Atchison   Southeastern Montana Development Corporation  
Kristi Gatrell   Big Horn Hospital Association  
Kathie Bailey   Snowy Mountain Development Corporation  
Keith Breckenridge  Hardin Volunteer Fire Department  
Raymond Ragsdale  Town of Broadus  
Joe Purcell  City of Hardin  
Peggy Shefruit  Town of Broadus

Welcome – Call to order  
Chairman Williams called to order the meeting of the Montana Coal Board at 8:35 a.m. He thanked Western Energy Rosebud Mine and Rosebud Power Plant for the hospitality shown to the Board during the tours the previous day. Board Member Amber Henning was able to hit the blast button releasing a charge which was very exciting.

Roll call  
Ms. Pichette called the roll for board members. The following board members were present: Chairman Williams, Vice-Chair Sidney Fitzpatrick, and Veronica Small-Eastman. On the phone via conference call were Marianne Roose and Tim Schaff.

Opportunity for Public Comment  
- Jim Atchison – SEMDC, updated the Board on the Diversification Strategy project; professional services have been hired to assist with the project. Related to that, separate funds were secured for the Colstrip Business and Land Development Services planning document and KLJ was hired to assist with that project. Also, the 15th Annual Energy Open occurred back in August to showcase the economic benefits of responsible energy development where record numbers of golfers attended which has maximized the numbers that can be handled (handouts were provided).
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- Julie Emmons – SEMDC, thanked the Board for the funding to purchase a used ambulance for the City of Miles City which also allowed the City of apply for a $200,000 FEMA grant which allowed for the purchase of a new ambulance as well.
- Senator Ankney – provided an update on the nearby mining concerns and legislative discussions. Thank you for all the work you do.
- Ms. Pichette – Please remember to sign in, provide your name along with the spelling if needed, and there are handouts in the back of the room for those interested.
- Kathie Bailey – Snowy Mountain Development Corporation, provided information regarding application #0805 for Musselshell County for road improvements near Signal Peak Mine which the Board funded and allowed for a match to another grant. A Manager has now been assigned to that Federal grant project and hopefully will be moving forward at a better pace.
- Joe Purcell – Mayor for City of Hardin, gave an update on the Terry Street project in front of the High School. It was mostly completed in August with a few minor items being completed at this time. Thank you for the support on this project.
- Bill Hodges – Big Horn Hospital Association, the project for the nurses’ station remodel after a few minor issues, is close to completion. The elevator projects will have water-proofing done on the shafts and completed by October 16th with the overall project completed by the end of the year. Both are about 98% complete.
- Chad Johnson – Superintendent of Hardin Schools, introduced himself to the Board. Thank you for all the support you provide.
- Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick – Big Horn County has 3 mines within the county. It is his hope that tours can be made of those mines too. Decker Coal Mine has hired 60+ employees just last September and he is proud of the influx of economic growth in the county.

Presentation of Transcript (June 20, 2018)
- Chairman Williams called for discussion from the Board regarding the transcript and any comments from the public. No comments were made.

Action by the Board: Ms. Henning made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Small-Eastman seconded. Motion passed.

Statutory Criteria Discussion
- Chairman Williams – questions regarding the statutory criteria arose at the last meeting and as a result Amy Barnes, Legal Counsel for Coal Board provided a memo which is available to any that may have questions. The importance is to ensure that the applicant has fulfilled the criteria as outlined in the legislature. How the determination of impact of coal or power generation is made is outlined in the memo. As a board, impact and availability of funds needs to direct us in the awarding of applications.
- Amy Barnes – Legal Counsel for Coal Board, the memo addressed the second statutory criteria as outlined in the statute; severity of impact. There is no actual definition for the degree of
severity of impact within the statute but within the coal board administrative rules, at one time the board did add a small definition for severity of impact in the form of a question: “What has been the rapidity of growth or decline and subsequent development of the problem and the number of people effected?” Additionally, look to the statutes for further guidance and contributing factors. These have been provided. The sponsors of the statute did note that no actual definition of severity was made so that the Board could make that determination and be flexible.

**Budget & Financial Report**

- Ms. Olson – Community Development Division Administrator, on the phone with her is Teri Juneau, Fiscal Manager with Commerce who offered a short PowerPoint presentation on accounting, budgeting and appropriations and how these affect the Board and its ability to award.

| Direct Funds available for 2019 Biennia: | $6,822,204.00 |

**2018 State Fiscal Year (July ‘17 – June ‘18)**

- Funds appropriated for SFY 2018: $3,403,336.00
- Coal Board funds awarded for SFY 2018: $2,976,073.00
- Revenue available in Coal Natural Resource account: $2,791,433.28
- Balance of available SFY 2018 appropriation: $427,263.00
- Balance of available revenue less awards made: ($184,630.72)

**2019 State Fiscal Year (July ‘18 – June ‘19)**

- Funds appropriated for SFY 2019: $3,418,868.00
- Coal Board funds awarded for SFY 2019: $0.00
- Revenue available in Coal Natural Resource account: $918,302.50
- Balance of available SFY19 appropriation: $3,418,868.00

**Bi-Total awarded:** $2,276,073.00

**Bi-Total Revenue:** $3,709,735.78

**Bi-Total appropriation available:** $3,846,131.00

**Bi-Balance of available revenue:** $733,662.78

Total 2018 funds reverted: $12,301.00

Balance of revenue with reverted funds: $745,963.78
Ms. Olson reviewed a chart with the complex budget and detailed the appropriations and revenue received and awarded.

- Chairman Williams – the bottom line is that we have more funds requested than what is available. There is approximately $439,000 available and over 2 million in requested funds.

**Project Updates**

- Number of projects awarded since the beginning of the 2019 Biennia: 25
- There are currently 33 open contracts and 5 are in process.
- Ms. Pichette provided updated information from the City of Miles City regarding first, a scope of work change and second, a request to extend the contract #0831.

**Action by the Board:** Ms. Henning made a motion to grant the scope of work change. Ms. Small-Eastman seconded. Motion passed.

**Action by the Board:** Ms. Roose made a motion to extend the contract. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

- Ms. Pichette presented a letter from Lodge Grass requesting an extension to contract #0742; the extension will be until June 30, 2019.

**Action by the Board:** Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to extend the contract. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

- Ms. Pichette presented a letter from Musselshell County requesting permission to change the contract awarded for the purchase of a new grader, to the purchase of a used grader and to refurbish an existing grader. This request is due to the increase in the cost of the originally requested equipment.

**Action by the Board:** Ms. Roose made a motion to accept the requested change. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

- Chairman Williams reviewed for the Board that there were 5 tabled applications.

**Action by the Board:** Mr. Schaff made a motion to remove applications #0849 - #0853 from the table. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

**Application #0849 Town of Hysham – Wastewater System Rehabilitation – Phase 1 $60,000**

- The applicant originally requested $154,000 to complete Phase 1 of the wastewater system rehabilitation project. The applicant amended the request to $60,000.
- Bob Keele– Public Works Director, once again funding is very tight and thanked the Board for previous funding for the storage tank, planning and engineering. Storing good water has been accomplished but assistance is now needed to remove the bad water.
- Jim Atchison – this small community’s needs are listed on the Regional Infrastructure Needs List.
- Senator Ankney – Hysham is within Treasure County and with Rosebud Mine increasing production, this falls within the criteria as discussed earlier.
Action by the Board:  Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick made a motion to fully fund this project. Mr. Schaff seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0850 Big Horn County – Memorial Hospital Renovation & Updates $500,000
• The applicant is requesting $500,000 for the renovation of the hospital and replacement of equipment.
• Bill Hodges – Facilities Director, Big Horn Hospital Association, provided hearing minutes regarding the Environmental Assessment for this project. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place October 3, 2018 and the Board and staff from CDD were invited to attend. $275,000 has been pledged so far from within the hospital family towards this project and an invite will be extended to the public to donate as well. He requested to table the project until additional funds are available (handouts provided).
• Kristi Gatrell – Hospital Administrator, Big Horn Hospital Association, the hospital is the third largest employer within the county and is trying to reinvest every dollar possible for the community.
• Questions and comments from the Board – is it possible to reduce the amount requested when this application is reconsidered?

Action by the Board:  Ms. Henning made a motion to table this application. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick recused himself from this vote.

Application #0851 Big Horn County – Excavator Purchase $165,000
• The applicant is requesting $165,000 to complete the purchase of an excavator
• No comments provided by the applicant.
• Questions and comments from the Board – could the County reconsider purchasing used equipment and thereby lower the amount requested?
• Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick – Big Horn County, would like to table this application and will address the amount requested when the application is reconsidered.

Action by the Board:  Ms. Henning made a motion to table this application. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick recused himself from this vote.

Application #0852 City of Hardin – Fire Station Pumper $162,500
• The applicant is requesting $162,500 to complete the purchase of a fire pumper.
• Joe Connally – Chief of Volunteer Fire Department, the pumper will replace current equipment and will help with mutual aid responses and assist in wild land firefighting with greater water storage capacity, and better equipment preparation and safety for firefighters.
• Joe Purcell – Mayor, City of Hardin, this equipment purchase will keep us more efficient.
• Questions and comments from the Board – what will the City do if no funding is received? How much money does the City have set aside? Can the requested amount be reduced? What is the City’s debt?
• Joe Connally – currently half of the purchase cost is set aside with an option of an additional $38,000 if needed.

• Joe Purcell – the requested amount can be reduced by $33,000 if necessary. The City’s debt is currently $22 million and we are maxed out in loans with one loan being paid off in November, but the City intends to work towards replacing sewer lines and will most likely take on additional loans for that.

**Action by the Board:** Ms. Henning made a motion to fund this project at $132,500. Mr. Schaff seconded.

• Questions and comments from the Board – since the Pumper would take time to be built, could the City do with a lessor amount?

• Joe Purcell – the City appreciates anything the Board can do at this time.

**Action by the Board:** Chairman Williams made a substitute motion to fund this application for $100,000. Ms. Henning seconded. Motion passed.

### Application #0853 City of Lewistown – Creekside Central Station Restroom Facility & Kiosk $226,000

• The applicant is requesting $226,000 to complete the construction of a year-round public restroom facility.

• Karen Sweeney – Snowy Mountain Development Corporation, the abandoned railroad trail area is part of a much larger development. This has a large economic impact on the City as it is located close to the downtown area and would be the first public restroom facility during festivals and such events. Also, a grant was received to assist with this project, so the City would like to reduce the requested amount to $88,000 and would be open to receiving a contingent award based on availability of funding as the project is not set to begin until the Spring of 2019.

• **Questions and comments from the Board** – are there additional grants that may yet be received? Cannot support this request as City of Lewistown does not fit the criteria of either coal or power impact.

• Karen Sweeney – a Department of Commerce Tourism grant may yet be awarded but that would be for the finishing items such as benches and landscaping.

• Kathie Bailey - according to statute 96-207 Priorities for Impact Grants Section C, this project does meet that statute; then within the Board’s Administrative Rules there are 5 guidelines for awarding of applications and this project meets all 5 of those. As there are no ranking within those 5 criteria, this project does hit on all of them; some more than others. Respectively disagreed that this project falls short.

**Action by the Board:** Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick made a motion to fund this project at $88,000. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion failed.

**Action by the Board:** Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick made a motion to table this application. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.
New Business

Application #0854 Northern Cheyenne Tribe – Transportation Sand/Salt Storage Facility

- The applicant is requesting $154,621 to complete the construction of a sand/salt storage facility for the transportation department.
- Becky Bey – KLJ Engineering, addressed two issues from the staff report; the Environmental Review was not completed as the Tribal Council has not met for 3 months until just one week ago. This issue was not on the agenda for that meeting but is on the agenda for the next. The Council is happy to provide the Waiver of Sovereign Immunity if award is granted contingent upon that waiver.
- A.C. Rothenbuecher – Department of Commerce, according to statute, the Board cannot award until the waiver has been provided.

Action by the Board: Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick made a motion to table the application to the December meeting so that the Tribe can provide all needed documents. Ms. Roose seconded. Motion passed.

Application #0855 Town of Broadus – Wastewater Project

- The applicant is requesting $400,000 to complete wastewater improvements to two lagoons and the lift station.
- Lowell Capshaw – Interstate Engineering, described the state of the current facilities with the use of pictures and the manual labor necessary to provide maintenance. Per the staff report, the Town Council was able to discuss the Environmental Review and that this project has been on the long-range planning needs for quite some time thus the reason for no CIP (handouts provided).
- Raymond Ragsdale – Town of Broadus, Public Works Director, over the past 5 years there have been numerous violations on this system so these repairs and updates are needed to remain to code with DEQ. The town is seeking to make these repairs before total replacement is needed. Anything the Board can provide will be gratefully accepted including a contingent award.
- Jim Atchison – SEMDC, this project has been on the Regional Infrastructure Needs List for many years and with the aging population, raising the rates is a difficult situation.
- Julie Emmons – SEMDC, as a resident of Powder River County, Broadus has been impacted by both Wyoming and Montana coal layoffs.
- Questions and comments from the Board – cannot support this project as the impact from coal or power has not been identified. Would like the Town to bring additional documents to support the impact and criteria and potentially reduce the request. This is a very important project.

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to table the application. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick seconded. Motion passed.
Application #0856 Musselshell County – Roundup Memorial Healthcare Equipment  $295,000

- The applicant is requesting $295,000 to complete the purchase and upgrade of hospital equipment.
- Teresa Doumitt – Development Specialist, Roundup Healthcare, the call system has failed completely; the beds are 21 years old and no longer repairable and replacements are being rented until they can be replaced permanently. These issues affect the entire community. Signal Peak Mine now has over 300 employees and we are the closest facility to the Mine. Matches and grant funding have been received with another still awaiting notification. These two needs are the highest listed on the Facility Needs Assessment report. If the Board would consider partial funding, $100,000 would replace the call system and the rest could be awarded contingent on available funds. She extended an invitation to tour the facility.
- Senator Ankney – District 20, re-capped a visit made to the hospital over the summer and how the Coal Board has been so impactful to this facility through the years. Smaller facilities like these face greater and greater challenges to remain open.
- Kathie Bailey – SMDC, the progress made for this facility with the Board’s help has been so instrumental in keeping this key facility alive and thriving.
- Dean Angel – Hospital Manager, Roundup Healthcare, as a previous miner and with understanding what an injured miner and their family face, keeping the injured closer to home is better for recuperation.
- Questions and comments from the Board – as a community you have participated in this process; there is impact, you have a need, you are maxed out in debt.

Action by the Board: Ms. Small-Eastman made a motion to fund the project at $100,000. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick seconded.

Action by the Board: Ms. Roose made a substitute motion to fully fund this project. Mr. Schaff seconded. Motion failed.

Action by the Board: Ms. Henning made a motion to fund the Call System at $100,000. Vice-Chair Fitzpatrick seconded.

Opportunity for Public Comment
- Senator Ankney – has always advocated for greater funding to the Board. Contingent awarding should not occur. Also, any project award that has not started by the end of the biennium should be terminated since this causes so much available funding confusion and ties up critically needed money. This Board is a wonderful entity and thank you for your dedication.
- Kathie Bailey – with the Legislature just around the corner we all must be one voice and a strong voice for coal country as the needs are so great. The 2020 Census is coming and is critical for funding so all need to be counted.
- Joe Purcell – thank you for decisions made.
Board Matters
- Dates and locations for the next two meetings were confirmed. December 20, 2018 quarterly meeting will be held in Billings; March 21, 2019 quarterly meeting will be held in Helena due to the Legislature. Logistics will be provided by staff when confirmed.

Adjournment
With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Williams at 12:15pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2018 in Billings, Montana, location to be announced.

John Williams, Board Chair
### Budget Update
December 2018

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**Tribal/State 7% Limit**

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To: Coal Board Members
From: Department of Commerce Staff

Re: Budget Updates

Budget Updates will be provided at the December 20th Coal Board meeting.
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As of 11/30/18
November 28, 2018

Montana Coal Board
301 South Park Ave.
Helena MT 59620-0523

Dear Coal Board Members:

The Rosebud County Commissioners request an extension of 6 months for Coal Board Grant #0836, which is for Sheriff’s equipment. The Sheriff’s office is still trying to get the door locks for the Sheriff’s offices. Rosebud County has spent $191,601.00 and requested $132,205.00 of the $135,000.00 granted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ROSEBUD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ed Joiner, Presiding Officer

Robert E. Lee, Member

Douglas D. Martens, Member
October 15, 2018

Montana Coal Board
PO Box 200523
301 S Park Avenue
Helena, MT  59620-0523

RE: DOC Contract #0825

Coal Board Members:

Lame Deer Public School has the four units in place and will still need to move an electrical line that could cause potential problems while connecting to the existing water/sewer lines, such as bringing in a backhoe and other equipment to dig lines. Contractors have not given us a price due to an electrical line that was put in after the old units were in place. The old units have been removed and the new units are in place, Tongue River Electric Company has provided the school with a quote to remove the line and will have new lines going to each unit, a copy has been enclosed for review and this amount will be paid for by our accounting department. TRECO plans to have the lines in by the end of this month before cold weather occurs. The remaining funding will be used for skirting as required and this cannot be done until we completed the water/sewer lines. Lame Deer Public School is requesting an extension of the contract.

Cordially,

Gerald Chouinard,
LDPS Superintendent.

Cc: Yolanda Fraser, Business Manager
    Rae Peppers, Federal Programs Director
To: Members of the Montana Coal Board  
From: Mr. Eldon C. Johnson, Superintendent Hardin Schools  
Re: Request for Extension for the Facility Feasibility Assessment Project (#0821)  
Date: September 27, 2018

Dear Coal Board Members,

I am respectfully requesting the Coal Board to extend Project (#00821) to August 31st of 2019. The reason for such request is really two fold; the first being that often times in leadership turnover certain items get done without issues before that person moves on and other times such projects get “put on hold” till the next individual is on board. The second reason is more support for the above requested date; according to SB 307 of the FY17 legislative session, schools that are looking to seek funds permissively in their community for facility upgrades and repairs MUST have their facility needs assessment in place and reported by June 30th, 2019. I am “back in contact” with Collaborative Design Architects out of Billings, Montana to get the assessment back on track and completed by late spring of 2019.

I do realize that extensions are “frowned upon”, but I am working vigorously with the Hardin Board and our Capital Improvement Plan Committee to put forth the best information and product for the patrons and community of Hardin Public Schools.

Should you have questions concerning this extension request I will be present at the December 20th, 2018 Coal Board meeting hosted in Billings or you can contact me at the above phone number.

Respectfully,

Mr. Eldon “Chad’ Johnson  
Superintendent  
Hardin Public Schools
November 29, 2018

Montana Coal Board  
Attn: John Williams, Chairman  
PO Box 200523  
Helena, MT 59620-0523

RE: MT# - CB-17-0810 - Elevator Replacement at Heritage Acres Nursing Home

Dear Members of the Coal Board;

We respectfully request to extend the expiration date of December 19, 2018, of the above-identified contract agreement to March, 2019. Attached please find letter from the Paula Small-Plenty, Heritage Acres Director, outlining the issues relating to the project delay.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA

Chad Fenner  
Chairman

George Real Bird III  
Member

Sidney Fitzpatrick  
Member

Enclosure
November 26, 2018

Board of Commissioners
Big Horn County
121 W 3rd
Hardin, MT 59034

Dear Commissioners,

Heritage Acres is currently requesting assistance to apply for an extension to the Montana Coal Board application for the elevator modernization project. This project was approved for funding by the Coal Board in December 2016.

The project will be started on December 3, 2018 with a completion timeline of March 6, 2019. The project was delayed due to other Heritage Acres physical plant projects, Thyssenkrupp (elevator contractor) ordering/manufacturing delays and other Thyssenkrupp project delays.

Materials for the project have been received and are ready for install according to the new timeline above. Electrical and fire alarm system prep work has been completed. The sub-contractors needed for project completion are prepared for the phases of the new timeline. The state inspector is the last step of the project to complete testing and turnover for occupancy.

Thank you for assisting our facility in requesting this extension. If you need further information or have any questions, please contact me at 406-665-8900. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Paula Small-Plenty
Heritage Acres Administrator

c. Kristi Gatrell, BHHA CEO
   Bill Hodges, BHHA Foundation Director
December 4, 2018

State of Montana
Department of Commerce
Attn: Montana Coal Board
301 S. Park Ave
Helena, MT 59601

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lodge Grass School District is requesting an extension for our Track and Field Improvements Project (#0807). This project currently has a deadline of December 30, 2018. The project is largely completed, however there are some “punch list” items, including painting, that will need to be completed in the spring. We won’t have total completion of the project until those items are finished.

With that said, we would ask that you approve a six (6) month extension to the project and allow us until June 30, 2019, for a final completion date.

If you should have questions, you may reach me at 406-639-2712 or by email at: Victoria.fallsd@lodgegrass.k12.mt.us.

Thank you,

Victoria Falls Down
Superintendent
Community Development Division  
Montana Dept. of Commerce  
Coal Board Members  
PO Box 200523  
Helena, MT 59620-0523  

9-24-18

RE: MT-CB-17-0805

Dear Board Members,

At this time, we would like to ask for an extension of this grant thru 2021. That is the date on the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) between FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) and ourselves for construction to begin. Our project manager just made a trip out to do a quick look at the project and will return in Oct. 2018 (hopefully) with a full team to determine full scope of work for this project. Once we have that figure we will know if our grant is sufficient to meet the required match money. If not, we will need to reapply or find additional funding opportunity to complete this project.

Thank you for your time,

Musselshell County Commissioners

Bob Goffena  
Nicole Borner  
Tom Berry

Road Dept. Supervisor  
406-323-2814  
Tom Stockert
Community Development Division
Montana Dept. of Commerce
Coal Board Members
PO Box 200523
Helena, MT 59620-0523

111-1-18

RE: MT-CB-17-0805

Dear Board Members,

Please extend this grant thru 12-31-2021 as per FLAP email attached.

Sincerely,

Tom Stockert
Musselshell County Road Dept. Supervisor
506 Main St.
Roundup, MT 59072
406-323-2814
October 23, 2018

Montana Coal Board
ATTN: Mr. John Williams, Chair
Department of Commerce
PO Box 200523
Helena MT 59620-0523

RE: Request to Modify Use of Coal Board Funds in Grant Contract #MT-CB-17-0787

Dear Members of the Coal Board,

On behalf of the Crow Tribe, I respectfully request to modify the use of Coal Board funds in Grant Contract #MT-CB-17-0787. As you may recall, the Tribe is combining this $200,000 in grant funds from the Coal Board with grant funds from Treasure State Endowment Program, Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program, USDA Rural Development, and US Indian Health Service to construct a new East Frontage Road lift station and replace gravity sewer main in Crow Agency.

When the Coal Board grant application was submitted, the Project Budget indicated that 100% or $200,000 of the grant funds would support costs in the Construction line item. Earlier this year, you approved my request to move $113,000 in the Construction line item to the Engineering Design and Bidding line item as the scope of the project expanded and the Tribe needs access to additional cash at the front end, or design stage, of the project. As the math indicates, currently $87,000 remains in the Construction line item. At this time, I request to move $22,000 in the Construction line item to the Land Acquisition line item; this would leave $65,000 in the Construction line item. Similar to my previous request, other funders in the project have stringent requirements that bar or limit the use of their funds for Land Acquisition. If you approve this second modification, the project will progress more efficiently.

I appreciate your consideration of my request. If you have questions about the project please contact Mr. Cedric Black Eagle, CTWRD Cabinet Head, at 406-638-1017 or Cedric.BlackEagle@crow-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Alvin Not Afraid, Jr., Chairman
Crow Tribe

*The Great Apsáalooke Nation: “Teepee Capital of the World”*
November 28, 2018

Montana Coal Board
Attn: John Williams, Chairman
P.O. Box 200523
Helena, MT 59620-0523

RE: Contract #MT-CB-1-0785A -Request for Contract Extension

Dear Members of the Coal Board:

Big Horn County (BHC) would like to request a contract extension for the remaining $66,922.66 in funds that were granted through the above-referenced Coal Board contract. These remaining funds were the result of design and construction phase efforts coming in under the initial budget estimates.

BHC proposes to use these remaining funds on much needed safety enhancements along the School Hill Road corridor. The enhancements that are currently being evaluated include sidewalk extensions/improvements, lighting improvements at crosswalks, and drainage improvements. Pending approval of the contract extension, design of the improvements would occur this winter with construction taking place during spring/summer of 2019.

We appreciate your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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November 1, 2018

Montana Coal Board
PO Box 200523
Helena, MT  59620

RE: Coal Board Contract MT-CB-0759  Wastewater Project

The City of Colstrip would like to request an extension to the above referenced contract. The contract expiration date is December 30, 2018 but the project may not be finished by the expiration date.

The project is approximately 95% completed. However, the contractor has failed to finish the project and the City of Colstrip had to find another contractor to finish it.

Please consider this letter as a formal request for a six-month extension. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 748-2300, extension 2304 or at cityclerk@cityofcolstrip.com.

Sincerely,

Michelle Richards
City Clerk/Treasurer
November 1, 2018

Montana Coal Board
PO Box 200523
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Coal Board Contract MT-CB-0799 Water Storage Tank Project

The City of Colstrip would like to request an extension to the above referenced contract. The contract expiration date is December 30, 2018 but the project will not be finished by the expiration date.

The project was delayed due to a problem in obtaining an easement for the placement of the storage tank. However, the easement has finally been approved and the project will be bid out with construction hopefully starting in the spring of 2019.

Please consider this letter as a formal request for a one-year extension. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 748-2300, extension 2304 or at cityclerk@cityofcolstrip.com.

Sincerely,

Michelle Richards
City Clerk/Treasurer
Enhancing Rehabilitation and Reducing Pain with Aquatic Therapy

Roundup Memorial Healthcare is now offering HydroWorx aquatic therapy.

We are proud to provide state-of-the-art aquatic therapy. Our HydroWorx 500 Series aquatic therapy pool has been designed to reduce pain, improve range of motion and enhance rehabilitation outcomes. The 7’6” wide by 14’ long therapy pool includes an integrated underwater treadmill, directional resistance jets and multiple therapy work stations, now all available for you!

More about the HydroWorx 500 Series pool’s feature and benefits:

- **Variable Speed Underwater Treadmill:**
  - The integrated underwater treadmill surface has a cushioned low-impact design.
  - Treadmill speeds increase smoothly from 0 to 7.5 mph in safe 0.2 mph increments.
  - Useful for all types of therapy such as gait training or sport specific activities.

- **Resistance Jet:**
  - A resistance jet is essential for water therapy, rehabilitation, sports performance training or swimming.
  - The jet has a wide range of water speeds and directional configurations to provide the proper amount of resistance for each patient’s needs.
  - Beneficial for helping progress patients through rehabilitation and improving balance and strength.

- **Therapeutic Massage Hose (attached to the resistance jet):**
  - The attachable underwater massage hose can be utilized for scar tissue manipulation, pain management and deep tissue massage.
  - Using the massage hose can increase flexibility, improve circulation and promote muscle relaxation.

- **Underwater Cameras & Monitoring System:**
  - Our pool’s cameras and viewing monitor enhance diagnostic capacity by allowing patients and physical therapists to adjust movements in ‘real-time’.

- **Multiple Water Depths:**
  - Provides the ability to treat patients at different stages of weight bearing status.

- **Removable Handrails/Supports Bars** to enhance patient comfort and security.
We understand that aquatic therapy can greatly impact the results you achieve during rehabilitation. When you combine the natural healing properties of water with advanced aquatic therapy technology such as an underwater treadmill, resistance therapy jets and deep tissue massage, like our HydroWorx, the result is an unbeatable rehabilitation tool, which is now available for you!

5 reasons why aquatic properties will change the way you think about rehabilitation:

1. **An exercise solution for all levels of weight-bearing.**
   As a non or partial weight-bearing patient, having a way to move and safely begin rehabilitation can do amazing things for your body and emotional well being. The buoyancy of the water eliminates up to 90% of a person's body weight, allowing you to safely begin therapeutic exercises shortly after injury without the fear of falling or re-injury.

2. **Begin rehab sooner in the water than on land to reduce inflammation and accelerate rehab.**
   The ability to reduce your weight-bearing status in the water allows you to begin rehab exercises sooner than land-based exercises; thus speeding up recovery and minimizing the loss of range of motion on the injured joint. The hydrostatic pressure of water also naturally decreases inflammation to increase circulation.

3. **Pain is greatly reduced when exercising in warm water.**
   When you are bearing less body weight, the stress on your legs and joints is greatly diminished. Additionally, the warm water acts as an aid for sore, swollen or injured joints and muscles, resulting in less pain and increased range of motion.

4. **Lean muscle mass and overall leg strength is improved with underwater treadmill exercise.**
   When comparing exercising on land to aquatic-based exercise, a research study conducted at Texas A&M University demonstrates that exercising on an underwater treadmill yields greater results in building lean muscle mass. The added resistance from the water and resistance therapy jets makes underwater treadmill exercise more challenging for your leg muscles.

5. **Unbelievable rejuvenation and recovery capabilities.**
   Research shows when you exercise on an underwater treadmill you will experience a significant decrease in muscle soreness compared to those who exercise only on a land treadmill. An additional research study from the University of Wisconsin showed improved flexibility and sleep patterns for those who exercised on underwater treadmills.

**Patients Suited for Aquatic Therapy**

People referred for aquatic physical therapy usually have difficulty exercising on land. The following conditions are ideal for treatment in the aquatic environment:

- Arthritis & Chronic pain
- Back and spine conditions
- Neck, shoulder, low back, knee or ankle, injuries
- Rehabilitation following surgery
- Chronic pain
- Neurological conditions
- Sports medicine & performance
- Weight loss
- Cardiac

“One, most everything you can do on land, you can do in the water.
Two, what you are no longer able to do on land, you can probably do in the water and without pain!”

- Kathy Fisher, Aquatic Director at the Randolph YMCA
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