Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021
Billings, MT

Roll Call of Board Members:
Hal Fuglevand - Present    Catherine Laughner - Present
Pat Lorello - Present      Marianne Roose - Present
Tim Schaff - Absent        Veronica Small-Eastman - Present
Jon Wells - Present

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:
Renee Lemon, Division Administrator
Becky Anseth, Interim Operations Manager
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer
Jessica Osterloh, Attorney
Amy Barnes, Acting Chief Legal Counsel
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant
Todd Jackson, Communications Specialist
Kim Aiken, Finance Manager

Public Present:
Jim Atchison, SEMDC
Bill Kennedy, MSUB Foundation
Theresa Doumit, Musselshell County
Holly Wolff, Roundup Memorial Hospital
Harry L. Rock Above, Chief Plenty Coup Honor Guard
Becky Bey, KLJ Engineering

Call Meeting to Order
3:35 Chair Lorello called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
4:06 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

Commerce Updates
4:40 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment
11:27 Chair Lorello asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board’s jurisdiction.
11:43 Bill Kennedy, MSUB Foundation
14:15 Harry L. Rock Above, Chief Plenty Coup Honor Guards

Approval of Minutes
March 11, 2021 and June 9, 2021 MT Coal Board Meeting Minutes – page 4 of binder
19:01 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Ms. Roose – approve minutes as presented
Second: Mr. Fuglevand
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Budget Status Update**

Revenue History and Budget Update – page 11 of binder

20:34 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Project Updates**

#0887 – Musselshell County Extension Request–Recommend to 12/31/2021 – page 15 of binder

39:21 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – approve extension request to 12/31/2021
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0896 – Big Horn County Extension Request–Recommend to 12/2022 – page 16 of binder

43:25 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Ms. Roose – approve extension request to 12/2022
Second: Ms. Small-Eastman
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0825 – Lame Deer Public Schools–Contract Expired

45:18 Presenter: Ms. Young
Motion: Mr. Wells – close contract and do not provide a fourth extension
Second: Mr. Fuglevand
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Ms. Roose and Ms. Small-Eastman, no. Motion Passed.

Open and Closed project status – page 17 of binder

50:21 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Old Business**

Application and Manual Review – page 20 of binder

53:47 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Board Action on Application and Guidelines**

1:06:34 Motion: Mr. Wells – approve the clean version of the Application and Guidelines
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Mr. Fuglevand, no. Motion passed

**Board Action on Project Administration Manual**

1:18:19 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve Project Administration Manual
Second: Ms. Small-Eastman
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Board Action on Application submission language on website**

1:11:11 Motion: Ms. Roose – approve the request as stated
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Mr. Fuglevand, no. Motion passed

**New Business**

**#0922 – Musselshell County – page 168 of binder**

1:19:09 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:53:55 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – pass the Musselshell County application
Second: Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

1:55:50 - Discussion of Categorical Exclusion from MEPA process
Motion: Ms. Roose – to categorically exclude from the MEPA process
Second: Mr. Fuglevand
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

1:58:18 Chair Lorello opened the meeting for any public comment.
1:58:20 Jim Atchison, SEMDC

**Board Matters**

**Confirmation of next meeting dates and location**

2:11:16 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Adjournment**

2:18:06 Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.