Montana Coal Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2021  
Billings, MT

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

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:
Scott Osterman, Director  
Renee Lemon, Division Administrator  
Becky Anseth, Interim Operations Manager  
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer  
Jessica Osterloh, Attorney  
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant  
Todd Jackson, Communications Specialist  
Sarah Jordt, Accountant

Public Present:
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip  
John Egeland, MSUB Foundation  
Mike Goffena, Musselshell County Commissioner  
Bill Hodges, Director Big Horn Hospital Association  
John Rogers, SEMDC  
Representative Ken Holmlund  
Tyler Bush, McKinstry  
Joe Purcell, Mayor Hardin  
Donald Babbin Jr., Police Chief Hardin  
Jim Atchison, SEMDC  
Tom Stockert, Musselshell County  
Bob Lewandowski, Superintendent Colstrip  
Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC  
Representative Geraldine Custer,  
Ron Slinger, President Miles Comm. College  
Bruce Brown, Vice-Chair Colstrip School Board  
George Real Bird III, Big Horn Co. Commissioner

Call Meeting to Order
1:05 Vice-Chair Schaff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
1:35 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

Commerce Updates
1:57 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment
5:05 Vice-Chair Schaff asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board’s jurisdiction.
5:12 John Williams, Mayor Colstrip
7:35 Tom Stockert, Musselshell County
8:15 Mike Goffena, Musselshell County Commissioner
9:01   Bill Hodges, Big Horn Hospital Association
10:19  Bob Lewandowski, Colstrip Public Schools
11:30  John Egeland, MSUB Foundation

Approval of Minutes
September 8, 2021 MT Coal Board Meeting Minutes – page 4 of binder
4:15   Presenter: Ms. Young
       Motion: Ms. Laughner – 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 7 of binder
12:53  Presenter: Ms. Young

Project Updates
#0830 – Northern Cheyenne Tribe Extension Request-Recommend to 9/30/2022 – page 11 of binder
26:18  Presenter: Ms. Young
       Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – approve extension request to 9/30/2022
       Second: Mr. Fuglevand
       Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0854 – Northern Cheyenne Tribe Extension Request-Recommend to 9/30/2022 – page 12 of binder
27:32  Presenter: Ms. Young
       Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – approve extension request to 9/30/2022
       Second: Mr. Wells
       Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#0886 – Miles City Extension Request-Recommend to 9/30/2023 – page 13 of binder
28:35  Presenter: Ms. Young
       Motion: Mr. Wells – approve extension request to 9/30/2023
       Second: Ms. Laughner
       Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Open and Closed project status – page 14 of binder
30:07  Presenter: Ms. Young

Old Business
32:53  Presenter: Ms. Young
New Business

#0924 – City of Colstrip – page 21 of binder

0:55:09 Presenter: Ms. Young
3:03:11 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – accept documents provided and waive 10-day rule
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

3:05:53 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – award full amount requested; $309,000 cash available and $66,000 contingent on revenue
Second: Ms. Laughner
3:14:19 Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes - Mr. Fuglevand, Ms. Laughner, Vice-Chair Schaff;
No – Ms. Roose, Ms. Small-Eastman, Mr. Wells. Motion Failed

3:11:07 Mr. Fuglevand asked to amend his previous motion
Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – award cash available $309,152.23
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes - Mr. Fuglevand, Ms. Laughner, Vice-Chair Schaff;
No – Ms. Roose, Ms. Small-Eastman, Mr. Wells. Motion to amend Failed

3:26:13 Motion: Mr. Wells – deny applications 0924, 0925, 0926, and 0928 for lack of available funds
Second: Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Mr. Fuglevand. Motion Passed.

#0925 – Musselshell County – page 133 of binder

1:49:49 Presenter: Ms. Young
3:26:13 Motion: Mr. Wells – deny applications 0924, 0925, 0926, and 0928 for lack of available funds
Second: Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Mr. Fuglevand. Motion Passed.

#0926 – Big Horn County – page 301 of binder

1:54:16 Presenter: Ms. Young
3:17:57 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – award full amount contingent on revenue
Second: Mr. Fuglevand
Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes – Mr. Fuglevand, Vice-Chair Schaff, Ms. Small-Eastman;
No – Ms. Laughner, Ms. Roose, Mr. Wells. Motion Failed.

3:26:13 Motion: Mr. Wells – deny applications 0924, 0925, 0926, and 0928 for lack of available funds
Second: Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Mr. Fuglevand. Motion Passed.

#0927 – Colstrip Public Schools – page 352 of binder

2:11:03 Presenter: Ms. Young
3:03:57 Motion: Mr. Wells – accept documents provided and waive 10-day rule
Second: Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

3:21:04   Motion:  Mr. Wells – award partial funding of $127,112
Second:  Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes – Ms. Roose, Vice-Chair Schaff, Ms. Small-Eastman, Mr. Wells; No – Mr. Fuglevand, Ms. Laughner. Motion Passed

#0928 – City of Colstrip – page 400 of binder
2:35:18   Presenter:  Ms. Young
3:04:36   Motion:  Mr. Fuglevand – accept documents provided and waive 10-day rule
Second:  Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

3:23:15   Motion:  Ms. Laughner – award full amount - remainder after $139,090.23 cash available will be contingent on revenue
Second:  None
Motion died for lack of a second.

3:26:13   Motion:  Mr. Wells – deny applications 0924, 0925, 0926, and 0928 for lack of available funds
Second:  Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Mr. Fuglevand. Motion Passed.

#0929 – City of Hardin – page 430 of binder
2:49:10   Presenter:  Ms. Young
3:16:33   Motion:  Ms. Laughner – fund full amount
Second:  Ms. Roose
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Mr. Fuglevand. Motion Passed.

#0930 – City of Colstrip – page 477 of binder
0:53:53   Presenter:  Ms. Young
Motion:  Mr. Fuglevand – accept Mayor Williams’ withdrawal of application during public comment (5:12)
Second:  Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Opportunity for Public Comment
3:30:24   Vice-Chair Schaff opened the meeting for any public comment.
3:31:02   Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC
3:33:26   John Williams, Mayor Colstrip
3:36:27   Tom Stockert, Musselshell County
3:37:08   Bob Lewandowski, Superintendent Colstrip Public Schools
3:37:43   Bill Hodges, Director Big Horn Hospital Association
3:38:57   George Real Bird, Big Horn County Commissioner
3:39:35   Representative Ken Holmlund
Board Matters
Confirmation of next meeting dates and location
3:40:23  Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment
3:42:42  Meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.