

**Montana Coal Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2022**  
Billings, MT

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Hal Fuglevand - Present	Catherine Laughner - Present
Pat Lorello - Present	Marianne Roose - Absent
Tim Schaff - Present	Veronica Small-Eastman - Present
Jon Wells - Present	

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:**

Adam Schafer, Deputy Director  
Renee Lemon, Division Administrator  
Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Program Manager  
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer  
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant  
Sarah Jordt, Accountant

**Public Present:**

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip	Dinny Bennett, Superintendent Forsyth Public Schools
Jim Atchison, SEMDC	Senator Duane Ankney
Tom Stockert, Musselshell County	Daniele O'Banion, Big Horn County Ambulance
Mike Goffena, Musselshell County Commissioner	Molly Schwend, Montana Coal Council
Bill Hodges, Director Big Horn Hospital Association	
Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC	
John Rogers, SEMDC	

**Call Meeting to Order**

0:08 Chair Lorello called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.  
1:00 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

**Commerce Updates**

1:37 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

2:35 Chair Lorello asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:

- Jim Atchison, SEMDC
- John Williams, Mayor Colstrip
- Tom Stockert, Musselshell County
- Dinny Bennett, Superintendent Forsyth Public Schools
- Bill Hodges, Big Horn Hospital Association

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**Approval of Minutes**

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12:03 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve minutes with correction as indicated

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Budget Status Update**

**Revenue History and Budget Update – page 8 of binder**

14:01 Presenter: Ms. Jordt

**Project Updates**

**Open and Closed project status – page 17 of binder**

23:47 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Old Business**

28:20 Presenter: Ms. Young

**New Business**

**#0931 – City of Colstrip – page 18 of binder**

0:29:25 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:16:42 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – fully fund \$285,000

Second: Ms. Laughner

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0932 – City of Colstrip – page 60 of binder**

0:48:02 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:18:19 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fully fund \$375,000

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0933 – Musselshell County – page 131 of binder**

1:18:11 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:21:26 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – fully fund \$304,000

Second: Ms. Small-Eastman

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0934 – Big Horn County – page 301 of binder**

1:30:11 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:22:37 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – fully fund \$159,000

Second: Mr. Wells

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

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2:27:28 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – accept application documents presented at meeting  
Second: Ms. Small-Eastman  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0935 – Big Horn County – page 368 of binder**

1:40:14 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:24:21 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – fully fund \$412,000

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes – Mr. Fuglevand, Vice-Chair Schaff, Ms. Small-Eastman;

No – Ms. Laughner, Chair Lorello, Mr. Wells. Motion Failed

**#0936 – Forsyth Public Schools – page 416 of binder**

2:01:48 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:25:33 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – fully fund \$150,000

Second: Mr. Wells

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

2:28:20 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – accept application documents presented at meeting

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0937 – City of Forsyth – page 437 of binder**

2:13:56 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:26:40 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – accept Mayor Kopitzke’s request to table application until  
next meeting

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Analysis of Applications Against Statutory Criteria**

2:30:46 Presenter: Deputy Director Schafer

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

2:36:50 Chair Lorello opened the meeting for any public comment:

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

Tom Stockert, Musselshell County

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**Board Matters**

**Confirmation of next meeting dates and location**

2:44:47 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Adjournment**

2:45:37 Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.