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
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.
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  
        John Williams, Mayor Colstrip  
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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.