

Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023
Billings, MT

Roll Call of Board Members:

Hal Fuglevand - Present	Catherine Laughner - Present
Pat Lorello - Present	Sandra Jones - Present
Tim Schaff - Present	Sandy Tutvedt - Present
Jon Wells - Present	

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:

Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Program Manager
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer
Judy Clay, Accountant
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

Public Present:

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip	Larry Fink, Mayor Hysham
Jim Atchison, SEMDC	Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC
Crystal Bennett, Great West Engineering	Sarah Shannon, Superintendent Ashland Pub School
William Thet, Board Chair Ashland School District	Kristi Gatrell, Big Horn Hospital Association
Patti R. Medicinehorse, Dir. Big Horn Co Ambulance	Daniele O'Banion, Big Horn Co. Ambulance (Ret)
Laura Erikson, Stahly Engineering	Nicole Hanson, Superintendent Lavina School
Melissa Schnitzmeier, Principal/Super Pioneer Sch	Taylor Eissinger, Teacher Pioneer School
Amanda Stonerock, Stonerock Business Solutions	Bill Haynes, Collaborative Design Architects

Call Meeting to Order

0:45 Chair Lorello called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
0:54 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

Elections

1:21 Presenter: Ms. Young

Commerce Updates

2:08 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment

10:17 Chair Lorello asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip
Jim Atchison, SEMDC

Approval of Minutes

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20:13 Presenter: Ms. Young

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Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve minutes
Second: Ms. Laughner
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Budget Status Update

Cash Activity Detail – page 8 of binder

21:03 Presenter: Ms. Young

Project Updates

#0953 – Town of Hysham – page 10 of binder

22:04 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Mr. Wells – approve change of scope of work request

Second: Ms. Jones

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

Open and Closed project status – page 11 of binder

31:20 Presenter: Ms. Young

New Business

#0958– Ashland Public School – page 12 of binder

0:34:28 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:08:55 Motion: Mr. Wells – fund full amount, \$127,220

Second: Ms. Jones

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

#0959 – Big Horn County – page 63 of binder

0:43:45 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:10:11 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – award full amount, \$261,482

Second: Ms. Tutvedt

2:10:48 Motion: Ms. Jones – amend previous motion to \$250,000

Second: Mr. Wells

Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes – Ms. Jones, Ms. Laughner, Chair Lorello, Vice-Chair Schaff;

No – Mr. Fuglevand, Ms. Tutvedt, Mr. Wells. Motion Passed.

2:13:10 Motion: Ms. Jones – motion to vote on original motion as amended

Second: N/A

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

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0:50:01 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:15:36 Motion: Mr. Wells – fund one ambulance chassis at \$159,000

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Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: Yes –Chair Lorello, Vice-Chair Schaff, Mr. Wells;
No – Mr. Fuglevand, Ms. Jones, M.s Laughner, Ms. Tutvedt. Motion Failed.

2:17:10 Motion: Ms. Laughner – deny application

Second: Ms. Tutvedt

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Vice-Chair Schaff and Mr. Wells. Motion Passed.

#0961 – Miles City – page 156 of binder

1:10:49 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:12:11 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – accept withdrawal of application by applicant

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

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

#0962 – Treasure County – page 197 of binder

1:12:49 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:02:10 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – table application until next meeting

Second: Ms. Tutvedt

2:04:38 Motion: Mr. Wells – amend previous motion to deny funding with applicant able to reapply

Second: Ms. Jones

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

2:07:24 Motion: Ms. Jones – move the original motion as it has been amended

Second: Mr. Wells

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

#0963 – Lavina Public School District – page 527 of binder

1:16:45 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:19:27 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – award full amount, \$250,000

Second: Ms. Jones

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

#0964 – Pioneer School District #41 – page 766 of binder

1:31:44 Presenter: Ms. Young

2:21:13 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund up to \$75,000 for PER

Second: None

Motion Died.

2:21:58 Motion: Ms. Laughner – deny application

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Mr. Fuglevand recused himself. Motion Passed.

Opportunity for Public Comment

2:24:22 Chair Lorello opened the meeting for any public comment:

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Sarah Shannon, Superintendent Ashland Public School

Board Matters

Confirmation of next meeting dates and location

2:29:59 Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment

2:31:29 Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.