

**Montana Coal Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2023**  
Billings, MT

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Hal Fuglevand - Absent	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  
John Semmens, Chief Legal  
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

**Public Present:**

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip	Tom Stockert, Musselshell County
Jim Atchison, SEMDC	Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC
Jacob Stops, Crow Tribe	Therea Doumitt, Musselshell Co RMH
Representative Gary W. Parry, HD39	Adam Hagel, Stahly Engineering
Ruth Baue, Commissioner Treasure Co	Doug Colombik, Police Chief Miles City
Ron Solberg, Director Musselshell Co Ambulance	Mike Turley, Chairman Musselshell Co Commissioners
Becky Bey, KLJ Engineering	Steve Arveschoug, BSED
Mark Morse, Commissioner Yellowstone Co	Mike Ariztia, Lockwood WSD
Robert Pancratz, Commissioner Musselshell Co	Ken Wooley, Rosebud Mine Colstrip
Robert Lee, Commissioner Rosebud Co	Brandon Duffey, Great West Engineering
Pat Zent, Director Public Works Colstrip	Chris Hess, Superintendent Forsyth Public Schools
Jennifer Anderson, Chair Forsyth Public School Board	Brandon Janshen, SDI Architects & Design
Ruth Baker, Treasure County	

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**Call Meeting to Order**

0:31 Chair Lorello called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.  
0:40 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

**Elections**

1:07 Presenter: Ms. Young  
Motion: Ms. Jones – nominate Jon Wells as Chair and Tim Schaff as Vice-Chair  
Second: Ms. Tutvedt  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Mr. Wells. Motion Passed.

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**Commerce Updates**

3:23 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

05:35 Chair Lorello asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

Tom Stockert, Musselshell County

**Approval of Minutes**

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10:28 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Ms. Jones – approve minutes

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Discussion from Ms. Laughner – she was missing from minutes and Marianne Roose still listed  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all no. Motion Failed.

13:49 Motion: Mr. Wells – approve minutes as corrected

Second: Ms. Tutvedt

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

**Budget Status Update**

**Cash Activity Detail – page 8 of binder**

14:30 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Project Updates**

**#0787 – Crow Tribe – page 10 of binder**

16:16 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Mr. Wells – approve contract extension to December 31, 2024

Second: Mr. Schaff

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

**#00922 – Musselshell County – page 11 of binder**

25:47 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve contract extension to September 30, 2024

Second: Ms. Laughner

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

**#0944 – Musselshell County – page 25 of binder**

31:20 Presenter: Ms. Young

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**Open and Closed project status – page 27 of binder**

31:39 Presenter: Ms. Young

**New Business**

**#0966– Treasure County, Gibson Road Bridge – page 29 of binder**

0:34:25 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 0:56:45 Motion: Ms. Laughner – fund full amount  
Second: Chair Lorello

\*2- 0:57:19 Motion: Ms. Jones – amend previous motion to 50% of full amount-\$189,550  
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

\*2- 0:58:53 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve motion as amended  
Second: Ms. Jones  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Tutvedt. Motion Passed.

**#0967 – City of Miles City, Police Car – page 360 of binder**

0:45:33 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 1:00:18 Motion: Mr. Wells – fund full amount  
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Tutvedt. Motion Passed.

**#0968 – Musselshell County, Ambulance – page 402 of binder**

1:02:41 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 1:01:23 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund full amount  
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Tutvedt. Motion Passed.

**#0969 – Yellowstone County, TEDD – page 425 of binder**

1:09:26 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 1:02:22 Motion: Ms. Tutvedt – deny application  
Second: Ms. Jones  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0970 – City of Colstrip, City Hall A/V System – page 552 of binder**

1:35:01 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 1:03:44 Motion: Ms. Tutvedt – fund full amount  
Second: Ms. Jones  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Laughner . Motion Passed.

**#0971 – Musselshell County, Backhoe – page 573 of binder**

\*2- 0:00:01 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 1:04:45 Motion: Ms. Laughner – fund full amount

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

**#0972 – Rosebud County, Castle Rock Road – page 884 of binder**

\*2- 0:08:18 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 1:05:50 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund \$200,000 of \$500,00 requested  
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

\*2- 1:07:42 Motion: Mr. Wells – amend previous motion to fully fund at \$500,000  
Second: Ms. Tutvedt  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Jones. Motion Passed.

\*2- 1:09:07 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve motion as amended  
Second: Mr. Wells  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0973 – City of Colstrip, Excavator – page 917 of binder**

\*2- 0:24:29 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 1:09:48 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund full amount, \$40,000  
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Tutvedt. Motion Passed.

**#0974 – Forsyth Public Schools, Teacher Housing – page 951 of binder**

\*2- 0:30:15 Presenter: Ms. Young

\*2- 1:10:40 Motion: Mr. Wells – deny application  
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

\*2- 1:13:49 Chair Lorello opened the meeting for any public comment:

Tom Stockert, Musselshell County  
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip  
Robert Lee, Commissioner Rosebud County  
Doug Colombik, Police Chief Miles City  
Jim Atchison, SEMDC  
Ruth Baker, Treasure County  
Becky Bey, KLJ Engineering  
Mike Turley, Musselshell County Commissioner  
Bob Pancratz, Musselshell County Commissioner  
Representative Gary Parry

**Board Matters**

**Confirmation of next meeting dates and location**

\*2- 1:19:23 Presenter: Ms. Young

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**Adjournment**

\*2- 1:20:27 Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.