Board Members Present
Chair Donna von Nieda, Vice-chair Mark Thompson, Jane Weber, Keith Kelly, and John Rogers

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present
Jennifer Olson, Division Administrator; A.C. Rothenbuecher, Operations Manager; Anne Pichette, Administrative Officer; Amy Barnes, Attorney; and Bonnie Martello, Paralegal.

Public Present by Phone
Dane Ogle Meagher County
John Beaudry Tintina Montana/Sandfire Resources America
Maureen Davey Stillwater County

Public Present
Nancy Schlep Tintina Montana/Sandfire Resources America

Welcome – Call to order
Ms. von Nieda called to order the Hard Rock Mining Impact Board at 8:30 a.m.

Roll call
Ms. Pichette called the roll for board members. The following board members were present: Chair von Nieda, Vice-chair Thompson, Keith Kelly, John Rogers, and Jane Weber.

Opportunity for Public Comment
• Maureen Davey commented on ballot issue.

Board Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
• Ms. Pichette presented the agenda items for the board to elect a Chair and Vice-chair. Due to new appointments no Chair or Vice-chair was currently in place for the board.

Action by the Board: Ms. Weber nominated Ms. von Nieda for Chair. Mr. Thompson seconded. All in favor. Ms. Weber moved to nominate Mr. Thompson for Vice-chair. Mr. Kelly seconded. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes (October 14, 2016)
• Chair von Neida called for a discussion from the board regarding the minutes and any comments from the public.

Action by the Board: Mr. Kelly moved to approve. Ms. Weber seconded. Motion passed.

Orientation updates
• Commerce staff presented a review of the October 2018 updated Orientation Handbook for Montana’s Boards, Councils and Commissions.
Email and Security Training Session
- Ms. Martello reviewed the process to assist the Board with ease of transition to the State email access and clarified what areas had been challenging through a PowerPoint presentation. Cyber Security Training was conducted, as this training must be completed annually by each board member.

Discussion of Hard Rock Mining Impact Board Correspondence
- Commerce staff presented copies of the two pieces correspondence Commerce sent on behalf of the board to relevant parties regarding the responsibilities after the submission of a hard-rock mining impact plan.
- Vice-chair Thompson asked why the letters were listed as “informal”.
- Ms. Olson responded with clarification it was not a required notice.

Hard Rock Mining Impact Trust Account Annual Payments
- Commerce staff presented a copy of the correspondence Commerce sent to Montana Department of Revenue regarding the HRMI Trust Account payments.
- Chair von Neida asked if the board needed to review and approve this payment.
- Commerce staff stated this is notification to the board regarding the communication Commerce is to provide to Revenue.

Opportunity for Public Comment
- Maureen Davey provided inquiry into the status of the previous work the board was completing regarding the revision to existing HRMI Guide.

Board Matters
- The board discussed the next meeting to be in May and provided potential options for a meeting.
- Ms. Pichette will email options to the board to finalize a date. And reminded the board to reply only to her and not reply to all so the board could follow the proper Open Public Meeting protocols.
- Chair von Neida requested that the next meeting include an agenda item regarding the revision of the existing HRMI Guide.

Other Comments/Questions
- None

Adjournment
With no other business, the meeting was adjourned with the meeting ending approximately at 10:00 a.m.