

**Hard Rock Mining Impact Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 15, 2018**

Department of Commerce 301 South Park Ave, Helena, MT

**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**

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| Dane Ogle     | Meagher County                             |
| John Beaudry  | Tintina Montana/Sandfire Resources America |
| Maureen Davey | Stillwater County                          |

**Public Present**

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| Nancy Schlepp | Tintina Montana/Sandfire Resources America |
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**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 voted 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.

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**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 replay 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.