

Hard Rock Mining Impact Board

Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2019

Department of Commerce 301 South Park Ave, Helena, MT

Board Members Present

Chair Donna von Nieda, Vice-Chair Mark Thompson, Jane Weber, and John Rogers

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present

Jennifer Olson, Division Administrator; A.C. Rothenbuecher, Operations Manager; Amy Barnes, Attorney; and Anita Proul, Executive Assistant.

Public Present by Phone

No public present by phone

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Nancy Schlepp Tintina Montana/Sandfire Resources America

Welcome – Call to order

Chair von Nieda called to order the Hard Rock Mining Impact Board at approximately 3:01 p.m.

Roll call

Ms. Rothenbuecher called the roll for board members. The following board members were present via phone: Chair von Nieda, Vice-chair Thompson, and Jane Weber; John Rogers present in person.

Opportunity for Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda, but within the Board's Jurisdiction

- No public comments present or on phone

Sandfire Resources America, Black Butte Copper Project Draft Financial Guaranty

- Ms. Rothenbuecher explained the documents that were available for the meeting and the process of posting the financial guaranty, with changes, and that no public comment was provided by the deadline of Friday, October 25, 2019.
- Chair von Nieda asked for any public comment – none provided

Action by the Board:

- Vice-chair Thompson made a motion to accept the Financial Guaranty as amended by Commerce Counsel
- Jane Weber seconded but asked for clarification on Item #10 – all parties as being referenced in paragraph #2 and they are actually in the opening paragraph
- Chair von Nieda asked if the correction could be made and did the guaranty have to go out for public comment again or just be accepted?
- Ms. Barnes indicated that the correction could be made and that it was a small technical correction that did not have to go out for public comment again.
- Ms. Barnes further indicated that Vice-chair Thompson would either need to withdraw his initial motion or amend it to reference the correction to item #10.

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- Vice-chair Thompson made a motion to accept the financial guaranty as amended by Commerce Counsel including the corrections to item #10. Jane Weber seconded.
- Chair von Nieda asked for any further discussion from the board, none provided.
- Chair von Nieda asked Ms. Rothenbuecher to take a roll call vote and all members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chair von Nieda entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rogers made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Weber seconded, meeting adjourned at approximately 3:13 p.m.