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; Rachel Young, Administrative Officer; and Anita Proul, Executive Assistant.

Welcome – Call to order
Chair von Nieda called to order the Hard Rock Mining Impact Board at approximately 2:13 p.m.

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

Opportunity for Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda, but within the Board's Jurisdiction
- No public comments provided

Approval of Minutes (October 10, 2019 and October 30, 2019)
- October 10, 2019
  - Chair von Nieda called for any public comment or Board discussion – no comments or discussion provided.

Action by the Board: Ms. Weber moved to approve minutes from October 10, 2019 as provided. Mr. Rogers seconded. Chair von Nieda assumed the motion.
- October 30, 2019
  - Chair von Nieda called for any public comment or Board discussion – no comments or discussion provided.

Action by the Board: Mr. Rogers moved to approve minutes from October 30, 2019 as provided. Ms. Weber seconded. Chair von Nieda assumed the motion.

Staff Updates
- Ms. Young reminded the Board members about legislative engagement and directed them to the Department of Commerce policy posted on the website.
- Chair von Nieda asked for any public comment or Board discussion – none provided.

Action by the Board: No Action Required.

Hard Rock Mining Impact Trust Account Annual Payments
Ms. Young referenced the statement and documents that were provided to the Board and posted on the website as well, and let the board know that staff was available for questions.
- Chair von Nieda asked for any public comment – none provided.
Chair von Nieda asked for any Board discussion – the Board discussed the distributions and the supporting documents from May and October 2020.

Mr. Thompson asked if the Board needed to approve the distributions.
  o Chair von Nieda indicated that her understanding was to make a formal motion to approve and, as chair on behalf of Board, needed to concur and approve by signature, but asked for correction from Ms. Olson or Ms. Rothenbuecher – Ms. Rothenbuecher indicated it was not required by statute, Board’s prerogative to pursue.

Ms. Weber indicated that it was nice for the minutes to reflect the Board accepted them, not approved them; it shows that the Board reviewed them, and they are aware of them.

**Action by the Board:** Mr. Thompson moved to accept the distributions as outlined, and if necessary, authorize Chair von Nieda to sign if needed. Ms. Weber seconded. Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Mr. Kelly absent. Motion carried.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**
  - No public comments provided

**Board Matters**
Suggestion of next meeting – wait until approximately end of March or beginning of April to discuss next meeting time; Chair von Nieda will reach out to staff at that time.

**Adjournment**
Chair von Nieda entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Weber made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thompson seconded. Chair von Nieda assumed motion, meeting adjourned at approximately 2:36 p.m.