

**Montana Coal Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2021**  
Billings, MT

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Hal Fuglevand - Present

Pat Lorello - Present

Tim Schaff - Absent

Jon Wells - Present

Catherine Laughner - Present

Marianne Roose - Present

Veronica Small-Eastman - Present

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:**

Renee Lemon, Division Administrator

Becky Anseth, Interim Operations Manager

Rachel Young, Administrative Officer

Jessica Osterloh, Attorney

Amy Barnes, Acting Chief Legal Counsel

Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

Todd Jackson, Communications Specialist

Kim Aiken, Finance Manager

**Public Present:**

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

Bill Kennedy, MSUB Foundation

Theresa Doumit, Musselshell County

Holly Wolff, Roundup Memorial Hospital

Harry L. Rock Above, Chief Plenty Coup Honor Guard

Becky Bey, KLJ Engineering

**Call Meeting to Order**

3:35 Chair Lorello called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

4:06 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.

**Commerce Updates**

4:40 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

11:27 Chair Lorello asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction.

11:43 Bill Kennedy, MSUB Foundation

14:15 Harry L. Rock Above, Chief Plenty Coup Honor Guards

**Approval of Minutes**

**March 11, 2021 and June 9, 2021 MT Coal Board Meeting Minutes – page 4 of binder**

19:01 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Ms. Roose – approve minutes as presented

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

**Budget Status Update**

**Revenue History and Budget Update – page 11 of binder**

20:34 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Project Updates**

**#0887 – Musselshell County Extension Request-Recommend to 12/31/2021 – page 15 of binder**

39:21 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – approve extension request to 12/31/2021

Second: Ms. Laughner

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

**#0896 – Big Horn County Extension Request-Recommend to 12/2022 – page 16 of binder**

43:25 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Ms. Roose – approve extension request to 12/2022

Second: Ms. Small-Eastman

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

**#0825 – Lame Deer Public Schools-Contract Expired**

45:18 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Mr. Wells – close contract and do not provide a fourth extension

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Ms. Roose and Ms. Small-Eastman, no.

Motion Passed.

**Open and Closed project status – page 17 of binder**

50:21 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Old Business**

**Application and Manual Review – page 20 of binder**

53:47 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Board Action on Application and Guidelines**

1:06:34 Motion: Mr. Wells – approve the clean version of the Application and Guidelines

Second: Ms. Laughner

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Mr. Fuglevand, no. Motion passed

**Board Action on Project Administration Manual**

1:18:19 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve Project Administration Manual

Second: Ms. Small-Eastman

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

Board Action on Application submission language on website

1:11:11 Motion: Ms. Roose – approve the request as stated

Second: Ms. Laughner

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Mr. Fuglevand, no. Motion passed

**New Business**

**#0922 – Musselshell County – page 168 of binder**

1:19:09 Presenter: Ms. Young

1:53:55 Motion: Ms. Small-Eastman – pass the Musselshell County application

Second: Ms. Roose

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

1:55:50 - Discussion of Categorical Exclusion from MEPA process

Motion: Ms. Roose – to categorically exclude from the MEPA process

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

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

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

1:58:18 Chair Lorello opened the meeting for any public comment.

1:58:20 Jim Atchison, SEMDC

**Board Matters**

**Confirmation of next meeting dates and location**

2:11:16 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Adjournment**

2:18:06 Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.