

**Montana Coal Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 12, 2024**  
Billings, MT

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Hal Fuglevand - Present

Pat Lorello - Present

Tim Schaff - Present

Jon Wells - Present

Catherine Laughner - Present

Sandra Jones - Present

Sandy Tutvedt - Present

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:**

Paul Green, Director

Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Manager

Rachel Young, Administrative Officer

Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

**Public Present:**

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip

Ed Joiner, Rosebud Co Commissioner

Leslie Messer, Richland Economic Dev. Corp

Lon Sibley, Roundup Public Works Director

Chris Hess, Superintendent Forsyth Public Schools

Scott Hein, Rosebud County Commissioner

Pat Zent, PW Director City of Colstrip

Chad Hanson, Great West Engineering

George Real Bird III, Big Horn Co Commissioner

Jake Stops, Contracting Dir. Crow Nation

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC

Representative Gary Parry, HD 39

Martha Potter, Superintendent Savage Public Schools

Marty Cox, Maintenance Forsyth Public Schools

Bob Lee, Rosebud County Commissioner

Kenny Rolandson, Mayor Town of Hysham

AJ Espinoza, Road Superintendent Big Horn Co

Ben McVittie, Road/Bridge Super. Stillwater Co

**Call Meeting to Order**

0:26 Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

0:58 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members

**Commerce Updates**

01:24 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Chairman update on Grant Requirements**

06:16 Presenter: Chair Wells

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

09:09 Chair Wells asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip

Paul Green, Director Department of Commerce

Bob Lee, Rosebud County Commissioner

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

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Leslie Messer, Richland Economic Development Corp

**Budget Update**

**Cash Activity Detail – page 9 of binder**

21:20 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Project Updates**

**Open and Closed project status – page 11 of binder**

25:03 Presenter: Ms. Young

**New Applications**

**#0992 – City of Roundup – Purchase Backhoe – page 13 of binder**

0:27:52 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0993 – Savage Public Schools – School Building Repairs – page 35 of binder**

0:34:05 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0994 – Forsyth Public Schools – Heating System Controls Replacement – page 67 of binder**

0:52:21 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0995 – Rosebud County – Purchase Loader – page 89 of binder**

1:03:35 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0996 – City of Colstrip – Crack Sealing Project Phase 1 – page 110 of binder**

1:14:24 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0997 – Town of Hysham – Water Treatment Improvements Phase 1B – page 134 of binder**

1:25:50 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0998 – Big Horn County – Sarpy Road Asphalt Resurfacing – page 656 of binder**

1:45:30 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0999 – City of Colstrip – Replacement of Water Main – page 1025 of binder**

2:03:53 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#1000 – City of Colstrip – Construction of the Business Innovation Center – page 1058 of binder**

2:14:50 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#1001 – Stillwater County – Purchase of Road Resurfacing Equipment – page 1930 of binder**

2:21:44 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Board Action Items:**

**Approval of Minutes**

**June 13, 2024, MT Coal Board Meeting Minutes – page 1973 of binder**

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2:40:23 Motion: Ms. Tutvedt – approve minutes  
Second: Ms. Jones  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Grant Updates**

**#0787 – Crow Tribe – Extension Request for Phase 3C Wastewater Infrastructure – page 1976 of binder**

2:41:58 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve extension request to March 31, 2026  
Second: Mr. Fuglevand  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0932 – City of Colstrip – Extension Request for Business Innovation Center – page 1977 of binder**

3:01:03 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve extension to September 2026  
Second: Ms. Jones  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0948 – City of Colstrip – Extension Request for Purchase of Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck – page 1978 of binder**

3:02:39 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve extension to December 2025  
Second: Ms. Jones  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Board Action on Grant Applications**

**#0992 – City of Roundup – Purchase Backhoe – page 13 of binder**

3:10:33 Motion: Hal Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$100,000  
Second: Ms. Laughner  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Jones recused herself. Motion Passed.

**#0993 – Savage Public Schools – School Building Repairs – page 35 of binder**

3:14:02 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – fund full amount, \$281,000  
Second: Mr. Lorello  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0994 – Forsyth Public Schools – Heating System Controls Replacement – page 67 of binder**

3:15:23 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund full amount, \$139,150  
Second: Ms. Tutvedt  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0995 – Rosebud County – Purchase Loader – page 89 of binder**

3:17:10 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$155,000  
Second: Mr. Lorello  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0996 – City of Colstrip – Crack Sealing Project Phase 1 – page 110 of binder**

3:18:49 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$200,000  
Second: Mr. Lorello  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Jones, Ms. Tutvedt and Chair Wells. Motion Passed.

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**#0997 – Town of Hysham – Water Treatment Improvements Phase 1B – page 134 of binder**

3:21:33 Motion: Ms. Laughner – fund full amount, \$350,000  
Second: Ms. Jones

3:15:25 Motion: Ms. Laughner – amend motion to fund full amount subject to engineer providing one-page document that clarifies what money will be spent on  
Second: Ms. Jones  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

3:15:25 Motion: Chair Wells – vote on original motion as amended  
Second: N/A  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0998 – Big Horn County – Sarpy Road Asphalt Resurfacing – page 656 of binder**

3:28:56 Motion: Mr. Lorello – deny application  
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0999 – City of Colstrip – Replacement of Water Main – page 1025 of binder**

3:30:02 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund full amount, \$481,670  
Second: Mr. Fuglevand  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#1001 – Stillwater County – Purchase of Road Resurfacing Equipment – page 1930 of binder**

3:31:25 Motion: Mr. Lorello – deny application  
Second: Vice-Chair Schaff  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

3:33:19 Chair Wells opened the meeting for any public comment:  
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip  
Leslie Messer, Richland Economic Development Corp  
Martha Potter, Superintendent Savage Public Schools  
Bob Lee, Rosebud County Commissioner  
Ben McVittie, Road/Bridge Superintendent Stillwater County

**Board Matters**

**Confirmation of next meeting dates and location**

3:36:19 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Adjournment**

3:40:02 Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.