

Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2025
Helena, MT

Roll Call of Board Members:

Hal Fuglevand - Present	Catherine Laughner - Present
Scott Rosenthal - Present	Sandra Jones - Present
Tim Schaff - Present	Sandy Tutvedt - Present
Jon Wells - Present	

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:

Galen Steffens, Division Administrator
Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Manager
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

Public Present:

George Harris, Exec Dir MT Coal Council	Jim Atchison, SEMDC
Leo Tarplee, President Winnett City Council	Anika Risener, Big Horn County Library
Lawrence Killsback, BHC Economic Dev Dir	George Real Bird III, Big Horn County Commissioner
Dennis Kopitzke, Mayor Forsyth	Representative Gary Parry, HD 35
Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC	Spencer VanWichen, Interstate Engineering

Call Meeting to Order

0:06 Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
0:39 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members

Commerce Updates

01:02 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment

03:56 Chair Wells asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:
George Harris, Executive Director MT Coal Council
Jim Atchison, SEMDC

Budget Update

Cash Activity Detail – page 3 of binder

19:57 Presenter: Ms. Young

Project Updates

Open and Closed project status – page 5 of binder

20:39 Presenter: Ms. Young

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#0992 – City of Roundup – Thank You Letter and Picture - page 7 of binder

22:20 Presenter: Ms. Young

#0976 – Richland County – Status Update - page 9 of binder

22:34 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1003 – Musselshell County – Thank You Letter - page 11 of binder

23:03 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1011 – Big Horn County – Withdrawal Letter - page 12 of binder

23:20 Presenter: Ms. Young

New Applications

#1010 – Town of Winnett – Purchase of a Dump Truck – page 13 of binder

0:24:07 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1012 – Big Horn County – Boiler/Fire Systems Replacements at Big Horn Co. Library – page 100 of binder

0:31:56 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1013 – City of Forsyth – New Water Tank and Install Booster Pump – page 157 of binder

0:54:10 Presenter: Ms. Young

Board Action Items:

Approval of Minutes

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1:14:10 Motion: Ms. Jones – approve minutes

Second: Ms. Laughner

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Mr. Rosenthal abstained. Motion Passed.

Board Action on Grant Applications

#1013 – City of Forsyth – New Water Tank and Install Booster Pump – page 157 of binder

1:16:09 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund full amount, \$200,000

Second: Ms. Laughner

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

#1012 – Big Horn County – Boiler/Fire Systems Replacements at Big Horn Co. Library – page 100 of binder

1:17:20 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$155,620.87

Second: Mr. Rosenthal

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Laughner, Ms. Jones and Chair Wells. Motion Passed.

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#1010 – Town of Winnett – Purchase of a Dump Truck – page 13 of binder

1:22:40 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund \$50,000

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

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

Opportunity for Public Comment

1:24:34 Chair Wells opened the meeting for any public comment:

Lawrence Killsback, Big Horn County Economic Development Director

George Real Bird III, Big Horn County Commissioner

Dennis Kopitzke, Mayor Forsyth

Leo Tarplee, President Winnett City Council

Board Matters

Confirmation of next meeting dates and location

1:31:54 Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment

1:33:45 Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.