

**Montana Coal Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2025  
Zoom/Virtual Only**

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

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

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:**

Marta Bertoglio, Director  
Galen Steffens, Division Administrator  
Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Manager  
Mariah Meyers, Administrative Officer  
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant  
Judy Clay, Accounting  
Patrick Quinn, Legal  
Jada Maynor, Paralegal

**Public Present:**

Jim Atchison, Executive Director SEMDC  
Anika Risener, BHC Library Director  
Representative Gary Parry, HD 35  
Chris Oswald, Chairman Colstrip Hospital Dist  
Dennis Kopitzke, Mayor Forsyth  
LaNette Diaz, Interstate Engineering  
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip  
John Poole, Administrator Colstrip Hospital District  
Ed Joiner, Rosebud County Commissioner  
Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk Hardin  
Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC  
Ruth Baue, Treasure County Commissioner

**Call Meeting to Order**

0:08 Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.  
0:54 Ms. Anseth called the roll for Board members

**Commerce Updates**

01:29 Presenter: Ms. Anseth

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

02:48 Chair Wells asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:  
Jim Atchison, Executive Director SEMDC  
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip  
Anika Risener, Big Horn County Library Director  
John Poole, Administrator Colstrip Hospital District

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**Budget Update**

**Cash Activity Detail – page 3 of binder**

09:23 Presenter: Ms. Anseth

**Project Updates**

**Open and Closed project status – page 5 of binder**

12:26 Presenter: Ms. Anseth

**#1012 – Big Horn County – Library Upgrades Status - page 6 of binder**

15:27 Presenter: Ms. Anseth

**New Applications**

**#1029 – Colstrip Hospital District – Electronic Records Management – page 14 of binder**

0:17:44 Presenter: Ms. Anseth

**Board Action Items:**

**Approval of Minutes**

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0:44:39 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve minutes as presented

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

**Board Action on Grant Updates**

**#0889 – City of Hardin –Extension Request – page 11 of binder**

0:45:57 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve extension request through May 31, 2027

Second: Mr. Rosenthal

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

**#0937 – City of Forsyth – Intake Change of Scope Request and Extension Request – page 12 of binder**

0:57:30 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve request as presented – change of scope and extension

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

**#1013 – City of Forsyth – Tank and Booster Reduction of Scope – page 13 of binder**

1:19:11 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – approve request as presented – reduction of scope

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

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

**Board Action on Grant Applications**

**#1029 – Colstrip Hospital District – Electronic Records Management – page 14 of binder**

1:31:35 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – fund full amount, \$120,000

Second: Mr. Rosenthal

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

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**Opportunity for Public Comment**

1:33:17 Chair Wells opened the meeting for any public comment:

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip

Jim Atchison, SEMDC

John Poole, Administrator Colstrip Hospital District

Chris Oswald, Chairman Colstrip Hospital District

Ruth Baue, Treasure County Commissioner

Representative Gary Parry, HD 35

**Board Matters**

**Confirmation of next meeting dates and location**

1:38:11 Presenter: Ms. Anseth

**Adjournment**

1:47:14 Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.