

**Hard Rock Mining Impact Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2020  
Conference Call**

**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.

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- 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.
  - 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.