

Agriculture Development Council  
**Growth Through Agriculture (GTA) Program**

November 17, 2017

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	Topic	Discussion
	<b>Call to Order</b> ➤ Amy Kellogg, Chair	
	<b>Roll Call/Call for Proxies</b>	
	<b>Public Comment</b>	
	<b>Minutes</b> ➤ Review of May 17, 2017 Council Minutes	
	<b>Update from Department</b> ➤ Ben Thomas, Director, Department of Agriculture	
	<b>FYE2017/FY2018 Financial Report</b> ➤ Libbi Lovshin, Central Services Administrator	
	<b>Report on Applications Received</b> ➤ Angie Nelson	
	<b>Marketing Projects Report – Budget Amendment Request</b> ➤ Steph Hystad, Marketing Officer ➤ Great Falls State Fair/Grown in Montana Store ➤ Montana Food Show, Bozeman ➤ Capitol Square Farmers Market ➤ Request to use remaining funds for: ➤ Montana Department of Agriculture Marketing team to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Conduct in person marketing consultations with Montana ag and food companies across the state.</li> <li>2) To engage in a consumer awareness-focused Montana local food campaign in 2018.</li> </ol>	

	<p><b>Review Targeted Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Current designated areas – eligible for low interest rate:</li> <li>1) Businesses expanding or adding value to Montana commodities, and</li> <li>2) Businesses transitioning beyond direct sales/farmers markets.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Review Loan Rates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Angie Nelson, GTA Program Manager</li> </ul> <p>Current Rates: Low - 0%, High 5% (changed May 17, 2017)</p>	
	<p><b>Grant/Loan Reporting Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Angie Nelson, GTA Program Manager</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Loan Payment Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Angie Nelson, GTA Program Manager</li> <li>➤ Zach Coccoli, Staff Attorney</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Project Updates &amp; Success Stories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Tabletree - Tabletree Montana LLC, Bigfork, MT, Gary &amp; Susan Snow – Grant #17GTAG014 and Flathead Lake Cherry Growers Coop Grant #16GTAG010</b> - Project completed – processing cherries into cherry juice in Flathead</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Requests</b></p>	
	<p><b>Contract Change Decisions Made Without Full Council Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Angie Nelson, GTA Program Manager</li> </ul> <p><b>County Rail Farm, Huson, MT, Tracy Potter-Fins and Margaret DeBona, Grant 17GTAG008 - Budget Change –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Approved truck topper with Chair &amp; Vice-Chair approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Woolly Bugger/Poor Orphan Creamery, Sheridan, MT Loan# 0950205 – Loan Settlement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Request received to settle loan for \$8,000 – approved by Program Manager and Council Chair</li> </ul> <p><b>Lodge Grass School District, Lodge Grass, Ty Neal – 16GTAG015 – Budget Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Request received October 2017 to use remaining grant funds (\$4,449.30) towards the purchase of a side by side to manage herd.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	
	<p><b>Review Council Member Terms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Amy Kellogg – Term Ends: July 1, 2019</li> <li>➤ Greg Jergeson – Term Ends: July 1, 2019</li> <li>➤ Lars Hanson – Term Ends: July 1, 2020</li> <li>➤ Patty Quisno – Term Ends: July 1, 2020</li> <li>➤ Tara Mastel – Term Ends: July 1, 2020</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Schedule Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tentatively Set for February 6-8, 2018</li> <li>➤ Discuss and finalize</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Discuss Next Application Deadline(s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Proposed: November 15, 2018</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	
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