# Agriculture Development Council Meeting

**May 1, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

Teleconference/SKYPE

**Join Skype Meeting**
Join by phone: 406-444-4647 Conference ID: 574988
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| Review Legislative Outcomes/Changes | Zach Coccoli, Staff Attorney  
  - HB52 – GTA and FADC Funding Continuation/Changes  
  - HB431 - New Farmer Loan Repayment Assistance Program |
| Food & Agriculture Development Center Funding | Council Duties and Oversight  
  - Draft Review Criteria / Funding Opportunity  
  - Set Application Deadline  
  - Set Tentative Council Meeting Date to Review Applications |
| Growth Through Agriculture Program Business: | |
| Review Targeted Areas | Current designated areas – eligible for low interest rate:  
  1) Businesses expanding or adding value to Montana commodities, and  
  2) Businesses transitioning beyond direct sales/farmers markets. |
| Review Loan Rates | Angie Nelson, GTA Program Manager  
  Current Rates: Low - 0%, High 5% |
| Contract Change Decisions Made Without Full Council Action | Angie Nelson, GTA Program Manager  
  - Mountain View Growers, Kalispell – Loan 1450697 – approved loan payment deferral for 4 months – Payment resumes May 2019 – 4 payments left on loan  
  - Willow Mountain Winery, Corvallis – Grant 19GTAG020 – Budget adjusted to use funds for labor costs to install plants  
  - Rocky Mountain Agriscience, Hamilton – Grant 18GTAG009 - Budget Change Request – Allowed use of up to 10% of funds (max $5,000) for engineering. |
- **Stetson Ranches, Fromberg - Grant 17GTAG016** – Use of remaining funds for additional equipment

## Other Business

### Schedule Next Meeting
- Proposed: July 2, 2019 – In person meeting, Helena

### Next Application Deadline(s)
- Proposed: November 1, 2019 – 2pm

### Public Comment

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