

Agriculture Development Council Meeting

May 1, 2019
 10:00 a.m.
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Agenda is subject to change.

	Topic	Discussion
	Call to Order ➤ Amy Kellogg, Chair	
	Roll Call/Call for Proxies	
	Public Comment	
	Minutes ➤ Review of February 4-5, 2019 Council Minutes	
	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.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Stetson Ranches, Fromberg - Grant 17GTAG016 – Use of remaining funds for additional equipment	
	Other Business	
	Schedule Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Proposed: July 2, 2019 – In person meeting, Helena	
	Next Application Deadline(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Proposed: November 1, 2019 – 2pm	
	Public Comment	
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