

**Montana Agriculture Development Council Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2019
Conference Room 225 / SKYPE
Montana Department of Agriculture
Helena, Montana**

Members in attendance:

Amy Kellogg, Chair, Kalispell
Lars Hanson, Vice Chair, Edgar
Ben Thomas, Director of Agriculture, Helena
Tara Rice, Director of Commerce, Helena (present through proxy to Tom Kaiserski)
Greg Jergeson, Chinook
Tara Mastel, Red Lodge
Patricia Quisno, Fort Belknap

Members absent:

none

Staff in attendance:

Tom Kaiserski, Industry Development Manager, Montana
Department of Commerce (General/Irrevocable Proxy for Director of Commerce Tara Rice, July 2, 2019)
Kim Mangold, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Agriculture
Zach Coccoli, Staff Attorney & Interim Bureau Chief, Agriculture Development and Marketing Bureau, Department of Agriculture
Angie Nelson, Program Manager, Growth Through Agriculture (GTA) & Food and Agriculture Development Center (FADC) Program, Montana Department of Agriculture
Charsi Workman, Marketing Officer, Montana Department of Agriculture
Weston Merrill, Marketing Officer, Montana Department of Agriculture
Marty Earnheart, Marketing Officer, Montana Department of Agriculture
David Johnson, Accountant, Montana Department of Agriculture (partial attendance)

Amy Kellogg, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:23 a.m. Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Roll Call/Call for Proxies

- *Tuesday, May 28, 2019 a general, irrevocable proxy was received from Tara Rice, Director of Montana Department of Commerce, granting voting authority to Tom Kaiserski, Industry Development Manager, Department of Commerce, who was present as Director Rice's representative.*

Public Comment

Chair, Amy Kellogg, called for public comments on the morning of Tuesday, July 2, 2019. No public comments were presented.

Review of May 1, 2019 Council Teleconference Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes as presented.

By: Lars Hanson

2nd: Ben Thomas

Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Election of Officers

Nomination for Chair - Amy Kellogg – nominated by Ben Thomas

2nd: Lars Hanson

Action: No further nominations were received. Amy Kellogg was elected by a unanimous vote as Chair.

Nomination for Vice Chair – Lars Hanson – nominated by Tara Mastel

2nd: Ben Thomas

Action: No further nominations were received. Lars Hanson was elected by a unanimous vote as Vice Chair.

Review of Budget and Financial Report

Angie Nelson, Program Manager, presented the program budget to the Council and answered questions.

Growth Through Agriculture Program – Targeted Areas

Angie Nelson, Program Manager reviewed the current designated targeted areas and the proposed new targeted areas.

Motion: To approve proposed new targeted areas:

- 1) Businesses expanding or investing in commodity processing infrastructure; and
- 2) Projects utilizing new or innovative technology to diversify, add value, or provide substantial growth opportunities for Montana’s agricultural economy.

By: Greg Jergeson

2nd: Tara Mastel

Action: Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Review of Council Meeting Protocol & Conflict of Interest

Zach Coccoli reviewed the requirements of Council members regarding conflict of interest, ethics.

Conflicts identified:

- Amy Kellogg identified a potential conflict with the proposal from Lake County Community Development Corporation. Ms. Kellogg turned over Council Chair duties to Vice Chair Lars Hanson and left the meeting room during the presentation of this proposal and refrained from comment during discussion of this proposal.

Application Presentations

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| <p>1. Great Northern Development Corporation
 <i>Enhancing Value-Added Agriculture in Northeast Montana</i>
 Tori Matejovsky, Wolf Point
 Award: \$121,576</p> | <p>\$121,576</p> |
| <p>2. Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.
 <i>Headwaters FADC Application</i>
 Joe Willauer, Butte
 Award: \$154,547</p> | <p>\$157,300</p> |
| <p>3. Prospera Business Network
 <i>NEW Food & Ag Development Center at Prospera</i>
 Emilie Saunders, Bozeman
 Award: \$60,487</p> | <p>\$116,000</p> |
| <p>4. Lake County Community Development Corporation
 <i>Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center- Supporting Montana Food and Agriculture Business Development through Education, Technical Resources and Food Processing Infrastructure</i>
 Jan Tusick, Ronan
 Award: \$232,897</p> | <p>\$237,046</p> |
| <p>5. Bear Paw Development Corporation
 <i>Request for funding of Bear Paw Food and Agriculture Development Center (2 year contract)</i>
 Michael Peter, Havre
 Award: \$169,768</p> | <p>\$172,792</p> |
| <p>6. Great Falls Development Authority, Inc.
 <i>Great Falls Food and Ag Development Center</i>
 Barnett Sporkin-Morrison, Great Falls
 Award: \$130,000</p> | <p>\$98,000* / \$196,000</p> |
| <p>7. Ravalli County Economic Development Authority
 <i>Ravalli Food and Agriculture Center</i>
 Julie Foster, Hamilton
 Award: \$56,585</p> | <p>\$56,585</p> |
| <p>8. Beartooth Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.
 <i>Beartooth Food and Agriculture Development Center Proposal</i>
 Joel Bertolino, Joilet
 Award: \$166,140</p> | <p>\$169,100</p> |

Motion: To approve all grant amounts as presented above and as reflected on decision spreadsheet (attached).

By: Lars Hanson

2nd: Tara Mastel

Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Other Business

Next Meetings

- Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - at the Department of Agriculture or via teleconference/SKYPE.
- February 4-6, 2020 – Helena, Department of Agriculture, GTA application presentations

Next Application Deadline

November 1, 2019 – 2pm

Public Comment

Chair, Amy Kellogg, called for public comment.

Public comment was given by:

- Jan Tusick, Lake County Community Development Corporation thanked the Council for its work and stressed the importance of the awarded centers to continue working at as a Network and indicated LCCDC's commitment to do so.
- Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority acknowledged the error in their budget and provided clarification on specific points of their proposal.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. (1:28 pm)

By: Lars Hanson

2nd: Patty Quisno

Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Angie Nelson, GTA/FADC Program Manager

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