Montana Agriculture Development Council Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2020 1:00 to 3:00

Meeting Conducted via SKYPE

Call to Order - Amy Kellogg, Chair

Roll Call/Call for Proxies

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)
Patricia Quisno, Fort Belknap
John Wicks, Ledger

Members Absent:
Tara Mastel, Red Lodge

Proxies:
Tara Rice provided her proxy to Tom Kaiserski
Tara Mastel provided her proxy to Lars Hansen

Staff in attendance:
Tom Kaiserski, Industry Development Manager, Montana Department of Commerce (General/Irrevocable Proxy for Director of Commerce Tara Rice)
Andy Fjeseth, Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Agriculture
Jim Auer, Grants Manager, Montana Department of Agriculture
Tina Bateman, Program Specialist, Montana Department of Agriculture
Dani Jones, Hail Program Specialist, Montana Department of Agriculture
Zack Coccoli, Deputy Legal Council, Montana Department of Agriculture
Christy Clark, Administrator, Montana Department of Agriculture

Public Comment
Chair Kellogg, called for public comments. No public comments were presented.

Review of February 4-5, 2020 Council Minutes

    Motion: Motion to approve minutes as presented
    By: Lars Hanson
    Second: Tom Kaiserski
    Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Amendment Requests from GTA Recipients - Tina Bateman, GTA Program Specialist

Dry Hills Distillery

    Motion: Convert $10,900 from loan to grant for purchase of hammer mill.
By: Tom Kaiserski
Second: Patty Quisno
Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Big Sandy Organics
Motion: Approve amendment as requested
By: Ben Thomas
Second: Lars Hanson
Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

SporeAttic
Motion: To accept the additional objective
By: Ben Thomas
Second: Tom Kaiserski
Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Motion: To deny request for additional funding
By: Patty Quisno
Second: Lars Hanson
Discussion: Recommend seeking COVID funding
Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Miriam's Inspired Skin Care
Motion: Approve amendment as submitted
By: Tom Kaiserski
Second: Ben Thomas
Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

High Horizon Gardens
Motion: Approve amendment as submitted
By: Lars Hanson
Second: Ben Thomas
Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Request for Reconsideration - Jim Auer, Grants Manager
Mont Dulce
Motion: Lars – Moves to not reconsider
By: Lars Hanson
Second: Patty Quisno
Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Update on Mini-Grant Awards - Andy Fjeseth, Bureau Chief

Other Business
AGENDA

Student Loan Update – Tina Bateman
Cowboy Cricket – Jim Auer
Department of Agriculture update - Ben Thomas

Next Meeting
July 21, 2020

Public Comment
None

Adjourn
  Motion: To adjourn
  By: Ben Thomas
  Second Tom Kaiserski
  Action: The motion carried with no dissenting votes.