

Agriculture Development Council
Minutes from the July 21, 2020 Meeting

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July 21, 2020 12:30 to 4:30

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	Topic	Discussion
	Call to Order - Amy Kellogg, Chair	
	Roll Call/Call for Proxies	Tara Rice has provided proxy to Tom.
	Public Comment	
	Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Review of April 29, 2020 Council Minutes	
	Election of Officers – Amy Kellogg, Chair	
	Growth Through Agriculture Funding Priorities	
	Growth Through Agriculture Updates - Andy Fjeseth, Bureau Chief	Budget GTA Application Screening
	1:50 Break	
	2:00-4:00 PM Student Loan Assistance Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Conflict of Interest➤ Applicant Presentations, <i>See attachment</i>	
	Council Discussion of Student Loan Assistance Applications	
	Next Meeting –	
	Public Comment	
	Adjourn	

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Call to Order - Amy Kellogg, Chair	12:10 Meeting called to order
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Council Present: Amy, Lars, Tara, Patty, Jon, Ben, Tom (proxy for Tara Rice)

Staff and Public Present: Jim, Zach, Andy, Marty, Tina

Public Comment

Review of April 29, 2020 Council Minutes

Motion to approve
First: Ben Thomas
Second: Tom
No discussion
Motion passes with Voice vote

Review of April 29, 2020 Council Minutes

Election of Officers –

Ben nominates Amy for Chair
Ben Nominates Jon for Vice
No other nominations

Vote for vice chair

All vote in favor of John for vice chair

Vote for Chair

All vote in favor of Amy for Chair

Growth Through Agriculture Funding Priorities

Businesses expanding or investing in commodity processing infrastructure; and

Projects utilizing new or innovative [technologysolutions](#) to diversify, add value, or provide substantial growth opportunities [and resiliency](#) for Montana’s agricultural economy [or food security](#).

Motion: John Motions to adopt revised language

Second: Ben

No discussion

All votes in favor

Next meeting set time to talk more about targeted areas.

Growth Through Agriculture Updates - Andy Fjeseth, Bureau Chief

Budget

GTA Application Screening

1:50 Break

2:00-4:00 PM Student Loan Assistance Presentations

Conflict of Interest

Zach Coccoli read conflict of interest statement.

John Wicks disclosed conflict, knew Tim Crabtree in college. And Tracy Feikert is also a friend through the Montana Organic association

Council agreed that the conflict would not impact John's ability to make an impact on his ability to make impartial decisions.

Applicant Presentations, See attachment

- 1) Daniel Grubb
- 2) Morgan Rose
- 3) Casey Knudsen
- 4) Tim Crabtree
- 5) Kaylee Cheff
- 6) Breanne Uffelman
- 7) David Peter – Does he qualify?
- 8) Althea Hogle – Not farming until 2021 – holds 10-year lease
- 9) Leah Lewis
- 10) Tracey Feickert
- 11) Darcey Juedeman
- 12) Chance Crabtree

Council Discussion of Student Loan Assistance Applications

Ben - Moves to award each applicant 79% of their compliant request deferring authority to staff to work with individual recipients on how the payment is to be made

John - Second

All votes in favor

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Adjourn

Motion: Lars