

MONTANA FACILITY FINANCE AUTHORITY
Board Meeting (Helena, MT)
December 12, 2018
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Putnam, Chair
Bill Kearns, Vice Chair
Paul Komlosi
Kim Rickard
John Rogers
Matt Thiel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kent Burgess (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Seth Lutter, Associate Director
Colin Gunstream, Financial Specialist

GUESTS: Bob Murdo, Authority Counsel – Jackson, Murdo & Grant
Ben Johnson, Attorney – Barnes & Thornburg, LLP (via phone)
Jim Kerins, Managing Consultant – CMS

BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Putnam called the December 12, 2018 board meeting of the Montana Facility Finance Authority (the “Authority”) to order at 9:30 A.M. The meeting convened with six members of the Board present and one member absent.

Minutes

Member Thiel moved for approval of the meeting minutes for October 16, 2018. Vice Chair Kearns seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened for public comment. *No comments were received.*

FINANCINGS

Seth Lutter, Associate Director, provided information on the following financing for board deliberation:

Bridger Brewing

Mr. Lutter introduced Ben Johnson, Attorney – Barnes & Thornburg, LLP. Mr. Lutter described the financing, which is an Industrial Development Bond with the proceeds being used for eligible

equipment and facility costs to build a beer production facility. The expansion will allow Bridger Brewing to produce 20,000 barrels per year with space to expand production up to 100,000 barrels per year. Mr. Lutter asked Mr. Johnson to explain the resolution.

Mr. Johnson further described the project and explained Resolution 18-11, which provides up to \$10,000,000 for eligible facility costs. The Resolution is not a commitment to lend, but rather is an "Inducement Resolution" to evidence the Authority's official intent to issue private activity bonds.

Member Komlosi asked if the land for the expansion had been acquired. Mr. Johnson did not know if the borrower has acquired the land yet. Member Komlosi asked what the timing was for the completion of the project. Mr. Lutter explained that in prior conversations with Bridger Brewing, the timing for completion of the project would be at least three years.

Chair Putnam asked what the chances are of the project moving forward and being completed. Mr. Johnson explained that they did not know the chances of the project moving forward and stressed that the project is very much in the preliminary stage. However, as interest rates rise, this type of financing becomes more attractive.

Member Komlosi moved for adoption of Resolution 18-11. Member Thiel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Executive Director Annual Review

Jim Kerins, Managing Consultant – CMS, joined the board and conducted the Annual Review for the Executive Director. Mr. Lutter and Mr. Gunstream were absent for this portion of the meeting. Member Thiel motioned to increase the Executive Director's pay by 4%, effective the first day of the next pay period. Member Komlosi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Energy Efficiency Grant Program

Mr. Lutter provided an update on Energy Efficiency projects that are in process.

Legislative Updates

Mr. Lutter described legislative updates pertaining to the Authority. Specifically, C-PACE legislation was discussed, and Mr. Lutter explained that the Authority is not taking an official position with the legislation. Vice Chair Kearns asked about other hot topic legislative updates and the group discussed what is on the docket.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE

Financials

Mr. Lutter presented the Budget-v-Actual results and the Reserve Balances. Mr. Gunstream presented the Revenue Graph and Mr. Lutter discussed Staff Approved Loans and Grants.

MISCELLANEOUS

Calendar

The 2019 calendar was discussed, and the board meetings were set for the 2019 calendar year.

Anticipated Financings and Related Matters

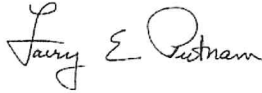
Mr. Lutter discussed potential financings for the upcoming year and the anticipated dates of those financings. Mr. Lutter also discussed how the Authority's new database is making this process easier.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

BOARD MEETINGS	CONVENTIONS
February 12, 2019, Helena	March 25-27, 2019 NAHEEFA, Austin, TX
April 16, 2019, TBD	April 24-26, 2019 NABL, Chicago, IL
June 18-19, 2019, TBD	September 2019 NAHEEFA, Portland, ME
August 20, 2019, TBD	September 18-20, 2019 MHA, Billings, MT
October 22, 2019, TBD	November 14-15, 2019 BLX, Austin, TX
December 10, 2019, TBD	

ADJOURN

Chair Putnam adjourned the meeting at 12:14 PM.

APPROVE: 
Larry Putnam, Chair

ATTEST: 
Adam Gill, Executive Director

APPROVAL DATE: 2-19-2020