

**EDA/EDC – Joint Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 14, 2017 -7:30 A.M. to 9:15 A.M.
Yellowstone Conference Room—Granite Tower**

BIG SKY ED Mission Statement: - Focused on sustaining and growing our region's vibrant economy and outstanding quality of life, **Big Sky Economic Development** provides leadership and resources for business creation, expansion, retention, new business recruitment and community development.

Agenda items may be rearranged unless an item is listed as having a "time certain". Action may be taken on any item listed on the Board Agenda.

7:30 A.M. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call: Sheri Nicholson, EDA Chair

7:32 A.M. Public Comment/Recognitions/Special Announcements:

- Ag Update—Taylor Brown and Courtney Kibblewhite—Northern Ag Network and KGHL Montana's Mighty 790

7:55 A.M. Changes to Today's Agenda

7:56 A.M. Consent Agenda

- Approval of July 13, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) (EDA/EDC Action)
- June and July 2017 EDA and EDC Financials (Attachment B) (EDA/EDC Action)

7:58 A.M. Financial/Budget Matters -Jim/Steve

- Final/Amended FY 2018 EDA/EDC Budget Approval (Attachment C) (EDA/EDC Action)
- Recommendation for Building the Opportunity Fund and Disposition of Funds from GE Building Sale (Attachment D) (EDA/EDC Action)
- Investment Guidance/Strategy (Attachment E) (Info)

8:20 A.M. Nominating Committee Recommendation (EDC Board Openings)-Eric Simonsen (Attachment F) (EDC Action)

8:25 A.M. Opportunity Fund Project(s) Recommendation (RMC/MSUB Projects)-Ty Elkin/Steve (Attachment G) (EDA/EDC Action)

8:45 A.M. Regular Agenda

I. Program Reports/Consideration

A. Business Recruitment and Outreach-Allison

- FY 2018 Recruitment Strategy and Outreach Plan for FY 2018 (Handout) (Info)

B. Business Finance-Brandon

- SSBCI Loan Policy/Approval Update (Attachment H) (EDC Action)
- Loan Approvals (Attachment I) (EDC Action)

C. Community Development—Dianne

- Regional Economic Development Planning "Power Summit" September 26th -Dianne/Katy (Info)

D. Small Business Development Center (SBDC)—Dena/Lorene

- BSTF Workforce Grant Application (Attachment J) (EDA Action)
- Business Incubation Business-Model Development MOU—Update (Info)

E. Billings Works Update—Karen

- Workforce Council Meeting Sept. 15th (Info)
- Work-Based Learning Model: Training for Business Oct. 10th (Info)

F. Annual Meeting Update—Melanie (Info)

G. Future Facilities Taskforce Update—Becky (Info)

II. Directors' Report (Steve will address questions as needed) (Attachment K)

9:10 A.M. Public Comment

9:15 A.M. Adjourn Next EDA/EDC Board Meeting October 12, 2017. *Big Sky Economic Development Board of Directors will make reasonable accommodations for known disabilities that may interfere with an individual's ability to participate. Persons requiring such accommodations should make their requests to Big Sky Economic Development as soon as possible before the meeting day. Please call Big Sky ED at 256-6871.*