

**EASTERN MONTANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**December 9, 2009**

Attending: Karol Zachmann, Steve Zachmann, Brandon Schmidt, Stephan Koruba, Norton Walker, Desiree Thielen, Sharon Gookin, Anna Koruba, Mona Madler

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Norton made a motion to approve the minutes, Desiree seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The financial report was provided. Discussion was held regarding transferring the money received through the County taxes. Mona was asked to transfer that money to the port authority account as soon as possible by putting \$5,000.00 in the account and deposit the balance into a short term interest bearing CD account. Norton made a motion for this action, Brandon seconded the motion. Motion passed. Norton made a motion to accept the financial report as provided, Desiree seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Nominations for board members were held. Steve made a motion to accept the nominations of Sharon Gookin as a replacement for Jodee Pratt and Stephan Koruba as a replacement for Pat Ehret. Sharon will serve on the board through January, 2009; Stephan will serve through January, 2011. To clarify board members' terms they are:

Norton Walker – January, 2010  
Karol Zachmann – January, 2011  
Desiree Bertsch – January, 2010  
Steve Zachmann – January, 2012

Norton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The potential for geothermal projects were discussed. It is known that the water in Fox Creek is about 170 degrees. Mona will be attending the Harvesting Clean Energy Conference in Billings January 25<sup>th</sup> through January 27<sup>th</sup>. There is a geothermal workshop in Chico Hot Springs on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Norton made a motion for Mona to attend the workshop; Brandon seconded the motion. Motion passed. Discussion was held regarding someone else attending the conference and workshop. Sharon said she would go. Steve made a motion for Sharon to attend them, Stephan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

Norton opened the discussion of low income housing in Baker. Speculation is that there won't be any low income housing available in the near future. Owners of the current facility is in a law suit with HUD due to the idea that they don't want to operate the apartments as a non-profit. They owners will probably be raising the rent. Mona will look for a number to contact HUD. Melissa Hartman from the Community Housing Authority in Miles City may be able to assist with that. The port authority will research the possibility of purchasing those apartments to keep low income housing available in Baker. Steve will get information from Roger that he received from a state housing meeting in June.

The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of February – February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the SMART office.

Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Z. seconded it. Meeting adjourned.