

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

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<b>Call to Order - Amy Kellogg, Chair</b>	12:10 Meeting called to order
<b>Roll Call/Call for Proxies</b>	Tara Rice has provided proxy to Tom.

**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 [technologiesolutions](#) 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**

**Next Meeting –**

**Public Comment**

**Adjourn**

**Motion: Lars**