MEDA represents over 230 members who are actively involved in local economic activity, community development, job retention and job creation for Montana.

MEDA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2011  10:00am

ON THE CALL:  Larry Mires, Terry Myhre, Tracy McIntyre and Gloria O’Rourke

1. Previous Minutes
President Larry Mires requested corrections to the June 6th MEDA Executive Board Minutes. None were noted.

2. Financials
   a. Reports:  MEDA Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, and Budget v. Actual reports were reviewed.  AZ & Company recently completed MEDA’s 990.
   b. BEAR Income:  It was noted BEAR income will not be as high as expected.
   c. Summit Funds:  There has been no activity to disburse the Economic Development funds.

3. Contract updates
Both the MEDA contract and MEDS contract are in place for 2011 - 2012

4. Strategic Plan Update
Tracy and Gloria met via conference call and are working on the introductory narrative as well as detailing the goals and objectives.  A draft document should be available for the Executive Board mid September.

5. EDA/BSTF Grant Project update
The Regional Strategic Analysis EDA/BSTF grant was approved.  The project should begin in September.

6. Fall Conference
The 2011 Fall Conference Committee will meet tomorrow.  The theme will focus on economic gardening/entrepreneurship.

7. Misc.
   a. Website – Gloria reported the switch to WordPress is going well.  The website should be fully functional by the end of August.
   b. MT CDC –A board conference call will be held to discuss regional program actions and protocol.

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