

BY LAWS
FLATHEAD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ARTICLE I
AUTHORIZATION

The Flathead County Economic Development Authority was created by Resolution Number 1396 on July 22nd, 1999 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Flathead County, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 7-14-1104, M.C.A. .

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

The purpose of the Flathead County-EDA is to promote, stimulate, develop and advance the general welfare, commerce, economic development and prosperity of the Flathead County Market Region, the State of Montana and its citizens.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

The Authority Board shall consist of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twenty-one (21) members. To include the Executive Committee of Jobs Now, Inc. and representatives of Flathead County and from the cities therein, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Flathead County. The Board of Jobs Now shall serve as an advisory committee to the Authority. Directors will serve for terms of five years and until their successors are appointed. Members of the Board shall serve no more than two (2), five (5) year terms in fifteen (15) years. The Directors will reside in and will represent differing populated geographic sections of Flathead County.

Resignations from the Authority Board of Directors shall be in writing to the Board Chairperson and to the Flathead County Commissioners. Vacancies occurring on the Authority Board shall be filled for the unexpired term and shall be appointed by the Board of Flathead County Commissioners.

The Authority shall make written recommendations to the Flathead County Commissioners for appointment to fill Director vacancies. Directors absent and un-excused from three consecutive regular meetings shall be considered to have resigned and the Authority will so notify the Flathead County Commissioners.

ARTICLE IV
POWERS

Per Resolution Number 1396 The Flathead County-EDA shall have all powers granted to such authorities by Section 7-14-111, M.C.A. for the purposes specified in Section 7-14-1104, M.C.A.. The Authority will have responsibility and control of all land, buildings or investments owned by the Port.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

The Authority's Board of Directors shall elect annually a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and any other officers as the Authority may from time to time require. The term of such elected officers will be for the calendar year. The President of Jobs Now, Inc. shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority. The Administrative Assistant of Jobs Now, Inc shall serve as the Secretary of the Authority.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Authority, shall sign documents and warrants in the name and on behalf of the Authority, shall appoint committees as necessary, and shall perform all other duties as herein prescribed or indicated by Board action.

The Vice Chairperson shall have the authority to exercise the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Authority shall execute the policies of the Authority and perform other duties as prescribed by the Authority. The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Authority including keeping minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall have custody of all records of the Authority and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by the Authority.

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS AND VOTING

Regular meetings of the Authority shall be held monthly on the second Thursday of each month, at 4:00 p.m. at the Jobs Now office. Or as otherwise arranged and noticed in advance by the Chairperson and Secretary. All meetings are open to the public and will comply with the open meeting law.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, or a majority of the Directors. Notice shall be given to each Director and to the Secretary at least 24 hours prior to any special meeting.

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum and a quorum shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting. Each Director shall have one vote with the Chairman voting only to make or break a tie vote. Roberts Rules of Order shall apply in all parliamentary matters. All issues shall be decided by vote of the majority of Directors present at any meeting at which a quorum exists.

ARTICLE VII
SEAL

The Authority shall adopt and use on appropriate documents an embossed seal which shall contain the words, " Flathead County Economic Development Authority ".

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

These By Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Authority by the affirmative vote of a majority of all Directors.

12/10/02

These By Laws are hereby adopted and attested this date by these Directors.

Date: January 20, 2000.

Don Bennett- Chairman

Dale Williams - Vice Chairman

Turner Askew

Lee Berger

Jeannie Parson