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November 12, 2026

Board of Commissioners
Yellowstone County

RE: Recommendation of the EDA Nominating Committee and Board of Directors: Big Sky Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Appointments

Dear Commissioners:

The Big Sky Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board of Directors voted November 12, 2026, to confirm the recommendation of the Big Sky Economic Development Nominating Committee for the appointment of two applicants to fill the open positions on the Big Sky Economic Development Authority Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee evaluated three applications that were submitted, and conducted interviews of all three applicants, and hereby, with the confirmation of the Big Sky Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, makes the following recommendation:

> Recommendation for the appointment of **Craig Van Nice** and **Joe Clark** to each serve a 5-year term on the Big Sky Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, beginning January 2027.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Big Sky Economic Development Nominating Committee and EDA Board of Directors,

Kimberly Bailey
Executive Director
Big Sky Economic Development Authority

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BOARD APPLICATION FORM
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

NAME: Joe Clark HOME PHONE: (406) 860-8170

ADDRESS: 2685 Gabel Rd WORK PHONE: (406) 656-0629

CITY: Billings STATE: MT ZIP: 59102

BUSINESS OR JOB: Langlas & Associates, Inc.

E-MAIL ADDRESS: jclark@langlas.com

BOARD OR COMMISSION APPLIED FOR: EDA Board

Please describe your experience or background that you believe qualifies you for service on this Board or Commission (attach additional sheets if needed):

I am currently the Vice President at Langlas & Associates in our Billings office. I also am a member of the Montana Ambassadors as well as a board member for the Montana Contractors Association. I have worked in the project management role on multliple vertical construction projects throughtout Montana, but mostly in the Bilings area for the past 22 years.

Why do you wish to serve on this Board or Commission?

I believe that with my experinece in the construction industry and active roles with other associations, I could leverage this knowledge and connections to help grow our Billings community.

Additional information that you feel is pertinent (attach additional sheets if needed):

Signature 10/08/2026
Date

Return application to: Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 35000
Billings, MT 59107-5000

OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPOINTED: YES____ NO ____ DATE _____

TERM EXPIRATION DATE: _____

(Circle one)

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT REAPPOINTMENT TERM NO: _____

BOARD APPLICATION FORM
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

NAME: Craig Van Nice HOME PHONE: 406-696-5198

ADDRESS: 2922 W Macdonald Dr. WORK PHONE: 406-869-3360

CITY: Billings STATE: MT ZIP: 59102

BUSINESS OR JOB: Director of Financial Planning & Analysis - Sanbell

E-MAIL ADDRESS: cvannice@sanbell.com

BOARD OR COMMISSION APPLIED FOR: EDA Board

Please describe your experience or background that you believe qualifies you for service on this Board or Commission (attach additional sheets if needed):

See attached supplemental responses.

Why do you wish to serve on this Board or Commission?

See attached supplemental responses.

Additional information that you feel is pertinent (attach additional sheets if needed):

See attached supplemental responses.

Signature 10-13-26 Date

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Board Application Supplemental Responses
Applicant: Craig Van Nice
Board/Commission: EDA Board

1. Describe your experience or background that you believe qualifies you for service on the board.

I bring more than 20 years of financial, operational, and strategic leadership experience across both the private and public sectors. Currently, I serve as Director of Financial Planning and Analysis at Sanbell, leading budgeting, forecasting, financial analysis, and long-range planning efforts.

Previously, I served for seven years as Chief Financial Officer, Board Clerk, and Executive Director of Business Services for Billings School District 2, where I was responsible for financial stewardship, operational oversight, capital planning, and supporting board governance. Prior to that, I spent more than ten years in commercial-sector finance and business leadership roles.

This combination of private-sector, public-sector, and board governance experience has given me a broad perspective on strategic planning, resource allocation, organizational growth, and the factors that contribute to a strong local economy. I believe these experiences would allow me to contribute meaningfully to the work of Big Sky Economic Development.

2. Why do you wish to serve on this board or commission?

I wish to serve on the Big Sky Economic Development Board because I believe a strong economy creates opportunities for businesses, workers, and the broader community. During my 13 years in Billings, I have developed a deep appreciation for the growth and potential of our region.

Throughout my career, I have been involved in strategic planning, financial stewardship, and long-term decision-making. I enjoy helping organizations evaluate opportunities, solve complex challenges, and plan for sustainable growth. I would welcome the opportunity to apply those skills in support of Big Sky Economic Development's mission and contribute to the continued success of the Billings area.

Having reviewed the Board's committee structure, I am particularly interested in supporting the Opportunity Fund Committee and EDA/EDC Joint Executive Committee. My background in financial planning, budgeting, investment evaluation, strategic planning,

and governance aligns well with the responsibilities of those committees and allows me to make a meaningful contribution.

3. Additional information

In addition to my professional experience, I bring prior experience supporting board governance through my role as Board Clerk for Billings School District 2. I understand the importance of fiduciary responsibility, strategic oversight, preparation, and collaborative decision-making. I value thoughtful dialogue, diverse perspectives, and building consensus around decisions that serve the long-term interests of organizations and the community. These experiences have also given me an appreciation for the important committee work that supports effective board governance and organizational success.

As Big Sky Economic Development continues to support business growth and regional development, I believe I can contribute both a financial and governance perspective while representing an industry sector the Nominee Committee has identified as important for board representation.

As a representative from Sanbell, I also look forward to continuing our legacy of involvement and commitment with Big Sky Economic Development. Sanbell has always brought our multi-faceted growth and development background experience to the forefront while participating on the Board. Ours is a deep pool of experts that I can call upon when specific needs might arise, and I look forward to building on the work that DJ Clark has been so closely involved with at BSED.