

Glacier County Regional Port Authority  
Tentative January Board Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2021, GCRPA Office & Zoom, Cut Bank, MT

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Present: Tom McKay, Ken Hoyt, Mike Wineman, Tony Sitzmann, Fred Greco
  - B. Absent and Excused: Pat Murphy, Neal Bartleson, Skye Gilham
  - C. Guests: John Overcast, Sarah Converse, Sanford Stone, Claire Stone, Chelsea Mikle, Nate Mikle, Mandi Bird Kennerly
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Fred at 2:00
  - A. Tom moved, seconded by Ken to approve the January agenda. Motion carried.
  - B. Tony moved, seconded by Tom to accept December minutes. Motion carried.
  - C. Mike moved, seconded by Tom to approve December financials. Motion carried.
  - D. Tom moved, seconded by Mike to approve the current budget as presented. Motion carried.
  - E. Bills to present - \$150 renewal to Montana Economic Developers Association
  - F. Correspondence – none
- III. EDF Presentation – South Fork Environmental Research and Consulting, LLC
  - A. Presentation by owners, Chelsea and Nate Mikle. Board will vote at February meeting.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. William McCauley Sr. Memorial Bridge – bill is drafted and pending legislation.
  - B. Update on GNP Potential Opening for 2021 season – Information was supplied by guests regarding an east side business meeting with GNP Superintendent Jeff Mow on Wednesday, January 27. The Port Authority will be represented, and every effort will be made to communicate with Superintendent Mow's office.
  - C. 501c3 update – Gage meeting pending. Skye has agreed to go through previous chamber paperwork and assist with the application where there are questions.
  - D. Administration of Big Sky Trust Fund Job Creation grant for LinkOne
    1. One year term with 13 jobs to be created at required salary = \$313 per job = \$4069 for administration.
- V. New Business
  - A. Tony moved, seconded by Tom to accept the letter of resignation from Board Member, Michael Schultz. Motion carried, with appreciation to Chief Schultz for his service.
  - B. Tony moved, seconded by Ken to accept Glacier County Commissioner John Overcast onto the GCRPA Board. Motion happily passed.
  - C. Discussion of changing board member representations to keep current board. Tom McKay will now represent the community of Browning, Skye Gilham will now represent the community of Cut Bank, and Mike Wineman will be the Cut Bank City Council representative.
  - D. Other New Business – scholarship application will be developed for approval
- VI. Strategic Planning Session – covered in IV-B and IV-C. Tony motioned, seconded by Tom to table session. Motion carried.
- VII. Activity Reports
  - A. Browning Community – Hotel not open. Casino would like to open on 1/25 (no guarantees). Casino café open for to go orders. Council met on reopening of East Side and meets with GNP Superintendent Mow monthly.

- B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – Mike Wineman appointed by City Council to fill this role.
  - C. Sweetgrass Development – Board Meeting on Wednesday 1/27 in Conrad. Newsletter up and running, Sean doing an outstanding job. Starting movement on food sustainability as part of grant received. There will be a survey coming out to businesses, please share and encourage businesses to fill out.
  - D. GFDA - NA
- VIII. Public Comment – Fred discussed the availability of the Incumbent Worker Training Program through Michelle Robinson. The program pays up to \$2000 to employer for using the program for employee training. It is move for private businesses and not state, federal positions, etc.
- IX. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 3:01 by Fred
- A. Next meeting will take place on February 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Venue will be determined by COVID19 regulations.

***The mission of the Glacier County Regional Port Authority is to promote, stimulate and advance the general welfare, commerce, economic development, and prosperity of its region.***