

***Our vision is to be the best resource for business assistance, through collaborations and partnerships,  
for all communities within and surrounding Glacier County.***

Glacier County Regional Port Authority  
Tentative April Board Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2023, 2:00 p.m., GCRPA Office, Cut Bank, MT and via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Present: Tom McKay, Ken Hoyt, Mike Wineman, Rod Cline, Neal Bartleson, Doug Vermulm, Tony Sitzmann. Absent/Unexcused: John Overcast, Skye Gilham.
  - B. Guests: Mario McCullough, Triston Fitzgerald, Sanford Stone, Dr. Lester Johnson, Sarah Converse.
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Mike at 2:00
  - A. Tom moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the April agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
  - B. Neal moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the March minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
  - C. Tom moved, seconded by Ken, to approve the March financials. All in favor, motion carried.
  - D. Rod moved, seconded by Neal, to approve the current budget. All in favor, motion carried.
  - E. Bills to present – none
  - F. Correspondence – Letters of appreciation from the Reimagining Rural Organization and Northern Transit Interlocal were read to thank the GCRPA for their donations.
- III. Economic Development Fund Presentations
  - A. Mario McCullough of Mario’s Italian Kitchen – further questions following updated business plan.
  - B. Triston Fitzgerald
    1. Leaning Tree Campground and Cabins
    2. Suzie’s Store
- IV. Old Business
  - A. HRB Case No. 00220154 – no update as hearing not rescheduled.
  - B. PA Case No. CV-22-81-GF-BMM-JTJ – no update
  - C. Special District Insurance Coverage – Documentation requested was compiled and turned in to Rocky Mountain Insurance in Choteau, MT. We are awaiting an answer.
    1. Rod moved, seconded by Tom, to table Insurance Discussion to the May Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
  - D. Reminder to the Board that the Glacier County Cut Bank Community Connection Expo will take place on Thursday, April 27 from 6-8 p.m. in the CBHS Lobby.
  - E. Reminder to the Board that the 2023 Supporting Success Scholarship applications have gone out to BHS, CBHS guidance counselors and placed on website and social media.
  - F. 2023 Annual Meeting to take place June 22, 2023, at Cattle Baron Supper Club in Babb. Two menu items will be selected for the convenience of the staff.
- V. New Business
  - A. Timing of EDF Presentations – suggestions discussed with no decisions made. The bottom line is that clients are comfortable.

- B. Expiring Board Terms for one City of Cut Bank representative, and one Community of Browning representative. Board applications are on the website and will be available at the Expo.
- C. 2-3 EDF presentations are anticipated at the May Board Meeting.
- VI. Strategic Planning Session – continue researching businesses changing ownership in Browning.
- VII. Activity Reports
  - A. Browning – Prom was successful, along with an all-night party with prizes. Approximately 100 students attended the party. A “mini basketball” tournament was engineered by Greg Juneau, with a partnership between Blackfeet Early Child Center and Browning Schools, involving hundreds of kids. Blackfeet Community College’s Health and Wellness Days attracted hundreds of people. American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Health Gathering will take place June 3-5, 2023, in Browning, sponsored by Indigenous Wellness Research Institute. Eleven filed for Blackfeet Tribal Business Council’s Special Election Seat – Voters were able to cast ballots at any location on April 25. Blackfeet Community College Earth Day Events will take place on April 21 from 9-2:30 and will be in honor of Shari Bremner.
  - B. Babb/St. Mary – Sarah is looking into a USDA RD project for the area. A taxi service, Mountain Chief Cab Company, owned by Rhonda Momberg, is available for the St. Mary’s, Many Glacier, Chief Mountain, and Waterton areas. Duck Lake Lodge Café is open for takeout Monday through Saturday 3-8. Call in orders are at 406-338-5570.
  - C. East Glacier Park – Businesses are changing hands, seasonal and others. Many changes are taking place. Fireman’s Ball was a great success. Pursuit from East Glacier Park Lodge donated \$3290 toward the purchase of a complete set of gear for a fireman.
  - D. Cut Bank – Marketplace on Main will have their grand opening on April 29, 2-6. Glacier County Library has a new Board Member, LeeAnne Zainer, PhD. The Pioneer Press has a new editor, Leesa Teale. Dave Ramsey’s Total Money Makeover will take place virtually throughout the month of May on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:30. The Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet will take place on April 29 at the Civic Center, with the Citizen(s) of the Year announced.
  - E. Sweetgrass Development – Look forward to a meeting on agrotourism in October. QuickBooks training will be April 26-27 at the Conrad Moose Lodge, with Wendy Weissman, CPA. The Sweetgrass Development Board of Directors will host the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 at Buffalo Joe’s in Dupuyer. A presentation of the past year’s activities and discussion of the newly updated five-year CEDS shall be reviewed.
- VIII. Public Comment – none
- IX. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 by Mike. The next meeting will take place on May 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Medicine Spring Library in Browning, MT, and via Zoom.

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