

***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 August Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2022, 2:00 p.m., GCRPA Office, Cut Bank, MT, and via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Mike Wineman, Tony Sitzmann, Rod Cline, John Overcast. Absent/Excused: Skye Gilham. Absent/Unexcused: Tom McKay, Ken Hoyt, Neal Bartleson, Doug Vermulm
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Mike at 2:00.
 - A. Rod moved, seconded by John, to approve the August agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. John moved, seconded by Mike, to accept the July minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. Tony moved, seconded by Rod, to accept the July financials. All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. Tony moved, seconded by Rod, to accept the current budget as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
 - E. Bills to present – none
 - F. Correspondence – none
- III. Old Business
 - A. Review of Draft #2 of Revised By-Laws. Clarifications were suggested and made. Tony moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the new By-Laws with changes noted. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. McCauley Overpass Signage – discussion of a background to eliminate shadows, as well as notes of appreciation sent to all involved.
 - C. HRB Case No. 00220154 updates – none
 - D. Alumni Scholarship – unused \$500 due to lack of applications will roll into FY2023.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Per original resolution, an annual letter of request for continued funding was submitted to Glacier County Commissioners and CFO Kittson.
 1. Nothing to update – follow up will take place
 - B. Annual Report Update – Being put together and will now include Revised By-Laws when signed.
- V. Strategic Planning Session – Board discussion of ways to work on communicating strengths.
 - A. Continue radio ads
 - B. Better communication with regional newspaper – photos of award recipients
 - C. Consider Board Visibility
 - D. Board still feels that strengths outweigh weaknesses within Strategic Plan.
- VI. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning and area communities – The new arbor in Browning will be ready for next year, will be enclosed and heated. Additional eating establishments in East Glacier Park are the Peak (formerly Leo's) and Two Medicine Grill.
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – Rod reported that the store front of the second hand store across from Northern Ford has been painted, and the group is also working with the CBHS Art program for a mural on former hobby shop next to bowling alley.
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – Discussion of the upcoming Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy surveys to be taking place in communities of the five counties.

- D. GFDA – An update received from Rich Gannon, announcing a September 29 website bootcamp that GFDA and Sweetgrass Development will be co-hosting in Valier. Rich also let the board know that GFDA has more loan capital to move into poverty persistent counties in our area, including Glacier County. Any project that is having a hard time accessing traditional funding, contact Rich.
- VII. Public Comment – none
- VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned by Mike at 3:03. The next meeting will take place on September 15, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at the Medicine Spring Library on the campus of the Blackfeet Community College in Browning, MT.

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.