

Glacier County Regional Port Authority
Tentative July Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2020, GCRPA Office & Zoom, Cut Bank, MT

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Mike Wineman, Ken Hoyt, Tom McKay, Neal Bartleson, Fred Greco, Mike Schultz. Absent/Excused: Tony Sitzmann, Skye Gilham. Absent/Unexcused: Pat Murphy
 - B. Guests: Sarah Converse, Rich Gannon, Vonda McGarvey
- II. Call to Order
 - A. Tom moved, seconded by Mike W to accept the July agenda. Motion carried.
 - B. Mike S moved, seconded by Neal to approve the June minutes. Motion carried.
 - C. Mike W moved, seconded by Mike S to accept the June financials. Motion carried.
 - D. Tom moved, seconded by Mike W to approve the current budget. Motion carried.
 - E. No bills to present.
 - F. Correspondence – email presented from Judy Moats of the East Glacier Park Woman’s Club thanking the GCRPA for the Economic Development Award.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Glacier Historical Museum – questions from the Museum Board
 1. Mike S moved, seconded by Mike W that proposed loan payments are expected as revenue from rentals is received, monthly when possible; no expiration date on proposed loan; \$2000 award without proposed loan is allowable. Motion carried.
 - B. McCauley Overpass – An outstanding past article was provided by the Pioneer Press for Butch Gillespie to present to the legislature.
 - C. 501c3 status – Brenda has received information from Scott Gage stating that a Port Authority can indeed apply for 501c3 status. Brenda has joined the Montana Non-Profit Association, as there are resources with which to assist as well.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Annual Report will be presented when FY20 financials and budget are complete.
 - B. Discover Cut Bank Publication – Board Members each presented with a copy. All were pleased with the publication, and with the Port Authority advertisement.
- V. Strategic Planning Session – discussion took place on resources to assist businesses on Glacier’s East side. Vonda (USDA) will provide information on Business and Industry Cares Act for working capital during COVID and future relief. Sarah (Sweetgrass) reminded businesses to apply for state grant money and Loan Deferment and Forgiveness. She also encouraged more promotion of the Paycheck Protection Program and the Business Stabilization Program as Montana still has money for applicants. Rich (GFDA) suggested consulting with Toole County Forward.
- VI. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning Community – still on “Stay at Home” due to COVID, open businesses have a limit on number of customers at one time. Masks required.
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – Cancellation of Lewis & Clark Days and Business Appreciation Barbecues due to COVID. Executive director has resigned.
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – applying for additional Revolving Loan Funds as all have been dispersed. Conversations are taking place with new businesses still pushing forward to open, as well as successful business owners who are in fear of closing.
Montana Economic Developer’s Report.

- D. GFDA – Rich is helping with business plans and has a session in September for website design for those needing to add e commerce to their websites.
- VII. Public Comment – Job Service is offering truck driving training through the Highway 93 Company in Hamilton. The training takes only three weeks.
- VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned by Fred at 2:54. Next meeting to take place on August 20 at 2:00. Meeting venue will depend on COVID regulations.

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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.

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