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 Economic Development
September Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17th, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
Glacier Satellite Office, Browning, MT, and via Google Meets

I. Roll Call:

Present: Rod Cline, Tony Sitzmann, John Overcast, George Heavy Runner, Skye Gilham, Mike Shultz, Tom McKay, Ken Hoyt, Arkaidy Wisniowska

Late Arrival:

Absent Excused: Mary Jo Bremner, Tom McKay

Absent Unexcused:

Public Present:

II. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Rod Cline at 2:02 p.m.

III. Reports:

A. Mike motioned, seconded by John, to approve the September agenda. Motion carried.
B. Approval of August minutes. Minutes stand as written.
C. Tony motioned, seconded by Ken, to approve the August financials. Motion carried.
D. George motioned, seconded by Ken, to amend the August expense budget to reflect our FY 2027 mill proceeds which are $80,920.50. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business:

A. Shop Local Winners: The last two winners are Kyle Swenson for Northern Ford and Mesa Daniels for Rising Wolf Outfitters. The current business is Trailhead Saloon.

B. Officer Elections: It was discussed that we do not need to advertise publicly for officer elections/re-elections. Tony motioned, seconded by Ken, to leave officers in their current positions for the 2027 FY. Motion carried.

V. New Business:

A. Next 2 Shop Local Drawings: The next 2 businesses will be Quaran-Bean in Browning and Wild Side Outdoors in East Glacier Park.

VI. Executive Director Report:

A. Grant Back Cycle 3 Updates: So far we only have 1 applicant but they have not submitted a complete application. Arkaidy reached out to make contact with the applicant in hopes that they will submit the missing information.

B. Sunset RV Park Updates: We have hit a setback on our CASNE contract. Ron Anderson has involved himself into the project and is demanding a DEQ review. This is going to be a negative trajectory for us as it requires additional funding to complete. Arkaidy to gather the appropriate information and report back next meeting.

C. Increase in Business Planning Requests: We have had an increase in requests for assistance with business planning. This is good news economically, and also in terms of more people seeing us as a resource for help.

VII. Activity Reports:

A. Browning: Black tie and blue jeans event held on September 12th at BFCC. Coffee and donuts with the elderly on September 25th 9-10:30 am at Blackfeet Housing. 2nd annual FAST Blackfeet food sovereignty event September 17th and 18th. Days of the Piikani September 22-24th at BFCC.

B. East Glacier Park:

C. Babb/St. Mary: Charlie's Pizza is open! Congratulations to Bob and Charlene Burns on their progress. Babb community meeting took place on September 14th at 5 pm.

D. Cut Bank: Community Clean Up on September 13th. Cut Bank Trails STEPtember 2026 kicked off on September 11th, still time to sign up if interested. Adult Ed Yarned and Dangerous starting up for the season on September 9th, meeting every other week at GCHC from 6-8 pm. Cut Bank First Friday classes starting up in November.

VIII. Correspondence: None.

IX. Public Comment: None.

X. CLOSED SESSION: Ed Wage Increase.

XI. **Adjournment:** Meeting session closed/adjourned at 2:47 p.m. by Rod. The next meeting will be on October 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the GCED Office in Cut Bank, MT and via Google meets.

The mission of Glacier County Economic Development is to promote, stimulate, and advance the general welfare, commerce, economic development, and prosperity of its region.