

***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 Board Meeting Agenda

May 18, 2023, 2:00 p.m., Medicine Spring Library, Browning, MT and via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
- II. Call to Order
 - A. May Agenda
 - B. April Minutes
 - C. April Financials
 - D. Current Budget
 - E. Bills to Present
 - F. Correspondence
- III. Economic Development Fund Presentations
 - A. Ferguson Cleaning Supplies
 - B. Polson Theatres re Glacier Cinema marquis
 - C. The Board of Directors requires one month to make funding decisions.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. EDF Board Motions, Discussion, Votes
 - 1. Mario's Italian Kitchen HVAC System – Cut Bank
 - 2. Leaning Tree Campground and Cabins - Babb
 - 3. Suzie's Store – Babb
 - B. HRB Case No. 00220154 Update if available
 - C. PA Case No. CV-22-81-GF-BMM-JTJ Update if available
 - D. 2023 Supporting Success Scholarship Applications
 - 1. Hand out blind applications to Board – votes due on May 23, 2023
 - E. Annual Meeting – June 22, 2023, Cattle Baron Supper Club
 - F. Board Applications can be obtained on www.glacierportauthority.org or call/email glacierportauthority@gmail.com and they can be send.
 - 1. Two vacancies – Browning Community Representative, City of Cut Bank Representative
 - 2. Applications may be emailed or mailed (P.O. Box 178, Cut Bank, MT 59427) before the annual meeting on June 23, and will be acted upon at said meeting.
 - G. Special District Insurance Coverage - Update
 - H. Other Old Business
- V. New Business
 - A. EDF question regarding Sunshine Stables
 - B. Administrative Concerns
 - C. Other New Business
- VI. Strategic Planning Session – Opportunity: Board Vacancies – possible tribal involvement, reminder to recruit responsibly.
- VII. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning – concerns regarding small businesses changing ownership, Graduation on Sunday, 5/21
 - B. Babb/St. Mary –

- C. Cut Bank – Thanks to Community/County Expo Sponsors: Montana Community Foundation, First Interstate Bank, Glacier County Regional Port Authority, Northwestern Energy, Northern Transit, Glacier Electric Cooperative, Stockman Bank, Edward D. Jones, Cut Bank School District #15. Congratulations to CB Area Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year, Rod and Lisa Cline. Clean-up of Glacier Hotel in process.
- D. East Glacier Park – concerns regarding small businesses changing ownership.
- E. Sweetgrass Development – Montana Economic Developers Association spring conference in Billings on May 22-24.
- VIII. Public Comment – Please hold public comment to three minutes. Should you need more time, please email comment(s) to glacierportauthority@gmail.com.
- IX. Adjournment – The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on June 22, 2023, at the Cattle Baron Supper Club. Board dinner will follow the meeting. Zoom will be available if the wi-fi signal allows.

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.

**Glacier County Regional Port Authority
Strategic Plan – August 2021**

Based on SWOT Analysis – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats

STRENGTHS

- Diverse Board and Executive Director
- Positive relationships with partners (Sweetgrass Development) and communities

WEAKNESSES

- Funding Unknowns
- Organization name and identity
- Grant vs. Loan funding

OPPORTUNITIES

- Funding streams (grants, applying for federal dollars, county, ARPA), Revolving Loan Fund (do we meet all qualifications?)
- Tribal involvement on Board/Recruitment
- Business partners (hold meetings at different businesses, tour facilities)
- Continue Board and Executive Director Training
- Committees

THREATS

- County mill funding
- External community (small businesses), school population, population demographic
- Duplication of services
- Board turnover/recruiting responsibly

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