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Glacier County Regional Port Authority
(dba Glacier County Economic Development)
February Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 20th, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
New GCED Office at 13 E Main Street, Cut Ban, MT, and via Google Meets

I. Roll Call:

Present: Rod Cline, Tony Sitzmann, Ken Hoyt, Thomas McKay, Mike Schultz, Kim Stoltz, Arkaidy Wisniowska.

Late Arrival:

Absent Excused: Sky Gilham.

Absent Unexcused: Mary Jo Bremner.

Public Present: Morgan Hughson, Curtis Harper.

II. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Rod Cline at 2:03 p.m.

A. Tony motioned, seconded by Tom, to approve the February agenda. Motion carried.

B. Kim motioned, seconded by Mike, to approve January minutes. Motion carried.

C. Mike motioned, seconded by Ken, to approve the January financials. Motion carried.

Discussion: Refunds for fraudulent MasterCard purchases have been processed and new card was received. Still fighting with T-Mobile on phone bill.

D. Kim motioned, seconded by Mike, to accept the February expense budget. Motion carried.

Discussion: MasterCard credits reflected on budget. We have sufficient money in the budget to give out more grants and loans.

E. No bills to present.

F. Sanford Stone sent an email questioning our non-profit status as a Port Authority. This will be looked into.

III. Old Business:

A. Voting on Nicole Molenda's Grant Request: Rod, Mike, and Kim gave a recap of Nicole's request. Some concerns about the sustainability of the current business model. Mike motioned to approve the grant, seconded by Kim. Grant unanimously approved contingent upon Nicole providing the board with a business plan. Kim offered to assist Nicole with this process.

B. By-Laws Update: Discussion began on specific changes desired in the by-laws. Section 1.01 needs our new DBA. Section 1.02 update address. Section 2.01 discussion about verbiage of

“surrounding areas”. Section 4.03 wording of board members. Discussion on non-profit status in relation to email received by Sanford. We will continue to address the by-laws section by section and vote on any changes at our annual meeting. No motion.

- C. Shop Local:** Our last 2 winners were Lisa Fetters for Cut Bank Creek Brewery and Jimilee Dezort for Family Dollar. Next two businesses of the week are Nation’s Burgers in Browning and R Snack Shop in Cut Bank.
- D. Scholarship Update:** Scholarship announcement has been sent to both high schools. The paper is also doing a blurb for us about it, and we are sharing on social media as well. Have already had about 3-4 applications go out.

IV. New Business:

- A. Budget Designation:** Mike motioned. Seconded by Tony. Should we add a budget to fund community items such as donations to schools (i.e. Little Guy Wrestling in Babb). Tabled until our annual meeting to be included with by-laws review. No motion.
- B. Morgan Hughson Grant Request:** Morgan Hughson and Curtis Harper presented the business, Montana IV, to the board. The business operates both as a mobile business and out of a home where they have a separate area for clients to come in and receive IV hydration and vitamin injections. The business works under a medical director, Daniel Davis, from the valley. They are asking for \$1,800 to purchase a red light therapy board. The board would like to see documentation of this business including a business license, photos of their setup, documentation from their director, and proof of insurance. Morgan will email those to Arkaidy. Voting will take place at our next meeting.
- C. Arkaidy to Inform Board on USDA RBDG Application:** Arkaidy has been in the process of applying for a USDA RBD Grant. This grant will support Sunset RV Park in Cut Bank in obtaining a survey and feasibility study to move to the next leg of their project, which is a sewer expansion for their park. GCED would be the grantee and distribute funds on behalf of the RV Park. This is a reimbursement grant. Arkaidy presented the board with a resolution authorizing this grant application. Tony motioned, seconded by Rod. Motion carried and approved.
- D. Executive Director Monthly Report:** Majority of this month has been spent working on the grant application which is moving along well. Also have completed scholarship correspondence, office and clerical work, EDF awards, emails, filings, etc.

V. Activity Reports:

- A. Browning:** Many of Browning’s youth placing well across the state in wrestling and basketball. Congratulations to all! Also hosted their 4th Divisional Tournament.
- B. East Glacier Park:** East Glacier Park Schools now has their very own 3D printer. Students will learn to print on these cool machines!
- C. Babb/St. Mary:** The new little guy wrestling program has become a fast success. The kiddos have learned a lot in such a short time, and even placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in their respective weight classes at the Conrad Crusher earlier this month.
- D. Cut Bank:** Just had their Prime Rib cook-off which was a success. 1st place winner CB Volunteer Fire Department! 40th Annual Shamrock Shootout will be March 13-16th.

VI. **Public Comment:** None.

VII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Mike at 3:45pm. The next meeting will take place on March 20th, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at the Glacier County Satellite Office in Browning, MT and via Google Meets.

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