

Glacier County Regional Port Authority
Tentative May Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021, GCRPA Office/Zoom, Cut Bank, MT

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Mike Wineman, Pat Murphy, John Overcast, Tony Sitzmann, Neal Bartleson, Tom McKay, Fred Greco, Ken Hoyt, Skye Gilham (arrived late)
 - B. Guests: Corey Hageman, Stephanie Eney
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Fred at 2:03
 - A. Tom moved, seconded by Mike to approve May agenda. Motion carried.
 - B. Tony moved, seconded by Pat to approve April minutes. Motion carried.
 - C. Mike moved, seconded by Neal to approve April financials. Motion carried.
 - D. Tony moved to approve the current budget with amendment. Amendment included \$800 moved from Economic Development to Payroll Expenses, following the recent purchase of Workers Comp policy and a budget shortfall. Motion seconded by Tom and carried.
 - E. Two bills were presented, renewal of membership to Montana Nonprofit Association (\$125) and a compatible microphone for virtual meetings (\$69).
 - F. No correspondence
- III. Old Business
 - A. Economic Development vote – Following discussion regarding concern of location and number of days to be open for business, Pat moved, seconded by Ken to approve the \$2000 EDF award to Los Tacos De Montana. Motion carried with seven votes “yes”, one vote “no”.
 - B. McCauley Overpass – tabled until meeting with Department of Transportation and Senator Gillespie
 - C. 501c3 application – near completion
 - D. Scholarship applications – all Board members received “blind” applications to go over. Each Board member will let Brenda know their choices from each school based on the quality of the applications.
 - E. Mission/ Vision Statements, Strategic Plan Training – Shane Etwiler of Great Falls Chamber and Sweetgrass Development will conduct training on August 19, 2021 from 1:00-5:00, in lieu of August Board meeting.
 - F. Annual Meeting to take place on June 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Tony motioned that the meeting location be Leo’s Elkhorn Eatery in East Glacier Park, seconded by Mike. Motion carried. Board dinner will follow public meeting.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Montana Economic Developers Association summer conference to be held June 28-30 in Helena. Tony moved, seconded by Tom to allow Brenda to attend @\$125 plus travel and lodging. Motion carried.
 - B. Glacier County proposal regarding Cut Bank’s Mercantile building – Lengthy discussion on this topic, with more information and clarification needed. The Port Authority granted Glacier County \$10,000 back in 2016, earmarked for demolition of the Mercantile. Economic Development awards are to be used within one year of receipt, which has not been followed. Therefore, the Port Authority Board does not see an advantage in being deeded the Mercantile building at this time. No official business was

- taken on this matter, but rather discussion only. More research and communication will be done.
- C. Business 101 Training with Sweetgrass Development – June 24 in Browning, venue TBD. Training will include business planning, workforce development, and more.
 - D. Discussion of returning to alternating Board meetings between Browning and Cut Bank. Ideas for a low to no cost venue were discussed.
 - E. Other New Business – discussion of Governor’s change in unemployment, opting out of federal unemployment benefits and replacing with the Return to Work bonuses of \$1200 for unemployed individuals who work four consecutive weeks.
- V. Strategic Planning Session – Board is asked what they would like to see, as well as what they want for outcome. SWOT survey will be used first to gather each Board member’s perception of the Port Authority’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
- VI. Activity Reports
- A. Browning Community – Planning for a small Native American Indian Days celebration and rodeo.
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – On June 6th, the Chamber will team up with the Moose and the Elks to clean up Cut Bank. Clean Up Day will begin at 1:00 at the City Park and will follow with a barbecue at 4:00 at Cut Bank Creek Brewery
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – Meat Processing Zoom on May 25th, with the goal to be trained and certified
 - D. Great Falls Development Authority – NA
- VII. Public Comment – Cut Bank Trails will host their Brewfest on September 11, 2021
- VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:23 by Fred.
- A. Annual meeting will take place on June 17 at 4:00 (note change in time). Venue is Leo’s Elkhorn Eatery in East Glacier Park. Public meeting will be followed by Board + guest dinner.

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.