

Glacier County Regional Port Authority  
Tentative March Board Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2021, GCRPA Office/Zoom, Cut Bank, MT

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Present: Ken Hoyt, Mike Wineman, Tony Sitzmann, John Overcast, Neal Bartleson, Fred Greco
  - B. Absent/Excused: Tom McKay, Pat Murphy, Skye Gilham
  - C. Guests: Dan Price, Lisa Screeton, Sarah Converse, Corey Hageman, Sanford Stone, Stephanie Eney, Mandi Kennerly, Claire Reynolds
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Fred at 2:03
  - A. Mike moved, seconded by Neal to approve the March agenda. Motion carried.
  - B. Neal moved, seconded by Mike to accept the February minutes. Motion carried.
  - C. Tony moved, seconded by Neal to approve the February financials. Motion carried.
  - D. Mike moved, seconded by Neal to approve the current budget. Motion carried.
  - E. No bills to present.
  - F. Correspondence – note of thanks read for renewal of Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce membership
- III. Economic Development Loan Package Presentation
  - A. Bullseye Firearms Experience, LLC
  - B. Vote scheduled for April Board meeting
- IV. Old Business
  - A. EDF vote on request from Illuminate Wellness, PLLC
    1. After all information requested from board was provided by Claire Reynolds, Tony moved, seconded by Neal to approve the \$2000 award to Illuminate Wellness, PLLC. All in favor, motion carried.
  - B. William McCauley Sr. Memorial Bridge (SB0148) – Tabled in second House committee as of 3/23/21
  - C. GNP Eastern Entrance and/or Eastside Business updates – Phase III Re-opening of Eastern entrances and businesses
    1. Facemasks mandatory on Blackfeet Reservation per ordinance 121
    2. Current Business Regulation Order shall permit tourist lodging; and non-resident recreation may resume on the Blackfeet Reservation including fishing and hunting as permitted by the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Code, effective March 17, 2021.
    3. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has ordered that all vacation rentals on St. Mary's Lake occurring under recreational leases cease and desist until further notice.
  - D. Non-profit application status – in process
  - E. Scholarship application status – writing prompt favorable to board
- V. New Business
  - A. Mission, Vision statements, Strategic plan to be updated – a facilitator will be sought out and hired to assist with the process
  - B. Economic Development Fund Application to be updated.
    1. Business plans must be complete or will not qualify
    2. Business “pitch” to board will be a requirement
    3. Scoring system/bullethead list will be implemented
    4. EDF Overview will now be part of the application, rather than a separate document.

- C. By-Law Amendment – Due to open meeting requirements and better attendance at meetings, it was moved by Mike and seconded by Neal that a quorum be established as three (3). Motion carried.
- D. Other new business – Browning meeting venue will be under consideration with things opening up on the Blackfeet Reservation.
- VI. Strategic Planning Session – see V-A
- VII. Activity Reports
  - A. Browning Community – The eastern entrances of the park and eastern corridor businesses will open. The board feels that the Tribal Council has scored an A+ with their process, mandates, and safe reopening.
  - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – hoping to plan a banquet soon. The chamber has had exciting news with interested parties for the former Public Drug building.
  - C. Sweetgrass Development – Corey was introduced in person and is mastering the Live Plan program in business plan assistance. SGD is working on a new website and a new business survey. Board Meeting to be held on 3/24/21.
  - D. GFDA – NA
- VIII. Public Comment – At the time of the meeting, Sanford Stone relayed the information that no tourism or recreational lodging reservations could be made. Mr. Stone also reminded the board of the American Rescue Plan funds coming to Glacier County.
- IX. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 3:06 by Tony, as Fred had another meeting to attend.
  - A. The next meeting will take place on April 22, 2021 at 2:00, at the GCRPA Office via Zoom.

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