

***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 June Annual Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Water to Wine Steakhouse, Cut Bank, MT and via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Present: John Overcast, Mike Wineman, Neal Bartleson, Rod Cline, Skye Gilham.  
Absent/Excused: Tony Sitzmann, Ken Hoyt. Absent/Unexcused: Tom McKay.
  - B. Guests: Sonja Ray, Sean McGuire, April Bartleson, Lisa Cline, Brittany Bird. No Zoom attendees.
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Mike at 4:16
  - A. Rod moved, seconded by Neal, to amend agenda to include EDF report from Sonja Ray of Cast A Lot. All in favor, motion carried.
  - B. John moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the amended June agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
  - C. John moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the May minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
  - D. John moved, seconded by Skye, to approve the May financials. All in favor, motion carried.
  - E. Neal moved, seconded by Rod, to amend budget to allow for recent legal fees. All in favor, motion carried.
  - F. Neal moved, seconded by John, to accept current budget as amended. All in favor, motion carried.
  - G. Bills to present – Itemized bill for \$1025 from Matt Law Office shown to all Board members.
  - H. Correspondence – none
- III. Old Business
  - A. Economic Development Application from Christy Madsen of Christy’s Creations – John moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the award for \$2000. All in favor, motion carried.
  - B. By-Laws Update – The first draft of revised by-laws was handed out and sent electronically to all Board Members. Neal moved, seconded by Rod, to table discussion until all have had time to review. All in favor, motion carried.
  - C. Plan for overpass signs – Shawn Appley, MDOT Cut Bank Section Supervisor has been contacted and introduced via email to Neal. Neal has volunteered to install the signs on the overpass and Shawn is agreeable. We hope to have them in place before Lewis and Clark Days.
  - D. Human Rights Bureau Case No. 0220154 – Email from Ms. Matt of Matt Law Office was presented to the Board. The Board will follow her recommendation.
  - E. Cast A Lot report – Sonja Ray discussed her appreciation to the GCRPA for their \$2000 award and explained what the funds were used for. Products were shown personally to the group, including a shirt, hat, decals, and coffee. All were made aware of where products are located, Cast A Lot’s website, and their legal trademark.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Annual Election of Officers
    1. Chair – Neal moved, seconded by John, to nominate Mike Wineman for Board Chair. No other nominations were made. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Vice-Chair – John moved, seconded by Mike, to nominate Rod Cline for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. All in favor, motion carried.
    - a. Checking account signatures need to be updated to include Rod.
  3. Secretary/Treasurer – Mike moved, seconded by Rod, for Neal to remain Secretary/Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Simple Projected Budget – first draft was presented to the Board. Rod moved, seconded by Neal, to approve the Projected Budget. All in favor, motion carried
  - C. Board Vacancy – John moved, seconded by Neal, to move Skye’s representation to Glacier County, since she has a business near East Glacier Park. All in favor, motion carried. The vote will result in a Cut Bank City Council vacancy.
- V. Strategic Planning discussion – With the Board vacancy, we have the opportunity to continue with one of our biggest strengths, which is our diverse board. Another of our strengths is our positive community relationships, which we wish to continue by recruiting responsibly with the Cut Bank City Council.
- VI. Activity Reports
- A. Browning and surrounding communities – Blackfeet North American Indian Days & Celebration of Recovery coming up on July 7-10 in Browning. With the recent devastating floods in Yellowstone National Park, it is anticipated that an influx of visitors may visit Glacier National Park this season.
  - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – As part of the City’s Beautification Committee, Rod and Lisa Cline are working with a Browning artist to improve the façade of the former Fashion Crossroads building. It will feature a mural of Chief Mountain. Rod and Lisa are also working to improve the former Public Drug building (with the blessing of the Chamber). Lisa’s granddaughter, Nora, has designed signage depicting Glacier’s Mountain ranges, which will include information for each Non-Profit in our area.
  - C. Sweetgrass Development – Sean reported that SGD is still navigating ARPA funding opportunities, to include water/sewer projects. The next Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) conference will be held in Great Falls. New funding opportunities were discussed being SSBCI (The State Small Business Credit Initiative) and CPACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy). Both were presented and studied at the recent MEDA conference in Anaconda. Brownfields projects are moving forward, and SGD is applying for the third cycle of funding. SGD has hired a contractor with a banking background, who will work with Live Plan clients.
  - D. GFDA – none
- VII. Public Comment – none
- VIII. Adjournment – John moved, seconded by Skye, to adjourn meeting at 5:30. All in favor, motion carried. The next meeting will take place on July 21, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at the Medicine Spring Library on the Blackfeet Community College Campus in Browning, MT.

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