

***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 December Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022, 2:00 p.m., GCRPA Office, Cut Bank, MT and via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Ken Hoyt, Tony Sitzmann, John Overcast, Neal Bartleson, Doug Vermulm, Skye Gilham. Absent/Excused: Tom McKay, Mike Wineman
 - B. Guests: Christina Flammond, Charlene Burns, Sarah Converse (all via Zoom)
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Rod at 2:00 p.m.
 - A. John moved, seconded by Ken, to approve the December agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. John moved, seconded by Tony, to approve the November minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. Tony moved, seconded by Ken, to approve the November financials. All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. John moved, seconded by Neal, to approve the current budget. All in favor, motion carried.
 - E. Bills to Present – MACo Deductible for \$1000
 - F. Correspondence – none
- III. Old Business
 - A. Human Rights Bureau Case No. 00220154, Port Authority Case No. CV-22-81-GF-BMM-JTJ – Updates will take place at closed meeting on 12/20 at 2:00, Matt Law Office
 - B. Loan Application Progress – working with Sarah and Sissy to get application updated and more user-friendly
 - C. Board Member Terms – Reminder to Board Members Neal, Skye, Ken, Tom, and Tony that their terms have expired. Discussion will take place at January 2023 meeting as to weather said members wish to continue serving the GCRPA’s Board of Directors.
 1. An application for interested members of designated governmental areas will be drafted for the January meeting, at which time the Board will decide how long applications will be accepted.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Insurance Update – The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) will be dropping Special District coverage as of June 30, 2023. Leavitt Insurance, agent for GCRPA is working to find alternative coverage.
 - B. A closed meeting will take place with Attorney Matt on December 20, 2022 at 2:00 at Matt Law Office, 310 East Main Street. Announcement will be posted 48 hours prior.
 - C. Glacier County FY22 Q3-Q4 contribution was received on December 9, 2022.
- V. Strategic Planning Session – Covered in Board Member reminder
- VI. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning – Shari Bremner will be hosting Parade of Lights on 12/21. Blackfeet Small Business Pitch Lunch Workshop on 1/18/23 from 11-2 at Glacier Peaks Bingo Hall (training for Live Event in the spring), Mission Lake Jackpot Ice Fishing Derby on 1/28/23 at 7:00 a.m., Free Intro to Computers at Beaver Painted Lodge Room 138 on Friday 12/16.

- B. East Glacier Park – Peak Restaurant will host New Year’s Eve Dinner, open at 5:00. On 1/11/23, Blackfeet Manpower Tourism will be hosting a Small Business Tourism Meet Up from 11-2 at the Peak Restaurant. Small business leaders are encouraged to attend as a 2023 tourism strategic plan is being developed for Blackfeet Nation communities.
 - C. Babb/St. Mary – Charlene Burns spoke about Parade of Lights. Babb/St. Mary had no sponsorships, but rather nearly 200 people “just for the sake of building community”. Next year’s parade planning is already in the works. Following the parade was a party hosted by the Cattle Baron. Christmas Play and Silent Auction Fund Raiser on 12/15 at Babb Elementary at 6:30 p.m. The community is also working toward planning events every other week, if possible, to keep the sense of community moving forward.
 - D. Cut Bank – MSU Extension Cropping Seminar 1/12/23 at the Glacier County Library Basement (873-2239 for info). Some new businesses the group spoke highly of are Strictly Business Massage at 13 East Main, Curiously Artistic at 217 West Main. Rod spoke about Cut Bank’s First Friday Event, the next one will take place on 1/6/23.
 - E. Sweetgrass Development – Board Meeting and Holiday open house on 12/21. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report (CEDS) is posted on the website, and is open for public comment until 12/30/22. Annette Kniffen has been hired at SGD Office.
- VII. Public Comment – Christina Flammond introduced herself and asked for an EDF application.
- VIII. Adjournment – Tony moved, seconded by Rod, to adjourn at 2:48. All in favor, motion carried. The next meeting will take place on January 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Medicine Spring Library in Browning, MT, and via Zoom.

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.