

***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 February Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2020, Cut Bank Office and via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Mike Wineman, Tom McKay, Fred Greco, Rod Cline
 - B. Absent/Excused: Neal Bartleson, Ken Hoyt, Skye Gilham John Overcast;
Absent/Unexcused: Tony Sitzmann
 - C. Guests: Betsy Anderson, Sanford Stone
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Fred at 2:06 p.m.
 - A. Mike moved, seconded by Tom, to approve the February agenda. Motion carried.
 - B. Tom moved, seconded by Mike, to approve December minutes. Motion carried.
 1. January meeting was cancelled
 - C. Mike moved, seconded by Tom to approve December financials. Motion carried.
 1. January financials not received at meeting time.
 - D. Current Budget – Mike moved, seconded by Tom, to approve February budget. Motion a
 - E. Bills to present – Tom moved, seconded by Mike to accept the following two bills.
 1. \$799 for radio advertising promotion – package takes ads down to \$4.70 each for six months.
 2. \$47.50 for Montana Non-profit Association Excel boot camp. Original price \$95, Brenda applied for scholarship and received training for half the cost.
 - F. Correspondence – Holiday greetings read from Sweetgrass Development, The Rose Petal. Card of appreciation read from Kalen McKelvey for the Economic Development Fund award for Sunshine Stables. Membership renewal application received from Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce, which will be placed on March agenda.
- III. Economic Development Fund – Betsy Anderson of Glacier Creative Arts presented to the Board, who will vote on application at March meeting.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Board Vacancy - Tom moved, seconded by Mike, to accept Mayor Winchell's appointment of Rod Cline to the GCRPA Board. Motion carried and Rod was welcomed to the Board.
 - B. Overpass Project – After research and approval from Montana Department of Transportation, Mr. Brian Hayes has presented the Board with a final product to be cut out. Mike moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the welded signage. Motion carried.
 - C. Executive Director wage – Following a successful evaluation, Mike moved that a \$1 raise be granted, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.
 - D. Update on 501c3 application – All required documentation to the IRS and Montana Secretary of State have been completed and processed. The IRS representative will be contacted to check the timeline of our final status.
- V. New Business
 - A. Scholarship discussion – As one of the \$500 awards went unused in 2021, it was proposed that that the GCRPA begin a \$500 alumni scholarship this year, along with the two \$500 graduating senior awards that we have been awarding. The alumni scholarship, advertised to students who have completed at least one year of post-

secondary education, will be budgeted for in the next fiscal year, for a total of \$1500 per year in our efforts to support area students. Tom motioned, seconded by Rod, to approve the two \$500 graduating senior and one \$500 alumni scholarships. Motion carried.

- B. By-Law Work Session – tabled
 - C. Other New Business – An email was provided to the Board from Mr. Sanford Stone, regarding the USDA’s new pilot program for community-scale renewable energy projects. As a representative from Glacier Electric Cooperative is working toward the letter of intent, Brenda will reach out to see if said representative will present to the Board at the March meeting.
- VI. Strategic Planning Session – tabled until a By-Law Work Session can be scheduled with the Board outside of meeting time.
- VII. Activity Reports
- A. Browning and surrounding communities – No report
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – Chamber Banquet to be held on April 9, Annual meeting on February 24
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – No report
 - D. GFDA – No report
- VIII. Public Comment – none
- IX. Adjournment – Rod moved to adjourn at 3:17, seconded by Tom. Motion carried. Next meeting will take place on March 17, 2022. Venue to be determined.

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.