

***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  
(dba Glacier County Economic Development)  
January Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 2:00 p.m.  
Glacier County Satellite Office, Browning, MT, and via Google Meets

**I. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Rod Cline, Mike Schultz, Kim Stoltz, Arkaidy Wisniowska.

**Late Arrival:** Ken Hoyt, Thomas McKay.

**Absent Excused:** Tony Sitzmann, Neal Bartleson, Sky Gilham.

**Absent Unexcused:** None.

**Public Present:** Mary Jo Bremner, Nicole Molenda, Janelle Egli.

**II. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Rod Cline at 2:04 p.m. Votes are a majority of members present.

**A.** Mike motioned, seconded by Kim, to approve the January agenda. Motion carried.

**B.** Mike motioned, seconded by Kim, to approve December minutes. Motion carried.

**C.** Mike motioned, seconded by Rod, to approve the December financials. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** MasterCard was compromised, charges reported and should be reimbursed. Card canceled, waiting on a new one. \$50 annual fee to be reimbursed for Talia's card.

**D.** Mike motioned, seconded by Rod, to accept the January expense budget. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** We are below 50% on a couple of categories, but it should all balance out.

**E.** No bills to present.

**F.** No correspondence.

**III. Old Business:**

**A. Voting on Lisa Cline's Grant:** Mike gave a recap of Lisa's presentation. Mike motioned to approve the grant, seconded by Kim. Grant unanimously approved pending approval of county sanitarian. Neal Bartleson sent an email prior to the meeting stating his approval despite being absent. Rod abstained from voting.

**B. Phone Plan Update:** In the works. T-Mobile is bouncing around on monthly charges ranging anywhere from \$10 to \$120. Locked into a contract for now, but charges should be consistent as the line is suspended. No motion.

**C. Shop Local:** East Glacier winner for the Trading Post to be drawn on Saturday. Next Business of the Week starts Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>, which is the Cut Bank Creek Brewery. No motion.

**IV. New Business:**

**A. Vote to appoint Mary Jo Bremner to Replace Jon Overcast on the Board:** Kim motioned, seconded by Mike, to approve Mary Jo's position. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Will check if Mary Jo will be a voting member or not. Some confusion about what the proper protocol should be.

**B. By-Laws Review:** Rod handed out the current by-laws for review. Anyone with comment or concern on the by-laws will contact Arkaidy or Rod. Decision/finalization of the by-laws to take place at the next meeting.

**C. Nicole Molenda Grant Request:** Nicole presented her request for a \$1,000 grant for her non-profit "Be a Part of the Solution". The request is mainly to purchase shelving, a rug, and seating. She has a donated space from the county in which to operate out of. The mission of her project is to accept used clothing (and household items in the future) to be sold in a store-like setup at \$5 per bag. She has already done a couple of openings of her shop and it was a success. She intends to donate profits to other local non-profits. Her first chosen non-profit is Shop-with-a-Cop. Voting for her request will happen at the next meeting.

**D. Arkaidy Requesting a Marketing Budget:** Arkaidy asked the board for a marketing budget of about \$200 for the remainder of the FY, mainly to grow the social media and community portion of GCED. No need for a motion, as the funds are already in the Advertising Budget.

**V. Activity Reports:**

**A. Browning:** None.

**B. East Glacier Park:** None.

**C. Babb/St. Mary:** None.

**D. Cut Bank:** Prime Rib Cook-off coming up February 15th.

**VI. Public Comment: None.**

**VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Mike at 3:10pm. The next meeting will take place on February 21st, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at the new GCED Office at 13 E Main Street, Cut Bank, MT and via Google Meets.

***The mission of the Glacier County Economic Development is to promote, stimulate, and advance the general welfare, commerce, economic development, and prosperity of its region.***