

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

- I. Roll Call
- II. Call to Order
 - A. December Agenda
 - B. November Minutes
 - C. November Financials
 - D. Current Budget
 - E. Bills to Present – MACo deductible.
 - F. Correspondence
- III. Old Business
 - A. Human Rights Bureau Case No. 00220154, Port Authority Case No. CV-22-81-GF-BMM-JTJ
 1. Updates
 - B. Loan Application process
 - C. Board Member Terms – reminder of extension to January 19, 2023 meeting
 - D. Other Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - A. Insurance Update – MACo dropping Special District coverage.
 - B. Closed session with Attorney Matt on December 20, 2:00 p.m. Matt Law Office, 310 East Main Street, Cut Bank
 - C. Glacier County FY22 Q3-Q4 contribution
 - D. Other New Business
- V. Strategic Planning Session
- VI. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning – Blackfeet Small Business Pitch Lunch Workshop on 1/18/23, 11-2 at Glacier Peaks Bingo Hall (training for Live Event in the spring), Mission Lake Jackpot Ice Fishing Derby coming up on 1/28/23 at 7:00 a.m., Free Intro to Computers at Beaver Painted Lodge Rm. 138 this Friday, 12/16, call 406-338-5441 ext. 2258 for information.
 - B. East Glacier Park – Annual Holiday Bazaar was 12/4/22 at the Glacier Park Women’s Club. On January 11, 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 – Parade of Lights was 12/11, followed by party hosted by Bob and Charlene at the Cattle Baron. Christmas Play and Silent Auction Fund Raiser this Thursday 12/15 at Babb Elementary, 6:30 p.m.
 - D. Cut Bank – MSU Extension Cropping Seminar 1/12/23, Glacier County Library basement, call 873-2239 for information. FYI Strictly Business Massage open at 13 E Main Street. The next Cut Bank First Friday event will be 1/6/23.
 - E. Sweetgrass Development – Board Meeting and Holiday Open House on December 21, Comprehensive Development Strategy Report (CEDS) is posted on website and open for

public comment until December 30. SGD has hired Annette Kniffen for Sean McGuire's position.

- VII. Public Comment – please keep to three minutes. Should you require more time, please email glacierportauthority@gmail.com
- VIII. Adjournment – The next meeting will take place on January 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Medicine Spring Library on the BCC Campus 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.

**Glacier County Regional Port Authority
Strategic Plan – August 2021**

Based on SWOT Analysis – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats

STRENGTHS

- **Diverse Board and Executive Director**
- **Positive relationships with partners (Sweetgrass Development) and communities**

WEAKNESSES

- **Funding Unknowns**
- **Organization name and identity**
- **Grant vs. Loan funding**

OPPORTUNITIES

- **Funding streams (grants, applying for federal dollars, county, ARPA), Revolving Loan Fund (do we meet all qualifications?)**
- **Tribal involvement on Board/Recruitment**
- **Business partners (hold meetings at different businesses, tour facilities)**
- **Continue Board and Executive Director Training**
- **Committees**

THREATS

- **County mill funding**
- **External community (small businesses), school population, population demographic**
- **Duplication of services**
- **Board turnover/recruiting responsibly.**