

***Our vision is to be the best resource for business assistance, through collaborations and partnerships,
for all communities within and surrounding Glacier County.***

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Tom McKay, Rod Cline, Tony Sitzmann, Mike Wineman, John Overcast, Skye Gilham. Absent/Excused: Neal Bartleson, Ken Hoyt. Absent/Unexcused: Doug Vermulm
 - B. Guest: Sarah Converse
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Tony at 2:13 (Mike late due to road construction)
 - A. Tom moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the September agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. Tom moved, seconded by Rod, to accept August minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. Rod moved, seconded by Tom, to approve August financials. All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. Tom moved, seconded by Rod, to approve current budget. All in favor, motion carried.
 - E. Bills to present: MEDA, MNA, Memorial
 1. Tony moved, seconded by Tom, to approve \$200 to the Glacier Historical Museum, in memory of Rod Bartleson, father of Board Member Neal Bartleson. All in favor, motion carried.
 - F. No correspondence
- III. Old Business
 - A. Annual Report – Rod moved, seconded by Tom, to approve a vote via email once the Annual Report is completed and By-Laws are signed. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. Overpass signage – a background behind signs has been suggested for easier readability. One suggestion was “milkhouse fiberglass” – will be forwarded to Neal.
 - C. Human Rights Bureau Case No. 00220154 – Final Pre-Trial Hearing is to take place on October 31, 2022, with the trial scheduled in Glacier County on November 7 and 8, 2022. The Montana Association of Counties has reconsidered, with our insurance policy covering past and upcoming legal fees.
 - D. The Glacier County Budget was looked over by the Board of Directors. Economic Development is listed on p. 7 of 62. It appears that the GCRPA County Contribution will come from Fund #1000, the General Fund.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Montana Association of Counties Property Casualty Trust Administrative Hearing Case No. 1785-2022 – A petition for declaratory and injunctive relief was filed on 9/6/22.
 - B. Tony moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the purchase two Business of the Day radio promotions for a total of \$396. All in favor, motion carried. Ads will run through January 13, 2023.
 - C. Tony moved, seconded by Tom, to approve the \$230.63 registration, room and board for November’s Montana Economic Developer’s Association Fall Conference. All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. Tony moved, seconded by Rod, to approve the \$195 virtual registration for the Montana Non-Profit Association Annual Conference. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Strategic Planning Session – Of SWOT analysis, discussed T = Threats and possible motivations behind them.
- VI. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning and surrounding communities – Browning road construction moving along, west side is finished. Glacier Peaks celebrating 16-year anniversary. BCC classes have begun. An accident in East Glacier Park took out a “road closed” arm and speed limit

sign. Leo's is now the Peaks, being run by Blackfeet Tribe. It may or may not be open in the winter due to lack of help.

- B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – none. Rod reported on Cut Bank's downtown beautification projects, for which the committee is looking for 260 square feet of barn wood.
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – just finished meeting with the Little Shell Tribal Council. Tonight at 5:00 at Cut Bank Creek Brewery, there will be a follow-up from CEDS. Over 500 surveys were completed. Tony's store and staff completed over 60 surveys. Meeting next week with Little Shell and Blackfeet Tribes. A mid-November meeting will take place to discuss what the CEDS data will be used for from all five counties. SSBCI funding is out – building, working capital, and financing at a lower rate. Board Meeting on September 22. MEDA Fall conference in November in Great Falls.
 - D. GFDA – NA
- VII. Public Comment – Take the Sweetgrass Development survey, please.
- VIII. Adjournment – Tom moved, seconded by Rod, to adjourn at 3:04. All in favor, motion carried. The next meeting will take place in Cut Bank on October 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

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.