

Glacier County Regional Port Authority
Tentative April Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2021, GCRPA Office/Zoom, Cut Bank, MT

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Ken Hoyt, Mike Wineman, Tony Sitzmann, Pat Murphy, John Overcast, Neal Bartleson, Fred Greco, Skye Gilham
 - B. Absent/Excused: Tom McKay
 - C. Guests: Heidi Morales, Sarah Converse, Mandi Bird Kennerly, Sanford Stone, Rich Gannon
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Fred at 2:00
 - A. Pat moved, seconded by Ken to approve the April agenda. Motion carried.
 - B. Tony moved, seconded by Mike to accept the March minutes. Motion carried.
 - C. Pat moved, seconded by Neal to approve the March financials. Motion carried.
 - D. Mike moved, seconded by Neal to approve the current budget. Motion carried.
 - E. A bill was presented for \$155.52 to renew the Zoom subscription for a year.
 - F. No correspondence
- III. Economic Development Fund Presentation
 - A. Los Tacos de Montana
 - B. Vote scheduled for May Board Meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Bullseye Firearms Experience – change in plans, no vote required.
 - B. William McCauley Sr. Memorial Bridge (SB0148) – tabled in 2nd House Committee.
 1. Transportation Committee has deemed Memorial Highways for fallen officers.
 2. Tony moved, seconded by Pat that the Port Authority move ahead with a Department of Transportation member in Havre to create a sign for the overpass. Further communication to come from Senator Gillespie. Motion carried.
 - C. GNP Eastern Corridor businesses – letter from Mr. Sanford Stone was read and discussed, in hopes that a portion of the American Rescue Plan funds might be funneled to the Eastern corridor businesses for assistance. Mr. Stone’s letter was also published as Part I of III in the Pioneer Press.
 - D. 501c3 status – near completion, narratives must be attached. No motion required to pay the application fee.
 - E. Scholarship application status – due date is May 18, 2021. Applications have been sent and confirmed with both Browning and Cut Bank guidance counselors, as well as boosted on social media and downloadable from the GCRPA website.
 - F. Mission/Vision Statements, Strategic Plan update – Shane Etwiler of the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce will be contacted to facilitate. Shane is also a member of the Sweetgrass Development Board of Directors.
 - G. The updated Economic Development Fund application is available and downloadable for interested applicants.
- V. New Business
 - A. Workers Compensation Policy purchased from Montana State Fund through Leavitt Great West Insurance for \$494.79. Mike moved, seconded by Tony to amend the budget to provide for said amount. Motion carried.
 - B. Annual meeting venue – June 17, 2021

1. Discussion on Water to Wine in Cut Bank, or the newly reopening business in East Glacier Park (former Blondie's building). Brenda will follow up.
- VI. Strategic Planning Session – tabled
- VII. Activity Reports
- A. Browning Community – Casino is open, schools are open on hybrid schedule
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – Mike reported upcoming dates of Lewis and Clark Days (last week in July), Montana Shakespeare in the Parks – August 17, and Business Appreciation Days – August 16-19
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 28, officers to be elected, budget to be gone over. Working on application for more RLF funds. Business survey upcoming.
 - D. Great Falls Development Authority – Rich reported on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, with four trainings upcoming. \$28.5 billion will be available but will go quickly. Applicants must be ready the moment the link opens. GFDA, Sweetgrass, Port Authority will be available to help applicants with preparation.
- VIII. Public Comment – Fred discussed a Rural Workers Program
- A. This is a blended certificate course, combining online work with interactive workshops. This educational program is designed to equip workers with the tools and skills needed to transition from on-site work into a virtual career. Specific objectives and outcomes for each part of the course are identified at the beginning of each set of modules. The program consists of nine core modules, delivered in a self-paced, online format. [homehttps://extension.usu.edu/remoteworkcertificate/pro/index](https://extension.usu.edu/remoteworkcertificate/pro/index)
- IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned by Fred at 3:17
- A. Next meeting will take place on May 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Cut Bank 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.