

Glacier County Regional Port Authority  
Tentative February Board Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2021, GCRPA Office & Zoom, Cut Bank, MT

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Present: Mike Wineman, Tony Sitzmann, John Overcast, Neal Bartleson, Fred Greco, Skye Gilham
  - B. Absent/Excused: Tom McKay, Ken Hoyt; Absent/Unexcused: Pat Murphy
  - C. Guests: Mandi Bird Kennerly, Sarah Converse, Claire Reynolds, Mark Cross, Mark ?, Sanford Stone, Stephanie Eney, Chelsea Mikle, Nate Mikle, Rich Gannon
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Fred at 2:03
  - A. Tony moved, seconded by Mike to approve the February agenda. Motion carried.
  - B. Mike moved, seconded by Tony to accept the January minutes. Motion carried.
  - C. Neal moved, seconded by Skye to approve the January financials. Motion carried.
  - D. Mike moved, seconded by Tony to approve the current budget. Motion carried.
  - E. No bills or correspondence to present.
- III. Economic Development Request Presentation
  - A. Claire Reynolds, Family Nurse Practitioner, Illuminate Wellness, PLLC
  - B. Vote will take place during March Board Meeting
- IV. Old Business
  - A. EDF vote on request from South Fork Environmental Research and Consulting, LLC
    1. Fred called for a motion. No motion was made.
  - B. William McCauley Sr. Memorial Bridge (SB0148) – Transferred to House on 2/15, referred to Committee on 2/17.
  - C. Update on Glacier National Park opening – Discussion was heard from Board and Public. Although GNP is seemingly preparing for opening the park, with reopening of east side businesses, GNP Superintendent Jeff Mow will not open the east side without permission from the Blackfeet Tribal Council. Benchmarks with which to open businesses remain unknown.
  - D. 501c3 update – none
  - E. Administration of Big Sky Trust Fund Job Creation Grant re: LinkOne, Inc.
    1. Following Executive Director meeting with County Attorney Matt, Commission Chair Bremner, Chancy Kittson, Mike Kittson, and Department of Commerce Liaison Chris Reeder, documents have been signed and are moving in a forward direction.
  - F. Scholarship Application – not yet completed
  - G. Museum Loan – payment #2 received and deposited into EDF account
- V. New Business – none
- VI. Strategic Planning Session - covered in IV – C
- VII. Activity Reports
  - A. Browning Community – business is steady. Incident Command has reported the possibility of a 3/1 opening of the casino. Blackfeet Tribal Council and GNP Superintendent Jeff Mow will meet on March 4.
  - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – Stephanie Eney reported that the Chamber has hired a new Executive Director, Alexandra Stoltz. New board members have just completed onboarding. Chamber is creatively working toward their annual banquet at a different time of year when it can possibly be held outside.

- C. Sweetgrass Development – Sarah, Corey, and Sean are extremely busy. Offerings of trainings to begin in March. Board will meet in March.
  - D. GFDA – Rich reminded board and attendees of services, including low to no cost trainings available. Rich is always available to help with business plans or other technical assistance.
- VIII. Public Comment – Congratulations and thanks given to John Overcast for his appointment to the board. Fred reported that his numbers are trending in the right direction, indicating that the cancer is shrinking.
- IX. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 2:43 by Fred
- A. Next meeting will take place on March 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Venue will be contingent on COVID19 regulations.

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