

Glacier County Regional Port Authority
Tentative December Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2020, GCRPA Office & Zoom, Cut Bank, MT

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Tom McKay, Ken Hoyt, Tony Sitzmann, Pat Murphy, Fred Greco, Skye Gilham
 - B. Absent and Excused: Mike Wineman, Michael Schultz, Neal Bartleson
 - C. Guests: Sanford Stone, Claire Stone, Corey Hageman, Sean McGuire, Mandi Bird Kennerly, Nathan St. Goddard
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Fred at 2:00
 - A. Tony moved, seconded by Tom to approve the December agenda. Motion carried.
 - B. Tom moved, seconded by Pat to accept November minutes. Motion carried.
 - C. Pat moved, seconded by Ken to approve November financials. Motion carried.
 - D. Tony moved, seconded by Tom to accept current budget. Motion carried.
 - E. Bills to present – receipt for printer ink from HP
 - F. Correspondence – renewal letter from Cut Bank Chamber
- III. Old Business
 - A. EDF Vote – Johnson’s of St. Mary – Tony moved, seconded by Ken to approve the \$2000 award to assist with sign wraps that will be more durable in the wind.
 - B. McCauley Overpass – a draft of the bill was received from Jason Mohr, Research Analyst of the Montana Legislative Environmental Policy Office.
 - C. Update on GNP 2021 opening – Although nothing definitive has been received, it is suggested that our Board and social media postings be more aggressive toward mask wearing. Discussion also took place regarding upcoming COVID19 vaccine.
 - D. 501c3 update – An appointment is pending with Scott Gage at Gage Accounting for assistance on how to classify the Port Authority. Meanwhile, narratives are being worked on.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Browning Parade of Lights donation – Ken motioned that a \$500 donation be made, seconded by Pat. Discussion suggested that the request be made much earlier next year, with August being a targeted date. Motion carried. It was made known that the Tribe had just approved the parade in the last two weeks.
 - B. Radio Advertisement packages – packages were reviewed and the most economical is the Ag Appreciation package at \$799. Tony moved, seconded by Pat that we purchase the Ag Appreciation package. Discussion held on whether the Port Authority does indeed receive referrals based on the radio ads. Motion carried.
 - C. Potential administration of Big Sky Trust Fund grant through Glacier County.
 1. **UPDATE** – The BSTF grant has been awarded in the amount of \$97,500 to LinkOne Holdings, INC. Further information, along with a breakdown, will be on January’s agenda.
 - D. Other New Business – Tony moved, seconded by Pat that the Port Authority purchase the basic membership at \$125. Discussion was held on having more correspondence with GNP Lodges. Motion carried.
- V. Strategic Planning Session – covered in III – C and III – D, along with keeping up communication with tribal business council.

- VI. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning Community – Parade to be held on 12/17, with BCC hosting a drive-in movie following parade. Siyeh has purchased 3Rivers.
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – NA
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – Sean McGuire and Corey Hageman, new hires, introduced themselves. Sarah completed the Glacier County/BSTF grant application. Sean and Corey are learning reporting for federal and state, and are spending more time on the Sweetgrass Newsletter.
 - D. GFDA – NA
- VII. Public Comment – Fred mentioned that COVID vaccinations would begin on 12/18 at Sletten Cancer Institute for front line workers. All board members wished Fred the best.

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.