

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.

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Tentative December Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2021, GCRPA Office, Cut Bank, MT, and via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Tom McKay, Tony Sitzmann, John Overcast, Neal Bartleson, Skye Gilham
 - B. Absent/Excused: Ken Hoyt, Mike Wineman, Fred Greco
 - C. Guests: Rod Cline, Sean McGuire, Sanford Stone
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 2:00 by Tony
 - A. Tom moved, seconded by John to approve December agenda. Motion carried.
 - B. Tom moved, seconded by John to accept November minutes. Motion carried.
 - C. John moved, seconded by Neal to approve November financials. Motion carried.
 - D. Neal moved, seconded by John to approve current budget. Motion carried.
 - E. No bills to present
 - F. No correspondence
- III. Old Business
 - A. Vote on November Economic Development Request by Kalen McKelvey of Sunshine Stables – Tom moved, seconded by John to award \$1250 (half of project cost). Motion carried and Kalen will be notified.
 - B. Adjusted vision statement: Our vision is to be the best resource for business assistance, through collaboration and partnerships, for all communities within and surrounding Glacier County. Skye moved to accept, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.
 - C. Overpass project update – double checked allowed/preferred size of signage with MDOT. Waiting on word from Mr. Brian Hayes, CBHS Welding teacher.
 - D. Executive Director wage following evaluation – at Fred’s request, tabled until January meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the beginning of yearly evaluations in March and acting upon any wage change at annual meeting in June.
 - E. Update on 501c3 application – Word was received from the Internal Revenue Service asking for additional information. Articles of Incorporation must be completed by December 30, 2021.
 - F. Other Old Business – Update will begin on 2022 GCRPA Supporting Success Scholarship Application.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Board Vacancy – Representative of City of Cut Bank
 1. Rod Cline is interested and willing to serve in this capacity. According to By-Laws, he will be appointed at next available City Council Meeting.
 - B. Other New Business – Pending approval and COVID regulations, the GCRPA will hold Browning Board meetings at the Glacier County Satellite Office until Blackfeet Community College is open to all, regardless of COVID vaccinations.

- V. Strategic Planning Session
 - A. A work session is needed to study, follow, and/or amend By-Laws.
 - B. While the GCRPA did have a complaint filed with the Montana Human Rights Bureau, our goal is to remain focused on our strengths. Our positive board relationships, along with those between our partners, communities, and organizations will remain a priority.
- VI. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning and Area Communities – Browning Parade of Lights to take place the evening of 12/16/21.
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – no report
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – Preparing for the new year. Board meeting to take place on December 22 at 2:00 at the Conrad Moose Lodge. CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) is being redone in 2022, and town halls will take place to go along with process.
 - D. GFDA – No report
- VII. Public Comment – None
- VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:54 by Tony. The next meeting will take place on January 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Meeting venue to be announced.

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