

Glacier County Regional Port Authority  
Tentative August Board Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2020, GCRPA Office & Zoom, Cut Bank, MT

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Present: Tom McKay, Mike Wineman, Pat Murphy, Neal Bartleson, Skye Gilham
  - B. Absent and excused: Ken Hoyt, Tony Sitzmann, Michael Schultz, Fred Greco
  - C. Guests: Kateri Couture, Rich Gannon, Sanford Stone, Betsy Seglem, Sarah Converse, Nathan St. Goddard
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Tom at 2:00
  - A. Mike moved, seconded by Neal to accept August agenda. Motion carried.
  - B. Neal moved, seconded by Mike to approve July minutes. Motion carried.
  - C. Pat moved, seconded by Mike to accept July financials. Motion carried.
  - D. Mike moved, seconded by Pat to accept August budget. Motion carried.
  - E. No bills to present.
  - F. Correspondence read from Northern Rockies Medical Center regarding upcoming annual Health Fair.
    1. Mike moved, seconded by Pat to donate \$200 to said event. Motion carried.
- III. Old Business
  - A. Glacier Historical Museum proposal update – Betsy reported that the Museum Board will accept the proposal of a \$2000 grant/\$8000 loan package. The Port Authority Board was provided with a quarterly payment plan to begin on December 1, resulting in the loan being paid off within the three-year time frame.
    1. Pat moved, seconded by Mike to accept proposal as presented. Motion carried.
  - B. McCauley Overpass – no update at this time
  - C. 501c3 status – no update at this time
  - D. Annual report – tabled with guarantee that it will be presented in September
- IV. New Business
  - A. Advocate for Glacier’s East Side businesses, and those not on corridor
    1. The Board heard thorough reports from guests Nathan St. Goddard and Sanford Stone. Taking into consideration the unique position the businesses have been put in, this will be an ongoing agenda item. Board will have a special meeting to discuss and decide next step.
- V. Strategic Plan – 501c3, Glacier’s East Side Businesses
- VI. Activity Reports
  - A. Browning Community still shut down with exception of essential businesses. Extended shopping hours have been implemented. School will be online for Semester 1.
  - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – N/A. However, Cut Bank Trails has cancelled their major fund raiser for the year and will hold a calendar raffle in November to try to make up for some lost funds.
  - C. Sweetgrass Development – Reminder to subscribe and read e newsletter. State and federal may open PPP back up. Additional \$400 for unemployment to be implemented. Anyone who has not applied for Business Stabilization Grant should apply immediately. Brownfields project moving quickly – project in Browning at current time. With upcoming new hire, the focus will be on planning. Sarah working on CDBG which is due on September 15. Montana Economic Developers Association has a report available with survey, please take a look and complete survey.

- D. GFDA – Will participate in Small Business Power Hour, partnering with NACDC and GCRPA on August 26 at 10:00 a.m. Rich is also looking forward to the website bootcamp beginning in September.
- VII. Public Comment – none, other than what was presented earlier in meeting
- VIII. Adjournment – Mike motioned, seconded by Pat to adjourn meeting at 3:20. Motion carried.
  - A. Next meeting will take place September 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Venue contingent on COVID19 regulations.

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