

Glacier County Regional Port Authority
Tentative July Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2021, GCRPA Office, Cut Bank, MT and via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Tom McKay, Mike Wineman, Tony Sitzmann, Pat Murphy, Neal Bartleson
 - B. Absent/Excused: Ken Hoyt, Fred Greco, Skye Gilham. Absent/Unexcused: John Overcast.
 - C. Guests: Summer Burlingame, Jade-Heather Hinman, Corey Hageman, Stephanie Eney
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Mike Wineman at 2:04 p.m.
 - A. Tony moved, seconded by Tom to approve July agenda. Motion carried.
 - B. Tony moved, seconded by Pat to approve June minutes. Motion carried.
 - C. Pat moved, seconded by Neal to approve June financials. Motion carried.
 - D. Pat moved, seconded by Tom to accept the current/closeout budget. Motion carried.
 - E. No bills to present.
 - F. Correspondence – A report was received from Judy Moats on behalf of the East Glacier Park Woman’s Club.
- III. Economic Development Presentation by Jade-Heather Hinman of Hinman Coffee House in Browning. Vote to take place at September Board meeting.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. McCauley Overpass – contact made with Cut Bank Beautification Committee checking on feasibility of matching overpass signage with “Welcome to Cut Bank” signage, as well as pricing.
 - B. Simple Projected Budget for FY22 – Tony moved, seconded by Pat to accept the projected budget. Motion carried.
 - C. Executive Director Evaluation – Tabled until next meeting
 - D. Strategic Planning Training – August 19, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Cut Bank Chamber Board Room
 1. No official business meeting in August, due to the training.
- V. New Business
 - A. Big Sky Spray Foam Loan – written off of FY21 Economic Development budget as bad debt.
 - B. FY21 Annual Report will be handed out to board members at strategic planning training, to be acted upon at September meeting.
 1. Annual Report pending FY21 statements/receipts
- VI. Strategic Planning Session – discussed importance of all board attendance
- VII. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning Community – All positive feedback given on the Blackfeet Celebration, everything ran smoothly.
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – Stephanie reported on Business Appreciation Days coming up August 16-19 in Valier, Cut Bank, Sunburst, and Browning. (\$150 for a business sponsorship). Lewis and Clark Days coming quickly. Chamber Board is planning the Holiday Bazaar. The Board is down two members and actively looking to fill empty positions.
 1. Pat moved to sponsor Business Appreciation Days for \$150, seconded by Neal. Motion carried.

- C. Sweetgrass Development – Corey reported that ARPA grants are being written. The two Business 101 trainings have been successful, with possibly a third date upcoming. Babb meat processing plant is working with Sweetgrass, looking to expand.
- D. GFDA – NA
- VIII. Public Comment – Summer reported on Glacier Lodging & Suites Air BnB properties in Cut Bank. They recently closed on the purchase of the A&A Bar. Although no specific details were given, discussion took place on the great need for lodging in Cut Bank.
- IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:30 by Mike.
 - A. Next meeting will take place on September 23, 2021. The board hopes to return to alternating between Browning and Cut Bank again by the time September meeting takes place.

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.