

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

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Tom McKay, Mike Wineman, Tony Sitzmann, Fred Greco, Pat Murphy, Mike Schultz
 - B. Absent and excused: Ken Hoyt, Neal Bartleson, Skye Gilham
 - C. Guests: Sanford Stone
- II. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Fred at 2:00 p.m.
 - A. Mike W moved, seconded by Tom to approve September agenda. Motion carried.
 - B. Pat moved, seconded by Mike W to accept August minutes, and September Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.
 - C. Tony moved, seconded by Tom to accept August financials. Motion carried.
 - D. Tom moved, seconded by Tony to accept current budget. Motion carried.
 - E. Bills to Present: \$195 presented for Brenda to virtually attend the Montana Non-Profit Conference
 - F. Correspondence – receipt and note of thanks from NRMC for donation to Health Fair
- III. Old Business
 - A. Glacier Historical Museum – “Overnight in History” Project funding
 1. Loan/Grant package papers to be signed and money distributed on 9/23/20
 - B. McCauley Overpass – none
 - C. 501c3 Update – none
 - D. Annual Report – distributed and sent electronically. Tabled until October meeting for Board to read.
 - E. Advocate for Eastern Corridor Businesses, and those left out of funding
 1. Comments from attendee Sanford Stone updating the Board on Eastern Edge having not received awards yet, many businesses ineligible, and reinforcing the Board’s concern regarding the Browning businesses having been left out of Eastern Corridor funding.
 2. Tom commented that the majority of Glacier County is on the Blackfeet Reservation, resulting in other businesses having same struggle (not just during pandemic).
 3. Mike S commented on behalf of the Glacier County Health Board, who has decided to follow the governor’s orders.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Report on communication with Tribal Council
 1. Council being approached slowly. Largest question (difficult to answer with daily virus numbers rising) is: What will it take to open?
 - a. Reservation, businesses, eastern entrances to Glacier National Park
 - B. Executive Director Proposal – Brenda inquired about working up to 100 hours/month rather than 80. Pat moved, seconded by Tom to approve. Motion carried, and budget will be amended.
 - C. GCRPA Newsletter – Board wishes to wait on discussion
 - D. EDF question – Businesses started outside Glacier County and adding locations in Glacier County are eligible to apply for Economic Development Funds, contingent on funding being spent on Glacier County location, and having the appropriate business license.
- V. Strategic Planning – subjects covered in 501c3 and Eastern Corridor discussion

- VI. Activity Reports
 - A. Browning Community – none
 - B. Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce – none
 - C. Sweetgrass Development – none
 - D. Great Falls Development Authority – none
- VII. Public Comment – Pat let the Board know that Cut Bank Trails will hold a calendar raffle during the month of November
- VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:52 by Fred.
 - A. Next meeting will take place October 22, 2020. Venue contingent on COVID19 regulations.

The mission of Glacier County Regional Port Authority is to promote, stimulate, and advance the general welfare, commerce, economic development, and prosperity of its region.