

***Our vision is to be the best resource for business assistance, through collaborations and partnerships,  
for all communities within and surrounding Glacier County.***

Glacier County Regional Port Authority  
Tentative January Board Meeting Agenda

January 19, 2023, 2:00 p.m., Medicine Spring Library, Blackfeet Community College, Browning, MT and  
via Zoom

- I. Roll Call
- II. Call to Order
  - A. January Agenda
  - B. December Minutes
  - C. December Financials
  - D. Current Budget
  - E. Bills to Present
  - F. Correspondence
- III. Old Business
  - A. Human Rights Bureau Case No. 00220154, Port Authority Case No. CV-22-81-GF-BMM-JTJ
    1. Updates
  - B. Loan Application
  - C. Board Members with expired terms
    1. Decisions made at this meeting.
    2. Application available for potential board members, including those wishing to keep their position.
  - D. Special District Insurance Coverage
    1. Update
  - E. Other Old Business
- IV. New Business
  - A. Decide on the date which board applications will be due.
  - B. Brenda will attend Glacier Country Tourism retreat 1/22-1/24. Expenses paid by GCT.
    1. Glacier County now has a full slate of Board members on the Glacier Country Tourism Commission.
  - C. Other New Business
- V. Strategic Planning Session
  - A. Discussion of responsible board recruitment
  - B. Update board on upcoming funding requests
- VI. Activity Reports
  - A. Browning – Recent robberies have been unfortunate. We hope that everything is recovered, and that no one was hurt. BCC Spring Semester classes began on 1/17/23. The Medicine Spring Library has a “Maker Friday” where one can utilize all art and craft supplies. It is ongoing every Friday. Congratulations to C&C Meat Processing, Iron Shield Creative, and Sweet Pine Outfitters on being awarded grants from the Indian Equity Fund.
  - B. East Glacier Park – On Friday, 1/20, there will be a monthly Potluck Friday from 6:30-8:00 at the East Glacier Park Women’s Club. It is a community feed with live music and storytelling from local artists. There will be free entry with a dish, and prizes will be

awarded for the best main course, best salad, and best dessert. Advertisements have begun for the 2023 Glacier Half Marathon.

- C. Babb/St. Mary – On February 11 (pending) there will be a Valentine’s dinner and dance at the Cattle Baron. Music will be provided by Scott Paisley, and everyone is encouraged to make reservations. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mike Augare Memorial Ice Fishing Derby at Duck Lake is on February 4, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information, please call or text 406-450-1372 or 406-529-6112. A tribal fishing license may be obtained at [www.blackfeetfishandwildlife.net](http://www.blackfeetfishandwildlife.net).
  - D. Cut Bank – Cut Bank’s First Friday event will be on February 3 and will include card making, string art, and pasta making. First Friday is now partnering with the Cur Bank Public Schools Adult Education program. Event sites are Marketplace on Main, the Rose Petal, Illuminate Wellness, and Glacier Creative Arts. Marketplace on Main is taking shape beautifully, and the event space has already been used for two baby showers. The Cut Bank Elk’s Club is actively looking for a Club Manager. The Village has new owners, and is now open seven days a week. The Cut Bank Creek Brewery was recently featured on KRTV, and will be hosting a Pub Crawl on January 21. Those participating will sign in at each participating business, including the Brewery, BJ’s, the Den, the Village, and the Pioneer. At the conclusion of the event, there will be drawings for \$50 gift certificates. Dance classes will begin on January 30 at Glacier Creative Arts.
  - E. Sweetgrass Development – SGD has purchased a table for board members at Friday night’s Great Falls Chamber Banquet. There will also be a quarterly board meeting on Thursday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conrad Moose Lodge.
- VII. Public Comment – Please keep to three minutes. Should you require more time, please email [glacierportauthority@gmail.com](mailto:glacierportauthority@gmail.com)
- VIII. Adjournment – The next meeting will take place on February 16, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at the GCRPA Office in Cut Bank, MT, and via Zoom.

***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.***

**Glacier County Regional Port Authority  
Strategic Plan – August 2021  
Based on SWOT Analysis – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats**

**STRENGTHS**

- Diverse Board and Executive Director
- Positive relationships with partners (Sweetgrass Development) and communities

**WEAKNESSES**

- Funding Unknowns
- Organization name and identity
- Grant vs. Loan funding

**OPPORTUNITIES**

- Funding streams (grants, applying for federal dollars, county, ARPA), Revolving Loan Fund (do we meet all qualifications?)
- Tribal involvement on Board/Recruitment
- Business partners (hold meetings at different businesses, tour facilities)
- Continue Board and Executive Director Training
- Committees

**THREATS**

- County mill funding
- External community (small businesses), school population, population demographic
- Duplication of services
- Board turnover/recruiting responsibly.