

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
November 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 21,2024
Browning, Mt

- I. Present –Rod C., , Mike Schultz,, Tony Sitzman, Neal Bartleson, Ken Hoyt, Skye Gilham
- II. Absent/Excused – Kim Stoltz, John Overcast, Tom McKay
- III. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Rod. at 2:04 pm

- A. Tom moved, seconded by Ken, to approve the November agenda. Motion carried.
- B. Motion to accept October,2024 minutes by Tony- Second Mike- Motion carried.
- C. September financials Motion Tony, second Ken . Motion carried
- D. September expense budget motion by Skye, second Ken to accept- motion carried
Short discussion regarding business of the month expenses and also if East Glacier Park businesses have signed up. All in agreement of the discussion
- E. October financials-Motion by Mike, second by Tony to accept-motion carried
- F. October Expense budget-Tony motions to accept, Ken second-motion carried
\$100 check from economic development fund paid to C & C Meats

Correspondence-

Billboard design is in production-hopefully the design will be available for approval at next meeting
C & C Meats winner-Jennifer Tatsey of Browning
Mona Lisa Doggie Day Spa winner-Brad and Becky Forbis of Cut Bank
A \$100 rebate check was received from workmans comp and deposited by gage accounting
Browning High School sent a scholarship information letter for the upcoming school year. We normally offer a \$500 scholarship to both Cut Bank and Browning-topic to be put on next months agenda

Old Business

Zoom working for now, Skye will look into us using Google Meets at future meetings

Nicole Molenda grant request-not in attendance
Morgan Hughson grant request-not in attendance

Change of name from Glacier County Regional Port Authority to Glacier County Regional Port Authority dba Glacier County Economic Development paperwork has been sent to Mt Secretary Of State but no correspondence has been received from that office.

III. New Business

- A. Motion to move GCRPA office from Pattiwagon Press building to 13 East Main Street with rent at \$200/month including utilities and wifi made by Tony, second by Neal. Motion carried.
Currently, Pattiwagon Press building is for sale.

- B. Possible meeting time change discussed to accommodate open hours for the new director. Motion made by Tony, seconded by Neal to keep the current time for all meetings. Motion carried
- C. Motion to hire Arkaidy Wisniowska as executive director at \$20/hr for 20 hours per week made by Tony, seconded by Neal. Starting date set at December 1, 2024.
- D. Discussion-Skye was concerned about her lack of references-it was noted she has been self employed in the past. Tony stated her resume showed outstanding qualifications. Grant writing training hopefully will be available in the future. Rod will work with her until she is comfortable with the tasks involved. Vote taken-motion carried. Meetings in Cut Bank can be made in person by Arkaidy. She will attend Browning meetings via zoom.
- E. Shop Glacier County Drawings:
 - November 25-December 8- Marketplace on Main- Cut Bank
 - December 9-December 22- Napa Auto Parts- Cut Bank

VI. Activity Reports

Browning-Black Friday checks to be sent next week- \$250. Holiday Bizaare, parade of lights Dec. 18 at 6 p.m .sponsored by the college

East Glacier Park-The Peaks now closed, Stageline Pizza still open. 2 Medicine Grill, Bear Track and Glacier Park Trading open year round. Concern on why there are no signs leading to the East Glacier Lodge or hotel. Golf course experiencing effects of drought

Babb/St Mary- Rod will check on dates of Babb Christmas parade

Cut Bank-Parade of lights December 7. Festival of Trees December 14. Glacier Electric donated electricity for Christmas lighting. Courthouse lighting display which has been done by Billmans for years is now being taken over by the local Elks Club

Sweetgrass-none

VII. Public Comment – none

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned by ROD at 3:11pm. The next meeting will take place December 19,2024 2pm at Cut Bank Office- 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.