

GFDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday October 17, 2018

8:00 AM

US Bank Downtown, 2nd Floor Boardroom
300 Central Avenue, Great Falls, MT

Board: Glenn Lambert, Ted Lewis, Ron Nelson, Tim Peterson, Errol Rice, Len Watkins, Travis Neil

Staff: Brett Doney, Lillian Sunwall, Jolene Schalper, Teresa Schreiner, Jason Nitschke, Barnett Sporkin-Morrison, Shannon Clancy

Times are approximate, and items may be taken out of order. Any Director with a potential conflict of interest on the agenda should state the conflict at the start of the meeting.

8:00 1. Consent Agenda – Ron Nelson

1. Accept excused absences: Jacquie Burchard, Nate Weisenburger, Tim Peterson

2. Approve/disapprove minutes of the 9/19/18 Executive Committee meeting. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve consent agenda. Seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.**

8:05 2. Investment – Ted Lewis & Teresa Schreiner

Discuss status of investment efforts. Proven Region system demonstration.

8:20 3. Business Development – Jolene Schalper, Jason Nitschke, Lillian Sunwall & Barnett Sporkin-Morrison

Discuss status of business development efforts (business attraction, retention/expansion, and startup).

8:35 4. Brownfield –Lillian Sunwall

Discuss status of brownfield efforts.

8:40 5. Lending – Travis Neil, Len Watkins

Discuss status of lending and High Plains Financial.

8:45 6. AgriTech Park – Glenn Lambert, Lillian Sunwall & Brett Doney

Discuss status of Park.

8:50 7. Financial – Errol Rice & Brett Doney

Discuss progress on audit, FY 2019 budget, and new monthly financial reports.

8:50 8. Public Policy – Jacquie Burchard & Brett Doney

Discuss upcoming Montana legislative session.

9:00 9. Grant Applications – Jolene Schalper & Brett Doney

Review and approve/disapprove grant application to Economic Development Administration. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve EDA grant application. Seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.**

9:05 10. Livability.com – Jolene Schalper & Brett Doney

Review and approve/disapprove moving forward with Livability.com cost-neutral talent attraction effort. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to move forward with Livability.com. Seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.**

9:15 11. CEO Report – Brett Doney

9:25 12. Public Comment – Ron Nelson
Opportunity for public comment.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carries.