

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday November 7, 2019 8:00 – 9:00 AM Great Falls College MSU, Heritage Hall

Times are approximate and agenda 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.

Board Members: Len Watkins, Brian Hoven, Mark Cappis, Glenn Bliss, Andreas Geranios, Tom Moore, Ted Lewis, Susan Wolff, Nate Weisenburger, Mark Macek, Dwight Holman, Heidi Hockett, Trista Besich, Dianne Meinhardt, Rebecca Fink, John Faulkner, Earl Salley, Casey Schreiner

Guests: Tracy MacIntyre, Keenan Schnider, Josh DeVos, Alanna Ballard

Staff: Jolene Schalper, Tyler Menzales, Lillian Sunwall, Jason Nitschke, Teresa Schreiner, Shannon Clancy

8:00 1. Introductions – Len Watkins

8:05 2. Consent Agenda – Len Watkins

1) Accept excused absences: Rebecca Engum, Ron Nelson, Travis Neil, Harley Huestis, Alex Huffield, Mike Waldenburg, Errol Rice, Sherrie Arey, Steve King, Collette Hanson, Forrest Ehlinger, Jacquie Burchard, Joe Briggs, Shane Etwiler, **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to accept excused absences. Seconded. Motion carries.**

2) Approve minutes of 10/3/19 Board meeting. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to accept minutes of 10/3/19 GFDA Board meeting. Seconded. Motion carries.**

8:10 3. Meet an Investor – None

8:15 4. Digital Economy/IT Industries SWOT Discussion – Jolene Schalper
Breakout into four groups and report back.

Group 1 – Strengths Internal to Great Falls: assets to market and build on

Group 2 – Weaknesses Internal to Great Falls: can we make more competitive

Group 3 – Opportunities External to Great Falls: to target and take advantage of

Group 4 – Threats External to Great Falls: to be aware of and avoid

8:50 5. SVP Report – Jolene Schalper

8:55 6. Board Sharing – Len Watkins

Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA's mission and organization.

9:00 7. Public Comment – Len Watkins

Opportunity for public comment.