GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday December 5, 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: Forrest Ehlinger, Susan Wolf, Alex Huffield, Glenn Bliss, Andreas Geranios, Shane Etzwiler, Dwight Holman, Len Watkins, Earl Salley

Guests: Mayor Bob Kelly, Holly Kopeikin, Alanna Ballard, Karen Cleveland, Jason Olthoff, Joann Gogo

Staff: Teresa Schreiner, Shannon Clancy, Sara Weaver, Rich Gannon, Lillian Sunwall, Tyler Menzales, Jolene Schalper

8:00  1. Introductions – Len Watkins 8:05

2. Consent Agenda – Len Watkins
   1) Accept excused absences: Rebecca Engum, Mark Macek, Commissioner Joe Briggs, Errol Rice, Tim Peterson, Senator Brian Hoven, Representative Casey Schreiner (or late), Dianne Meinhardt, Ted Lewis, Becky Fink. ACTION TAKEN. Motion to accept 12/5/19 excused absences. Seconded. Motion carries.
   2) Approve minutes of 11/7/19 Board meeting. ACTION TAKEN: Motion to accept 11/7/19 Board meeting minutes. Motion carries.

8:10  3. Meet an Investor – None

8:15  4. Bylaws Amendment – Len Watkins
     Amend Bylaws to increase maximum size of Executive Committee. ACTION TAKEN: Amend bylaws to increase maximum size of Executive Committee. Seconded. Motion Carries.

8:20  5. Executive Committee Appointment – Len Watkins
     Appoint Forrest Ehlinger to Executive Committee as Talent Attraction Task Force chair, as recommended by Executive Committee. ACTION TAKEN: Motion to appoint Forrest Ehlinger to Executive Committee as Talent Attraction Task Force chair, as recommended by Executive Committee. Seconded. Motion Carries.

8:25  6. FY 2020 Budget – Mark Macek
     Review and approve/disapprove FY 2020 Budget as recommended by Executive Committee. ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve FY2020 Budget as recommended by Executive Committee. Seconded. Motion carries.


8:45  8. River Corridor Brainstorming – Jolene Schalper
     Brainstorm businesses, development and improvements that would take greater advantage of the urban Missouri River Corridor. This kicks off our River Corridor priority.


Approved 1-2-19
Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.

      Opportunity for public comment.
      Board Member Dan Reardon discussed economic impact and community concerns regarding the dire foster care needs in the community.