

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 Etwiler, 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.**
- 8:35 7. 2020 Operations Plan – Jolene Schalper
Review and approve/disapprove 2020 Operations Plan as recommended by Executive Committee. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve 2020 Operations Plan 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.
- 9:05 9. SVP Report – Jolene Schalper
- 9:10 10. Board Sharing – Len Watkins

Approved 1-2-19

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

9:15 11. Public Comment – Len Watkins

Opportunity for public comment.

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