

## GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday March 5, 2020 8:00 – 9:30 AM Heritage Hall, Great Falls College MSU

Board Members Present: Mark Macek, Ron Nelson, John Faulkner, Becky Fink, Steve King, Sherrie Arey, Lew Card, Shane Etzwiler, Dwight Holman, Glenn Bliss, Rebecca Engum, Forrest Ehlinger, Ted Lewis, Andreas Geranios, Dan Rearden, Mark Capps, Casey Schreiner, Len Watkins

Staff Present: Jolene Schalper Christian Leinhauser, Soren Chargois, Nathan Reiff, Teresa Schreiner

Guests: Jamie Marshall, Thai Nguyen, Rich Lonnie, Mike Cross, Katie Hanning, Scott Arensmeyer, Ken Thompson, Burke Tyree, Alanna Ballard, Terry Thompson, Josh DeVos, Jane Weber, Bruce Lahti

*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.*

8:00 1. Introductions – Len Watkins

8:05 2. Consent Agenda – Len Watkins

1) Accept excused absences: Harley Huestis, Dianne Meinhardt, Joe Briggs, Colleen Hanson, Kylie Carranza, Alex Huffield, Susan Wolff, Earl Salley, Tom Moore, Trista Besich. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to accept excused absences. Seconded. Motion carries.**

2) Approve minutes of 2/6/20 Board meeting. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve minutes of 2/6/20 Board Meeting. Seconded. Motion carries.**

8:10 3. Meet an Investor – NA

8:15 4. Reports – Len Watkins

Do any Directors have questions about reports that were emailed out?

8:20 5. Next Five Initiatives – Jolene Schalper

Review and approve/disapprove Next Five Initiatives as recommended by Executive Committee. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve the Next Five Initiatives as recommended by Executive Committee. Seconded. Motion carries.**

8:30 6. Expo Park Plan – Rebecca Engum, Great Falls Montana Tourism  
Present and Q&A on ExpoPark improvement plans.

8:50 6. Great Falls Public Schools Levy – Jamie Marshall and Thai Nguyen, Kids Education Yes  
Engagement brainstorming with Kids Education Yes.

9:00 8. CEO Report – Jolene Schalper

9:05 9. Board Sharing – Len Watkins

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

9:10 10. Public Comment – Len Watkins

Opportunity for public comment.