

## GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 7, 2023

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Heritage Hall, Great Falls College MSU

**Zoom Option**

Meeting ID: 940 1482 9623

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### **GFDA Staff Present:**

Jake Clark, Jenn Gallmeier, Tracy Heggem, Jolene Schalper, Lillian Sunwall, Jana Williams

### **GFDA Board Members Present:**

Ashley Clark, Brittany Riley, Casey Schreiner, Dan Rearden, Dave Smith, Forrest Ehlinger, George Nikolakakos, Glenn Bliss, Jennifer Fritz, Jim Dea, Jody Johnson, John Faulkner, Johnna Lightbourne, Josh DeVos, Kylie Carranza, Len Watkins, Lew Card, Mark Macek, Mark Cappis, Martin Kuchta, Mike Mills, Nate Weisenburger, Neal DuBois, Pat Woodall, Randy Gilbertson, Rebecca Engum, Shannon Hoiland, Ted Lewis, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler, Tom Moore, Tyler Muzzana

### **GFDA Council Members Present:**

Brandon Rosten, Colleen Hill, Jana Cooper, Jeremiah Johnson, Keith Cron, Zach Huber

### **Guests:**

Municipal Court Judge Steve Bolstad; City Manager Greg Doyon; Fire Rescue Chief Jeremy Jones; Mayor Bob Kelly; City Commissioner Joe McKenney; Capt. Jeff Newton, Great Falls Chief of Police; Crag Nowak; Jane Weber

*Board members are encouraged to participate in person whenever possible. 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 – Mark Cappis

8:05 2. Consent Agenda – Mark Cappis

1) Accept excused absences: Joe Briggs, Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, Zach Mendenhall, Sharon Virgin

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to accept excused absences for 9/7/23 Board Meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

2) Approve minutes of 8/3/23 Board meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve minutes of 8/3/23 Board meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

8:10 3. Reports – Mark Cappis

Do any Directors have questions about reports that were emailed out or would like to discuss anything in the reports?

8:15 4. City of Great Falls Public Safety Levy and Bond – Greg Doyon

Presentation and discussion on proposed levy and bond.

8:45 5. Public Safety Bond & Levy Position – Jolene Schalper

Decide whether to take a position on the City of Great Falls Public Safety Levy and Bond, and if so, what that position should be and what resources to dedicate to promoting our position.

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to support the Public Safety Levy. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

***Abstained from Vote: Jennifer Fritz, Tom Heisler***

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to support the Public Safety Bond. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

***Abstained from Vote: Lew Card, Jennifer Fritz, Tom Heisler***

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to support the Public Safety Levy and Bond with GFDA staff time and authorize the Executive Committee to commit up to \$5,000 toward a Public Action Committee supporting the Public Safety Levy and Bond. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

***Abstained from Vote: Lew Card, Jennifer Fritz, Tom Heisler***

- 9:00 6. Invest Downtown – Jenn Gallmeier  
Brainstorm developers and businesses from outside Great Falls to invite to our 2023 Invest Downtown event and to target to invest in downtown Great Falls.
- 9:15 7. Pipeline Update – Jake Clark
- 9:20 8. CEO Issues – Jolene Schalper
- 9:25 9. Board Sharing – Mark Cappis  
Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:30 10. Public Comment – Mark Cappis  
Opportunity for public comment.

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