

# GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 1, 2024

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Heritage Hall, Great Falls College MSU

**Zoom Option**

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## **GFDA Staff Present:**

Brett Doney, Jake Clark, Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Lillian Sunwall, Lyndsay Bruno, Tracy Heggem, Tyler Menzales

## **GFDA Board Members Present:**

Andreas Geranios, Ashley Clark, Brittany Riley, Dan Rearden, Dani Grebe, Dave Smith, Glenn Bliss, Jennifer Fritz, Jim Dea, Jody Johnson, John Faulkner, Johnna Lightbourne, Josh DeVos, Len Watkins, Lew Card, Mark Cappis, Mark Macek, Mike Mills, Morgan Tweet, Nate Weisenburger, Peyton Johnson, Randy Gilbertson, Raymond Porter, Rebecca Engum, Dr. Renee Pera, Sharon Virgin, Sherrie Arey, Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, Ted Lewis, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler, Tom Moore, Tyler Muzzana, Zach Mendenhall

## **GFDA Council Members Present:**

Brandon Rosten, Colleen Hill, Dan Rooney, Keith Cron, Mike Hallahan

## **Guests:**

Jane Weber, Joe McKenney, Mike Parcel

*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

a) Accept excused absences: Denise Schnider, Forrest Ehlinger, Joe Briggs, Pat Woodall, Rob Haney

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve excused absences for 2/1/24 meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

b) Approve minutes of 1/4/24 Board meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve minutes of 1/4/24 Board & Council meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

8:08 3. Reports – Mark Cappis

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

8:13 4. Staff Recognition – Brett Doney

8:16 5. GFDA Council Appointment – Jolene Scalper

Approve/disapprove appointing Jim Wingerter, MDT District Administrator, Matthew Phillips of Midway Rental, Robert Worden of VisionNet and Clancy Sivertsen of Little Shell Tribe to GFDA Council.

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve the following GFDA Council Appointees: Jim Wingerter, Matthew Phillips, Robert Worden and Clancy Sivertsen. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

- 8:18 6. Housing Assessment Update – Jake Clark  
Approve/disapprove commissioning update to Great Falls Housing Market Demand Assessment.  
**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve commissioning an update to the Great Falls Housing Market Demand Assessment. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**
- 8:23 7. Great Falls Montana Tourism Strategic Plan – Rebecca Engum  
Presentation and board discussion about new Tourism Master Plan and Strategic Plan.
- 8:48 8. Angel Investor Network – Tyler Menzales  
Overview of Angel Network launch. Brainstorm potential angel investors to invite.
- 9:00 9. Board & Council Knowledge – Lillian Sunwall & Shannon Clancy  
Overview of new APEX Accelerator efforts to help small businesses in region to increase government contracts won.
- 9:05 10. GFDA Client Success Storytelling – Lyndsay Bruno  
Sharing of GFDA video content.
- 9:10 11. Pipeline Update via email – Jolene Schalper
- 9:15 12. CEO Issues via email – Brett Doney
- 9:20 13. Board Sharing – Mark Cappis  
Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:25 14. Public Comment – Mark Cappis  
Opportunity for public comment.

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