

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Heritage Hall, Great Falls College
IN PERSON ONLY

GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Nicki Dallion, Tracy Heggem, Tyler Menzales

GFDA Board Members Present:

Andreas Geranios, Brittany Riley, Dani Grebe, Dave Smith, Forrest Ehlinger, Glenn Bliss, Jennifer Fritz, Jim Dea, Jody Johnson, Joe Briggs, John Faulkner, Josh DeVos, Katherine Archibald, Len Watkins, Mark Cappis, Mark Macek, Martin Kucha, Mike Mills, Morgan Tweet, Nate Weisenburger, Randy Gilbertson, Raymond Porter, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Shannon Hoiland, Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, Ted Lewis, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler, Tyler Muzzana, Zach Mendenhall

GFDA Council Members Present:

Amber Plant, Brad Talcott, Keith Cron, Matthew Phillips

Guests:

Corey Reeves, Jane Weber, Joe McKenney, Jake & Kim Blaine, Khalil Jaghori

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: Ashley Clark, Dan Rearden, Denise Schneider, Errol Rice, George Nikolakakos, Kylie Carranza, Lew Card, Pat Woodall, Peyton Johnson, Dr. Renee Pera, Rob Worden, Sharon Virgin, Sherrie Arey

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve excused absences for 5/2/24 meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

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

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

8:07 2A. Council Appointment – Brett Doney

Approve/disapprove appointing Mark Wallingford, CFO of Farran Realty Partners to the GFDA Council.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointment of Mark Wallingford to GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:08 2B. SBA Microloan Resolution – Brett Doney

Approve/disapprove Board resolution to apply to become an SBA Microloan lender.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve Board Resolution to apply to become and SBA Microloan Lender. Limited discussion. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:10 3. Calumet Montana Renewables – Martin Kuchta

- 8:30 4. Montana Medicaid Position – Mark Capps
Approve/disapprove taking a position on whether Montana Medicaid expansion of 2015 should be continued.
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve taking a position on the continuation of Montana Medicaid Expansion. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- ABSTAINED from Vote: Zach Mendenhall**
- If above motion approved, approve/disapprove supporting continuation of Montana Medicaid expansion.
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to support the continuation of the Montana Medicaid Expansion program. Motion seconded. Limited discussion. None opposed. Motion carries.
- ABSTAINED from Vote: Zach Mendenhall**
- 8:35 5. Economic Development Strategy – Brett Doney
Break into tables to discuss potential updates to strategy then report out. Four brief rounds for People, Place, Opportunities, and Team.
- 9:15 6. Pipeline Update – Jolene Schalper
- 9:20 7. CEO Report – Brett Doney
- 9:25 8. Board Sharing – Mark Capps
Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:30 9. Public Comment – Mark Capps
Opportunity for public comment.