

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 6, 2024 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Springhill Suites, Great Falls

Zoom Option

Meeting ID: 940 1482 9623

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GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Shannon Clancy, Tracy Heggem, Tyler Menzales

GFDA Board Members Present:

Andreas Geranios, Brittany Riley, Dan Rearden, Dave Smith, Denise Schnider, Ed Brown, Forrest Ehlinger, George Nikolakakos, Glenn Bliss, Jim Dea, Jody Johnson, John Faulkner, Johnna Lightbourne, Kylie Carranza, Len Watkins, Mark Cappis, Mark Macek, Mike Mills, Nate Weisenburger, Pat Woodall, Randy Gilbertson, Rebecca Engum, Dr. Renee Perra, Rob Haney, Shane Etzwiler, Sharon Virgin, Sherrie Arey, Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, Ted Lewis, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler, Tom Moore, Tyler Muzzana

GFDA Council Members Present:

Amber Plant, Dan Rooney, Mark Wallingford

Guests:

Jamie Marshall (Kids' Education Yes), Joe McKenney (City Commissioner), Katherine Archibald (Great Falls Chamber), Matt Hudson, Mike Cashell & Taylor Davis (NorthWestern Energy)

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, Jennifer Fritz, Joe Briggs, Martin Kucha, Shannon Hoiland, Zach Mendenhall

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve excused absences for 6/6/24 meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

b) Approve minutes of 5/2/24 Board meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve minutes of 5/2/24 Board & Council meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:07 3. Council Appointments – Mark Cappis

Approve/disapprove appointing Jody Johnson of Scheels and Mike Parcel of Montana Department of Labor & Industry to the GFDA Council.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointment of Jody Johnson and Mike Parcel to the GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:10 4. Economic Development Strategy Updates – Brett Doney

Approve/disapprove proposed updates to Economic Development Strategy.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve proposed updates to Economic Development Strategy. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

- 8:15 5. FY2025 Budget – Brett Doney
Approve/disapprove proposed FY2025 Budget.
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve proposed FY2025 Budget. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- 8:20 6. Electric and Natural Gas Regional Transmission Capacity – NorthWestern Energy
Update and Q/A on improvements to transmission capacity.
- 8:50 7. Great Falls Public Schools – GFPS and Kids Education Yes (KEY)
Update and Q/A on Great Falls Public Schools.
- 9:15 8. Pipeline Update – Jolene Schalper
- 9:20 9. CEO Report – Brett Doney
- 9:25 10. Board Sharing – Mark Cappis
Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:30 11. Public Comment – Mark Cappis
Opportunity for public comment.

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