

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 7, 2024 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Springhill Suites, Great Falls

Approved 12/5/24 Signed By: Andreas Geranios, Secretary

Zoom Option

Meeting ID: 940 1482 9623

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Andreas Geranios

GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Christian Nichols, Deb McGregor, Jake Clark, Jenn Gallmeier, Jen Goodover, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Katie Carvell, Mariah Liebing, Shannon Clancy, Shauni Seccombe, Terri Clark, Tracy Heggem

GFDA Board Members Present:

Brett Harris, Dale Nelson, Dan Rearden, Denise Schnider, Dwayne Howard, Ed Brown, Glenn Bliss, Heather Hoyer, Jayson Olthoff, Jim Dea, Joe Briggs, Johnna Lightbourne, Len Watkins, Mark Cappis, Mike Mills, Randy Gilbertson, Raymond Porter, Rebecca Engum, Dr. Renee Pera, Shane Etzwiler, Shannon Hoiland, Sharon Virgin, Sherrie Arey, Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, Tom Heisler, Tyler Muzzana

GFDA Council Members Present:

Brandon Rosten, Jana Cooper, Josh DeVos, Mark Wallingford, Mike Hallahan

Guests:

Darla Deck (ADF), Joe McKenney (City Commissioner), Kate Neil (SpringHill Suites), Lori Henke (Midway Rental)

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: Andreas Geranios, Ashley Clark, Brittany Riley, Dani Grebe, Dave Smith, Kyle Herda, Nate Weisenburger, Pat Woodall, Reed Bassett, Zach Mendenhall
- 2) Approve minutes of 10/3/24 and 10/15/24 Board meetings.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:10 3. School Tax Credit – Anders Blewett

8:15 4. Entrepreneur Cohorts – Deb McGregor

Introduction to new GFDA entrepreneur cohort efforts.

8:25 5. Council Appointment – Mark Cappis

Approve/disapprove appointing Katie Neil of Springhill Suites to GFDA Council.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to appoint Katie Neil of Springhill Suites to the GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:30 6. Entrepreneur Celebration – Christian Nichols

Introduction to new annual GFDA Entrepreneur Celebration.

- 8:40 7. IEDC Rural Summit – Jolene Schalper
Briefing and brainstorming in regard to hosting first ever International Economic Development Council Rural Summit in Great Falls in June, 2025.
- 8:55 8. GFDA Funds – Brett Doney
Briefing and brainstorming on GFDA loan capital efforts and potential two new funds to support housing production and business startups and expansions.
- 9:10 9. Pipeline Update – Jolene Schalper
- 9:15 10. CEO Report – Brett Doney
- 9:20 11. Board Sharing – Mark Cappis
Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:25 12. Public Comment – Mark Cappis
Opportunity for public comment.

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