

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 9, 2025

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Approved 2/6/25

Signed By: Andreas Geranios, Secretary

Great Falls College, Heritage Hall

2100 16th Ave S.

Great Falls, MT 59405

IN PERSON MEETING with Zoom Option

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GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Kristen Blue, Shandi Gebhardt Jones, Shauni Seccombe, Tracy Heggem

GFDA Board Members Present:

Andreas Geranios, Brett Harris, Brittany Riley, Dan Rearden, Dani Grebe, Dave Smith, Denise Schnider, Dwayne Howard, Ed Brown, Glenn Bliss, Jayson Olthoff, Jesse Waldenberg, Jim Dea, Joe Briggs, John Faulkner, Johnna Lightbourne, Len Watkins, Mark Cappis, Michael Mulvey, Mike Mills, Pat Woodall, Randy Gilbertson, Raymond Porter, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Rob Haney, Shannon Hoiland, Sharon Virgin, Tyler Muzzana

GFDA Council Members Present:

Amber Plant, Brad Talcott, Brandon Rosten, Casey Schreiner, Jana Cooper, Jim Wingerter, Josh DeVos, Kate Neil, Mark Wallingford, Mike Hallahan

Guests:

Alaina Mattimiro (City of GF), Brock Cherry (City of GF), Darla Deck (ADF), Dave Dahl (Bravera Bank), Dax Miller (Midway Rental), Jackie Owens (NW Mutual), Joe McKenney (GF City Commission), Lori Henke (Midway Rental), Scott Reasoner (GF Voyagers), Tiffany Hensley McBain (Weisman Hood Institute), Tracy Jerman (Northrop Grumman)

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, Heather Hoyer, Kyle Herda, Nate Weisenburger, Shane Etzwiler, Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler, Zach Mendenhall

b) Approve minutes of 12/5/25 Board meeting.

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

8:10 3. City of Great Falls Growth Policy – Brock Cherry

Briefing and Q/A on process underway to develop a new Growth Policy.

8:25 4. Great Falls Voyagers – Scott Reasoner

Briefing and Q/A on next steps of new team ownership.

8:35 5. IEDC Rural Retreat – Jolene Schalper

Briefing on preparations for hosting the first ever International Economic Development Council Rural Summit in Great Falls this June 2025.

- 8:45 6. Council Appointments – Brett Doney
Approve/disapprove appointing Dr. Tiffany Hensley McBain of the Weissman Hood Institute and Dax Miller of Midway Rental, and Dale Nelson of Nelson Architects to the GFDA Council.
a) **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointing Dr. Tiffany Hensley McBain of the Weissman Hood Institute to the GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**
b) **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointing Dax Miller of Midway Rental to the GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**
c) **ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointing Dale Nelson of Nelson Architects to the GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**
- 8:50 7. FY2025 Budget Updates –Brett Doney
Approve/disapprove updates to FY2025 Budget as recommended by Executive Committee.
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve updates to FY2025 Budget as recommended by Executive Committee. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- 9:00 8. Defense Alliance – Brett Doney
Briefing on strengthening our Defense competitive efforts.
- 9:05 9. Pipeline Update – Jolene Schalper
- 9:10 10. CEO Report – Brett Doney
- 9:15 11. Board Sharing – Mark Cappis
Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:20 12. Public Comment – Mark Cappis
Opportunity for public comment.

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