

## GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Approved 3/6/25

Signed By: Andreas Geranios, Secretary

Great Falls College, Heritage Hall

2100 16th Ave S.

Great Falls, MT 59405

*Andreas Geranios*

IN PERSON MEETING with Zoom Option

Zoom Option

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### GFDA Staff Present:

Anna Flies, Brett Doney, Jenn Gallmeier, Jolene Schalper, Kristen Blue, Shauni Seccombe, Tracy Heggem

### GFDA Board Members Present:

Andreas Geranios, Brett Harris, Brittany Riley, Dan Rearden, Dani Grebe, Dwayne Howard, Ed Brown, Glenn Bliss, Heather Hoyer, Jesse Waldenberg, Jim Dea, Joe Briggs, Johnna Lightbourne, Kyle Herda, Len Watkins, Mark Cappis, Mike Mills, Morgan Tweet, Nate Weisenburger, Pat Woodall, Peyton Johnson, Randy Gilbertson, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Shane Etzweiler, Sharon Virgin, Sherrie Arey, Stephanie Erdmann, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler, Tracy Jerman, Tyler Muzzana, Zach Mendenhall

### Military Liaisons Present:

Jacque Fogerty, MAFB

### GFDA Council Members Present:

Brad Talcott, Brandon Rosten, Casey Schreiner, Dale Nelson, Dax Miller, Jana Cooper, Jody Johnson, Kate Neil, Mark Wallingford

### Guests:

Darla Deck (ADF), Joe McKenney (GF City Commission), Lori Henke (Midway Rental), Rob Worden (Vision Net)

*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

Introductions of new Board and Council members and new staff.

8:05 2. Consent Agenda – Mark Cappis

1) Accept excused absences: Denise Schnider, George Nikolakakos, Jayson Olthoff, Shannon Hoiland

2) Approve minutes of 1/9/25 Board meeting.

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

8:10 3. Recreation, Entertainment & Event Facility Market Assessment – Brett Doney

Briefing and Q/A on start of recreation, entertainment and event facility market assessment we have commissioned, funded 50% by EDA.

8:20 4. Great Falls Public Relations Partnership – Rebecca Engum & Jolene Schalper

Briefing and Q/A on start of pitching Great Falls public relations partnership between Great Falls Tourism and GFDA.

- 8:30 5. Defense Alliance – Brett Doney  
Briefing and Q/A on status of strengthening of the Defense Alliance.
- 8:40 6. Pulse Processing Market Assessment – Anna Flies  
Briefing and Q/A on statewide pulse crop processing market assessment GFDA has commissioned, funded by the Montana Pulse Committee.
- 8:50 7. Great Falls AgriTech Park – Brett Doney  
Briefing and Q/A on status of Park development.
- 8:55 8. Pipeline Update – Jolene Schalper
- 9:10 9. CEO Report – Brett Doney
- 9:15 10. Board Sharing – Mark Cappis  
Updates from Board and Council members on issues affecting GFDA's mission and organization.
- 9:25 11. Public Comment – Mark Cappis  
Opportunity for public comment.

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