

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2025 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Approved 12/4/25

Signed By: Nate Weisenburger, Secretary



IN PERSON MEETING with Zoom Option

Great Falls College, Heritage Hall

2100 16th Ave S.

Great Falls, MT 59405

Zoom Option

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GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Christian Nichols, Deb McGregor, Jenn Gallmeier, Jolene Schalper, Mariah Liebing, Rich Gannon, Shannon Clancy, Tracy Heggem

GFDA Board Members Present:

Dr. Alan Kadish, Andreas Geranios, Brett Harris, Caroline Goulet, Dani Grebe, Dax Miller, Ed Brown, Heather Hoyer, Jayson Olthoff, Jesse Waldenberg, Johnna Lightbourne, Len Watkins, Mark Cappis, Mike Freeman, Mike Mills, Pat Woodall, Randy Gilbertson, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Stephanie Erdmann, Tiffany Hensley-McBain, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler, Tracy Jerman, Tyler Muzzana

Non-Voting GFDA Board Members Present:

John Faulkner

GFDA Council Members Present:

Brad Talcott, Brandon Rosten, Casey Schreiner, David Dahl, Jana Cooper, Jody Johnson, Josh DeVos, Mike Hallahan

Guests:

Darla Deck (ADF), Jane Weber (HD19), Joe McKenney (GF City Commission), Matt Elsaesser (Upper Missouri Waterkeeper), Rick Edwards (NorthWestern Energy)

We encourage in person participation whenever possible. 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 – Johnna Lightbourne
Introductions of Board and Council members, investors, staff and guests.
- 8:02 2. Consent Agenda – Johnna Lightbourne
- 1) Accept excused absences: Glenn Bliss, Jim Dea, Joe Briggs, Kyle Herda, Morgan Tweet, Nate Weisenburger, Rob Haney, Shane Etzweiler, Shannon Hoiland
 - 2) Approve minutes of 10/2/25 Board meeting.
- ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**
- 8:05 3. New Opportunities & Updates – Brett Doney
Discussion about Opportunity Zones 2.0, data centers, AgriTech Park.
- 9:00 4. Montana Educational Program Tax Credit – Anders Blewett

9:07 5. APEX and SBDC – Shannon Clancy, Mariah Liebing, Deb McGregor, Rich Gannon, and Christian Nichols
Brief presentations and discussion about what our APEX Accelerator and Small Business Development Center team members are doing to put our updated Economic Development Strategy to work to achieve GFDA priorities.

9:15 6. Extended Pipeline Report – Jolene Schalper

9:28 7. Investor Report – Jenn Gallmeier

9:34 9. Board & Council Sharing – Johanna Lightbourne
Updates from Board and Council members on issues affecting GFDA's mission and organization.

9:37 10. Public Comment – Johanna Lightbourne
Opportunity for public comment.

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