

## GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2026

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Heritage Hall at Great Falls College

Approved 2/5/26

2100 16th Ave S.

Signed By: Nate Weisenburger, Secretary

Great Falls, MT 59405



Zoom Option

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### GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Jamie Rapley, Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Kattie Bennett, Kristen Blue, Shauni Seccombe, Terri Clark, Tracy Heggem

### GFDA Board Members Present:

Andreas Geranios, Brett Harris, Dani Grebe, Dax Miller, George Nikolakakos, Heather Hoyer, Jayson Olthoff, Jesse Waldenberg, Jim Dea, Johnna Lightbourne, Kyle Herda, Len Watkins, Mike Mills, Morgan Tweet, Pat Woodall, Randy Gilbertson, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Rob Haney, Shane Etwiler, Stephanie Erdmann, Tiffany Hensley-McBain, 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, Keith Cron, Mike Hallahan

### Guests:

TSgt Aaron Thomasson & Jacquie Fogerty (MAFB Public Affairs), Matt Elsaesser (Upper Missouri Waterkeeper), Matthew Hoffmann & Anjanette Sabin & Keanan Allen (Terracon), Xavier Marshall (Harp Financial Group)

*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.

#### 8:05 2. Consent Agenda – Johnna Lightbourne

a) Accept excused absences: Dr. Alan Kadish, Caroline Goulet, Ed Brown, Glenn Bliss, Mark Cappis, Nate Weisenburger, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler

b) Approve minutes of 11/13/25 Board meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve Consent Agenda with corrected minutes date of 12/4/25 Board meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**

#### 8:10 3. GFDA Operations

Brief presentations and discussion about what our operations team members are doing to put our updated Economic Development Strategy to work to achieve GFDA priorities.

- 8:15 4. Marketing Plan for 2026 – Brett Doney and Jolene Schalper  
Approve/disapprove Marketing Plan for calendar year 2026.  
**ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve Marketing Plan for calendar year 2026. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.**
- 8:25 5. New Task Forces – Brett Doney  
Brainstorm people to ask to engage in new task forces:
- River Activation
  - Data Center(s) Community Benefits
  - Defense Industry Market Assessment
  - Opportunity Zones
- 8:55 6. Investor Report – Jenn Gallmeier
- 9:00 7. Pipeline Report – Jolene Schalper
- 9:07 8. CEO Report – Brett Doney
- 9:17 9. Board & Council Sharing – Johnna Lightbourne  
Updates from Board and Council members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:23 10. Public Comment – Johnna Lightbourne  
Opportunity for public comment.

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