

GFDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 8:00 – 10:00 AM

Approved 2/18/26 Signed By: Nate Weisenburger, Secretary



IN PERSON MEETING with Zoom Option

AE2S Engineering

The Portage Building

405 3rd Street NW, 2nd floor

Great Falls, MT

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GFDA Executive Committee Members Present:

Andreas Geranios, Brett Harris, Dani Grebe, Joe Briggs, Johnna Lightbourne, Len Watkins, Mark Cappis, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Stephanie Erdmann, Toby Malsam

GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Christian Nichols, Jana Williams, Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Kattie Bennett, Tracy Heggem

Guests:

Brad Talcott, Christopher Averill, Ella Currier, Melissa Shannon

Times are approximate.

- 8:00 1. Consent Agenda – Johnna Lightbourne
- a) Accept excused absences: Nate Weisenburger
 - b) Approve/disapprove minutes of the 12/19/25 and 12/31/25 Executive Committee meetings.
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- 8:03 2. Public Relations Consultant – Brett Doney
- Meet via Zoom with potential PR firm.
Approve/disapprove public relations agreement.
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve public relations agreement and fee for communications audit and development of strategic and crisis communications plan. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- 8:45 3. AgriTech Park – Brett Doney
- Discuss status of Park potential lot sales, land options, tax increment agreement, and infrastructure improvements. Take action as desired by Committee.
- 9:17 4. Financial Report – Brett Doney & Jana Williams
- Review December Financial Report.
- 9:20 5. Loan Portfolio – Jill Kohles
- Review loan portfolio status and loan capital availability.
- 9:23 6. Investment – Jennifer Gallmeier
- Discuss investment status and act on any investor pledge charge-offs or changes to GFDA Investor Honor Roll.
- 9:26 7. Brownfields Assessments – Christian Nichols
- Approve/disapprove brownfields assessment(s).
- 9:27 8. Pipeline Report – Jolene Schalper

9:34 9. CEO Report – Brett Doney

9:40 10. President/CEO Contract Extension– Johnna Lightbourne

Discuss updates to contract with legal counsel. Take action as desired by Committee. The Committee may decide to go into executive session.

9:42 11. Public Comment – Johnna Lightbourne

Opportunity for public comment.

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