

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 5, 2026 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Approved 3/5/26

Signed By: Nate Weisenburger, Secretary



IN PERSON MEETING with Zoom Option

Heritage Hall at Great Falls College
2100 16th Ave S.
Great Falls, MT 59405

Zoom Option

Meeting ID: 940 1482 9623

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GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Christian Leinhauser, Christian Nichols, Jake Clark, Jamie Rapley, Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Kattie Bennett, Kristen Blue, Lisa Andis, Mariah Liebing, Marty Cappis, Sara Niccum, Shandi Gebhardt Jones, Shannon Clancy, Shauni Seccombe, Terri Clark, Tracy Heggem

GFDA Board Members Present:

Dr. Alan Kadish, Andreas Geranios, Brett Harris, Dani Grebe, Dax Miller, Ed Bown, George Nikolakakos, 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, Randy Gilbertson, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Rob Haney, Shane Etwiler, Shannon Hoiland (joined at 8:50), Stephanie Erdmann, Tiffany Hensley-McBain, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler

Non-Voting GFDA Board Members Present:

John Faulkner

GFDA Council Members Present:

Brad Talcott, Brandon Rosten, Kate Neil, Keith Cron

Guests:

Col. Dan Voorhies, Col. Conn McKelvey, Lt. Col. John Mayer, Capt. Rachel Brinegar, 2nd Lt. Alyssa Zamora-Rai & Jacquie Fogerty from Malmstrom Air Force Base; Brianne Laurin (Electric City Citizens for Public Safety), Clarence (online), Jane Weber (HD 19), Jayson Olthoff (Brett Harris Agency), Jenn Rowell (The Electric), Joe McKenney (City Commission), Matt Elsaesser (Upper Missouri Waterkeeper), Matthew Hoffmann & Anjanette Sabin (Terracon), Meegan Bennett, (McGough)

Times are approximate.

- 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: Caroline Goulet, Tracy Jerman, Tyler Muzzana
b) Approve minutes of 1/8/26 Board meeting.
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve Consent Agenda with corrected minutes date of 1/8/26 Board meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- 8:10 3. MAFB Briefing by Col. Dan Voorhies
- 8:25 4. Athena Award Presentation by Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
- 8:30 5. Sentinel Briefing by Lt. Col. John Mayer

- 9:00 6. Great Falls Public Safety Polling – Shane Etwiler
Briefing by Electric City Citizens for Public Safety requesting funding support to commission polling of voters.
- 9:13 7. GFDA Council Appointment – Johnna Lightbourne
Approve/disapprove appointment of Zac Griffin of Great Falls Association of Realtors to GFDA Council.
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointment of Zac Griffin of Great Falls Association of Realtors to GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- 9:14 8. The Fire Within –Jolene Schalper
Details of The Fire Within 2026 award nominations.
- 9:16 9. Pipeline Report – Jolene Schalper
- 9:19 10. Investor Report – Jenn Gallmeier
- 9:23 11. CEO Report – Brett Doney
- 9:29 12. Board & Council Sharing – Johnna Lightbourne
Updates from Board and Council members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:32 13. Public Comment – Johnna Lightbourne
Opportunity for public comment.

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Topic: GFDA Board Meeting

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