

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Heritage Hall at Great Falls College

Approved 8/6/26

2100 16th Ave S.

Signed By: Nate Weisenburger, Secretary

Great Falls, MT 59405



Zoom Option

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IN PERSON MEETING with Zoom Option

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GFDA Staff Present:

Brett Doney, Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Kristen Blue, Tracy Heggem

GFDA Board Members Present:

Dr. Alan Kadish, Amanada Thompson, Brett Harris, Cliff Garness, Dani Grebe, Dax Miller, Glenn Bliss, Jamie Wyatt Marshall, Joe Briggs, Johnna Lightbourne, Mark Cappis, Nate Weisenburger, Pat Woodall, Randy Gilbertson, Rebecca Engum, Samantha Decker, Stephanie Erdmann, Toby Malsam, Tom Heisler, Tracy Jerman, Tyler Muzzana

Non-Voting GFDA Board Members Present:

John Faulkner

GFDA Council Members Present:

Brandon Rosten, Jim Wingerter, Josh DeVos, Keith Cron, Zac Griffin

Guests:

Tim Babcock, Nick Lavacca & Jordan Weber (Janicki Industries); Jermy Lee, Joe McKenney (GF City Commission), Meegan Bennett (McGough), Michael Carr (Touro University), Mike Mills (3 Rivers Communications), Pat Bahnmler (Central Plumbing, Heating, Excavating), Russ Miner (Rep. HD26), Ryan Nelson (REIC Rentals), Trae Cool

Times are approximate.

8:00 1. Janicki Industries Brief – Tim Babcock, Nick Lavacca & Jordan Weber, Janicki Industries

8:35 2. Introductions – Johnna Lightbourne
Introductions of Board and Council members, investors, staff and guests.

8:40 3. Consent Agenda – Johnna Lightbourne

- a) Accept excused absences: Andreas Geranios, Ed Brown, Heather Hoyer, Len Watkins, Morgan Tweet, Reed Bassett, Shane Etzweiler, Teri Anderson, Dr. Tiffany Hensley-McBain,
- b) Approve minutes of 6/4/26 Board meeting.

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

8:44 4. Officer Elections– Johnna Lightbourne
Approve/disapprove election of officers for FY2027 as recommended by Nominations Committee:

Chair	Toby Malsam, Culligan Water System
Vice Chair	Andreas Geranios, Geranios Enterprise, Inc.
Treasurer	Reed Bassett, Bravera Bank
Secretary	Nate Weisenburger, AE2S

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve election of Officers listed above for FY2027 as recommended by Nominations Committee. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

- 8:47 5. Appoint Executive Committee– Toby Malsam
Approve/disapprove appointment of Executive Committee for FY2027 as recommended by Nominations Committee:

Officers, plus:

Brett Harris, Famers Insurance - Brett Harris Insurance Agency
Dani Grebe, L'Heureux Page Werner (LPW) Architects
Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commission
Johnna Lightbourne, Cogswell Insurance Agency (*immediate Past President*)
Kaci Husted, Benefis Health System
Len Watkins, Gusto Distributing
Mark Capps, Capps Consulting and Tax, LLC
Rebecca Engum, Great Falls Montana Tourism

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointment of Executive Committee members listed above for FY2027 as recommended by Nominations Committee. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

- 8:48 6. Appoint Loan Committee– Toby Malsam
Approve/disapprove appointment of Loan Committee for FY2027 as recommended by Nominations Committee:

Rebecca Engum, Great Falls Montana Tourism, Chair
Chad Simonson, Independence Bank
Erin Townsend, Bravera Bank
Jim Dea, New Day Property Management
Johnna Lightbourne, Cogswell Insurance Agency (*New*)
Martin Byrnes, Cushing Terrell
Scott Blumfield, Catalyst Commercial
Sheila Rice, Retired NeighborWorks Great Falls
Tausha Stoll, Guy Tabacco Construction
Teri Anderson, First Interstate Bank

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointment of Loan Committee members listed above for FY2027 as recommended by Nominations Committee. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

- 8:49 7. Council Appointment– Toby Malsam
Approve/disapprove appointment of Jesse Waldenberg of Central Plumbing, Heating, Excavating.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointment of Jesse Waldenberg of Central Plumbing, Heating, Excavating to the GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

- 8:50 8. GFDA Strategy & Core Values – Brett Doney
Brief on process to update GFDA's Economic Development Strategy and core values.

8:58 9. Investor Report – Jenn Gallmeier

9:03 10. Pipeline Report – Jolene Schalper

9:13 11. CEO Report – Brett Doney

9:19 12. Board & Council Sharing – Toby Malsam

Updates from Board and Council members on issues affecting GFDA's mission and organization.

9:25 13. Public Comment – Toby Malsam

Opportunity for public comment.

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