

# Gardiner Chamber of Commerce

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*The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce serves our community through developing local tourism while endorsing stewardship of the Yellowstone Ecosystem.*

Meeting date: **Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM**

Location: Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, 216 Park St. Gardiner, MT & [Virtual via Zoom](#)

Purpose: Regularly Scheduled Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

## Agenda:

### 1. Chamber Business

#### 1.1. Roll Call & Introductions

Present: Amanda Hagerty, Karrie Kahle, Debbie Mackey, Sarah Ondrus, Maria Sascha Khan, Mike Skelton, Billie Taylor

#### 1.2 Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes

Kahle motions to approve the minutes from Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting September 2024 as corrected. Hagerty seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

#### 1.3 Approval of Online Vote for Letter of Support request from Park County

4 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, 3 directors did not vote. Motion passes.

### 2. Committee Updates

#### 2.1 Mary Wilson – NPS

Not present.

#### 2.2 Tim Schumacher – USFS

Not present.

#### 2.3 Maria Koppelberger-Rogers – Executive Director's Report

Maria gives updates regarding the Chamber and CVB. Maria attended the Montana Association of Chamber Executives conference in Billings. Christmas Stroll planning is underway. Baylor University published a study about the economic impact of the June 2022 flood – Terese Petcoff was named as a co-author. Maria invited the board to meet with staff from HRDC who are coming down to Gardiner. Maria presents the marketing proposal from TDG Agency. She will ask TDG to clarify questions from the board.

Discussion of board member terms: there are currently 2 vacancies. One term expires January 2025, the other expires January 2026. Hagerty and Mackey are up for reelection January 2025. Each eligible for one more term. Skelton terms out January 2025. The best thing for the Chamber is to offset terms so that 4 seats are up for election one year, 5 seats the next.

## **2.4 Hernan Lavin – Operation’s Manager Report**

Hernan introduces himself to the board of directors.

### **3. Old Business**

Document retention policy – Hagerty mentions that a shredding company comes down to Gardiner for YF documents.

FFA was not able to use the rodeo grounds this Fall due to inability to provide proof of insurance for the event. Taylor would like to connect with them next year to help with this issue.

Maria will look into options for a lease agreement for the rodeo grounds.

In the future, if there is a question of renaming the Stroll to Holiday Stroll, the Chamber should reach out to participating organizations for feedback.

### **4. New Business**

GRAD held a community meeting regarding possible changes to the ordinance regarding size of the district and length of time the tax is collected.

### **5. Public Comment**

None

Kahle motions to adjourn. Ondrus seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

**Date of Next Meeting: November 21, 2024, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**