



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, December 15, 2022 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

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Agenda:

1. Chamber Business

1.1 Roll Call & Introductions

Chelsea Deweese, Amanda Hagerty, Mike Keller, Debbie Mackey, Sarah Ondrus, Mike Skelton, Trina Smith, Sabina Strauss, and Billie Taylor

1.2 Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes

Keller moved to approve.

Smith seconded. Minutes from November 2022 pass.

2. Committee Updates

2.1 Mary Wilson – Yellowstone National Park Service

No report, unable to attend.

2.2 Terese Petcoff – Director's Report

Petcoff shared the Interim Survey Results for the "Final Economic Impact Survey" with the Board, noting that these findings had already been shared with the Offices of Senator Daines and Senator Tester. She reminded the Board that the Deadline to submit the survey is December 22nd. Once she has compiled the final responses she will again share the results with all interested parties.

Petcoff reported on upcoming Institute of Tourism Research and Recreation (ITRR) studies that were approved for their Fiscal Year 2024. She highlighted the below areas of interest. More details on each study can be requested from the Institute for Tourism & Recreation Research at itrr@umontana.edu or inquire with Petcoff.

- Yellowstone Natural Disaster and Tourism Impacts and Recovery
- The Ever-Changing Dynamics of Short Term Rentals in Montana
- Emerging Issues: Cooke City Plug

Petcoff updated the Board that with the final invoice for 2022 servicing of the canisters being submitted, GRAD has officially approved the Chamber's rollover request at \$6,916.00 for 2023. This money will be used to service the canisters for 2023 and potentially add plaques to them if funding allows.

Finally, Petcoff noted that the Chamber was able to receive an additional \$15,000 from the State of Montana. This money was awarded as additional funds for the Montana Disaster Grant issued to the Gardiner CVB prior in 2022 for expenses related to the flood.

3. Outstanding Business

3.1 FY23 Gardiner Chamber of Commerce Budget for Approval

Skelton began the discussion by reiterating how the budget is created each year citing the Policy and Procedures Manual. Each line item is examined in detail by the Executive Committee. He noted that the building's mortgage is set to be paid off in 2025 and at that time there will be enough funding to do so. He additionally reviewed items that were discussed at the November 2022 Board of Directors meeting (see November Meeting Minutes for more detail), to ensure that all Board Members understood the budget. Petcoff and Skelton also clarified that no grant funding is reflected in the proposed FY23 Budget.

Skelton called for any further questions, no discussion occurred.

Amanda Hagerty Motioned for approval of the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce FY23 Budget. Smith seconded. Gardiner Chamber of Commerce FY23 budget passes unanimously.

4. New Business

No discussion.

5. Public Comment

No discussion.

Date of Next Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 6 PM