

# 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.*

**DATE:** Feb. 15, 2024

**LOCATION:** Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, GARDINER, MT & Virtual via Zoom

**PURPOSE:** February Meeting 2024

**PRESENT:** Amanda Hagerty, Karrie Kahle, Debbie Mackey, Maria Sascha, Mike Skelton, Trina Smith, and Billie Taylor.

**Zoom Attendance:** Sabina Strauss, Tina Sperano, Laura Chastain

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Sarah Ondrus

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of January 14, 2023; as circulated. Motion by Karrie Kahle, Seconded by: Trina Smith.

**Carried.**

3. Guest Presenters

3.1 Katherine Daly – Park County Housing Coalition. Human Resources Development Council is helping establish this coalition. Meg Doran, Assistant Director of HR Xanterra, YNPL on steering committee due to impact of housing on employment. Currently in Work Phase. Handout was provided and available at Gardiner Chamber of Commerce.

3.2 Committee Updates

- a. Mike Skeleton asked the board members to review tentative North Entrance Road plans.
- b. Tim Schumacher –USFS

- i. Bear Creek Bridge work in June.
    - ii. Cinnabar – May 31, 2024; complete boat launch.
    - iii. Food Storage begins March 1, 20024.
    - iv. Ski grooming past Jardine.
  - c. Terese Petcoff – Director Report
    - i. Visitor Guide ad sales and updates
    - ii. Shared Q4 lodging tax information for Montana and region.
    - iii. Walking Map ad sales will go online March 1, 2024.
  - d. Maria Koppelberger – Operations Manager Report
    - i. Most popular question concerned snowmobile rentals and availability.
    - ii. Visitation slightly up this season.
    - iii. Snow data from Halfpenny. Snowpack for the Northern Entrance is below the lowest level recorded in two decades.
    - iv. Rodeo ground access process updated and simplified.
    - v. Hired new facility cleaner.
- 4. Old Business:
- 5. New Business:
  - 5.1 Board Vacancy. Currently there are 8/9 seats filled.
  - 5.2 New board member paperwork/ Board Bios & pictures
  - 5.3 March 14, 2024; next meeting
  - 5.4 Scott Rosenzweig candidate for House District 57
- 6.0 Motion to adjourn by Karrie Kahle, seconded by: Maria Sascha. Motion carried.