

# 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:** August 15, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, GARDINER, MT & Virtual via Zoom  
**PURPOSE:** August Board Meeting 2024  
**PRESENT:** Karrie Kahle, Maria Sascha Khan, Debbie Mackey, Mike Skelton, Billie Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES
  - **Motion:** To approve the minutes of June 2024. Motion to approve the June minutes was made by Debbie Mackey. Motion was seconded by Maria Sascha Khan. Motion carried.
3. Committee Updates
  - a. Mary Wilson (NPS) – not present, Maria shared report on her behalf.
    - i. Visitation to the Park
    - ii. Fishing Closures on River and Streams: Madison River, Firehole River and Gibbon River all remain closed or have major sections closed.
    - iii. Road Construction
    - iv. Non-Commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program Closes August 31, 2024
  - b. Maria Koppelberger-Rogers – Director's Report
    - i. Welcome Abby Eder to our team
    - ii. Voices of Yellowstone: First Peoples Celebration
      - a. Potluck a great success
      - b. Thanks to Snell Family with Pretty Shield Foundation
      - c. Cards of appreciation were signed
    - iii. Marketing
      - a. Yellowstone Journal Ad
      - b. USA Today National Parks Ad
      - c. 1 month Fall Digital Campaign with TDG
      - d. closed the Path2Paradise website – flood response site
    - iv. Grants
      - a. Final report for SW MT Flood Relief Grant (2023)
      - b. VIC Enhancement Grant (\$5,000 match) – have \$4,000 from GRAD

- v. New Members: Gaper Guide (audio tours of parks); Big Sky Wildlife (photography); Old Faithful and Friends (transportation)

c. Abby Eder – Operation’s Manager Report

i. VIC report

- a. Visitor ledger was moved, and this has increased tourist information tracking.
- b. Visitation has increased.
- c. Scavenger Hunt pamphlets printed to encourage Gardiner exposure

ii. Properties and Facilities

- a. Rodeo grounds have new locks for more efficient supervision.
- b. With VIC Grant we will enhance lighting of back hallway, and provide bookshelves and new paper towel dispensers will be added to the restrooms.

4. Old Business:

- a. Bear Creek Council, PCEC, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Wild Livelihoods asked for support concerning FWP Hunting Zones. Online consensus was: 4 Yes, 1 No, and 2 Abstain.

5. New Business:

- a. Sally with GYC seeking support for USFS acquisition of Crevice Mountain Mining. Previous letter of support will be circulated to board members and a vote will be made online. Sept. 15 deadline.

6. **Motion** to adjourn was made by Karrie Kahle, seconded by Debbie Mackey. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2024, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm.