

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: September 19, 2024
LOCATION: Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, GARDINER, MT & Virtual via Zoom
PURPOSE: September Board Meeting 2024
PRESENT: Karrie Kahle, Debbie Mackey, Sarah Ondrus, Mike Skelton, Billie Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES
 - **Motion:** To approve the minutes of August 2024. Motion to approve the August minutes was made by Karrie Kahle. Motion was seconded by Debbie Mackey. Motion carried.
 - **Motion:** to approve the online vote for letters of support:
 - **HRDC Letter of Support approval:** Motion to approve online vote for HRDC was made by Debbie Mackey, seconded by Karrie Kahle. Approved: 5 yes, 1 abstain, 1 no vote.
 - **GYC Letter of Support approval:** Motion to approve online vote for GYC was made by Debbie Mackey, seconded by Karrie Kahle. Approved: 5 yes, 1 abstain, 1 no vote.
3. Committee Updates
 - a. Maria Koppelberger-Rogers – Director's Report
 - i. Abby Eder resigned from her position in August, but we have filled the Operations Manager Position. Please welcome Hernan Lavin to our team.
 - ii. Starting planning for Stroll, Thursday Dec. 5, 2024. Asking for sponsors:
 - a. Poster submission deadline is Oct. 25, 2024.
 - b. For logo on poster, social media shoutouts.
 - c. Donations for prizes for attendees who complete their stroll passport.
 - iii. CVB information
 - a. VIC Enhancement Grant: Sign project is underway, and lighting project is underway.
 - b. For Yellowstone Country: 24% travelers are from Montana, 76% are outside Montana. The top 5 cities of origin are: Salt Lake City, Utah; Denver, Colorado; Seattle/Tacoma, Washington; Idaho Falls/Pocatello, Idaho; and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.
 - iv. Document Retention Policy draft was circulated. Request input from board members regarding board information and membership information.

- v. Cary McGary will host Wild Livelihoods Business Coalition Oct. 7, 2024; from 6-8pm in our conference room.
- vi. Board permission to pursue MT Main Street Program
- vii. Board permission to move forward with TDG website redesign.

4. Old Business:

5. New Business:

- a. There will be delays at the Golden Gate Oct. 1-31. The Chamber will put it in the newsletter when there is an official press release.
- b. Maria will ask for volunteers to reattach banners around town.
- c. Maria will send out a poll to membership regarding seminars.
- d. Staff will contact NPS about missing light poles that are potentially in storage.

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

Next Meeting: October 17, 2024, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm.