

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2025

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 6/4/2025 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept meeting minutes as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Blair McGourty. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$7,916.65
FOL: 2,025.50
TOS: 15,339.00
Shop Gladwin: 495.16
Arts Events 4,712.15
Street Festival 4,974.08
66 Paid Members

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by Shannon Macon. 2nd by Tyler Schlitzkus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Membership Update: 66 Paid members.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2025: Summer Street Festival July 12th with meetings every other Tuesday, Downtown Gladwin. Vendors are sending in applications every day. Thursdays in the City are July 24, July 31, August 14, August 21 and August 28. DALMAC Bike Tour August 28th. Thunder on the Strip is September 13. Fall in Gladwin/Cornstalks and Decorating in September and October. Pumpkin Painting October 18th at Riverwalk during Jeep Creep. Christmas Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights Christmas Parade December 6th, Downtown Gladwin.

Social Media: Need volunteers to do social media.

Miss Gladwin County Update: There were nine participants in the Miss Gladwin County Event and it went very well. GBPA and BABA is hoping to collaborate and promote GBPA and BABA events. Maybe have a semi annual meeting of both organizations or attend each others meetings.

Public Arts Update: American Legion Mural is wonderful.

New Business:

Sound System: DDA allocated funds for removal and reinstallation of the speaker system. More details will follow.

City Update: The equipment for the charging stations will be put in soon, a new DPW Director, Jeff Graham has been hired. The hiring of a City Administrator is moving forward, the Park will be putting in a new bathhouse and bathroom and the City is moving ahead with the addition to City Hall.

County Updates: Not available

Chamber Updates: The route for the ORV Run is bigger (about 3 hours), there are new sponsors and new stops. The date for the event is August 16. The Garden Tour is July 17 in the Beaverton area and the Women's Expo is October 24 and 25. Carrie thanked those that renewed their membership.

Business Updates and Announcements: Zach from the Conservation District gave a recap of the River Race which was very successful. He thanked the GBPA for sponsorship. There will be a Conservation event on July 27. Selena from Myers for Tires said they are very busy. Jamie from Hospice talked about the Duck Race on July 12 and that it was a success. Shannon from Macon Marine said they have been busy and are also now selling outdoor accessories and furniture. They are partnering with the Great Lake Loons on July 24-27. Stacy from Riverwalk Place said that Margaritaville is July 17 with Mr. E as entertainment, Jeep Creep is October 18 and registration is open. They are looking for Jeep Creep sponsorship. The patio is open with umbrella tables and yard games and the new menu is going very well. Blair from Chic Boutique said they are gearing up for Fall clothing to arrive. Lori from the Council on Aging spoke about Project Fresh for seniors. Tyler from the Gladwin Record said they have been busy.

Motion to adjourn by Kim Bruner. Seconded by Lori Stout. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 6, 8 a.m. at Riverwalk Place.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary