

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2025

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 7/2/2025 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: \$7,846.65
FOL: 2,025.50
TOS: 15,339.00
Shop Gladwin: 476.21
Arts Events 2,512.15
Street Festival 4,626.22
66 Paid Members

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

Old Business:

Membership Update: 66 Paid members. Membership needs to be updated on the website.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2025: The Street Festival turned out very well with many vendors, many spectators and great comments. The car show was also a big success. Thursdays in the City are August 14, August 21 and August 28. DALMAC Bike Tour August 28th. Thunder on the Strip is September 13 with an update from Mike and Karen Moore about the timing system. Fall in Gladwin/Cornstalks (Michael Murray) 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.

Public Arts Update: Need funding.

Sound System: DDA allocated funds for removal and reinstallation of the speaker system. The speaker system is on the DDA agenda for the next meeting. It will be relocated to the Cedar Garden area in a weather proof box.

New Business:

Miss Gladwin County Update: Miss Gladwin County and 1st and 2nd Runnerups were in attendance to speak to the GBPA about the success of the program. The Miss Gladwin County Pageant Committee has asked if the GBPA would open an account for the event. Lori Stout, Treasurer said she would do that for the committee. Stacy Plude made a motion to open an account through the GBPA for the Miss Gladwin County event. There was discussion and it was decided not to open an account through the GBPA. Stacy Plude rescinded her motion. GBPA and BABA are hoping to collaborate and promote GBPA and BABA events.

Car Calendar Ad: Tyler Schlitzkus from the Gladwin County Record gave an update on the Car Calendar ads. He offered the bottom of the calendar for \$1,000. This will be seen during the entire year. Lori Stout made a motion to spend \$1000 for the ad on the bottom of the Car Calendar. The \$1000 will be taken from different event accounts 2nd by Blair McGourty. All ayes. Motion carried.

Website: The annual invoice from AMPM was discussed. It was decided to get quotes from Andrew Rhind about Hosting, SSL, Domain/Website Content, etc. Jennifer Feuerstein will talk with Andrew.

City Update: Linda Winarski said the Hazardous Waste Day is August 9th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Park projects are happening slowly as the Park is in a flood plain. A new DPW Director was hired and the City is in the process of hiring a new Police Chief. The City is addressing the immediate replacement of the foot bridge behind the Hospital.

County Updates: Karen Moore, Gladwin County Chairperson said that Eric Killian resigned from the City of Gladwin as Police Chief and is now working at Mid Michigan College event center in Mt. Pleasant. Karen gave an update on when she believes the dams/lake will be coming back.

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 Women's Expo is October 24 and 25 at the Beaverton Activity Center. The Chamber is working on the Directory.

BABA Update: Tyler Schlitzkus and Jamie Koehn are attending the BABA meetings to form a coalition with GBPA and BABA. There was a recap of the July 4th week and in place of the June meeting there was a golf outing.

Business Updates and Announcements: Stacy from Riverwalk said they are getting ready for Jeep Creep and that outside dining is going great. LaVel Smith discussed sponsorship from the GBPA for the Jeep Creep. Jennifer Feuerstein made a motion to give Riverwalk/Jeep Creep \$1500 from the GBPA as sponsorship of the event. Seconded by Karen Moore. All ayes. Motion carried. Tyler from the Gladwin Record gave an update on the special editions coming out soon. Sheryl from the Char Stonehouse said they had a setback with the City concerning the building of a new kitchen and with parking. They also received a grant for restaurant equipment. Chris from MFCU said she is very proud of our community. Jamie from Hospice said there is renovation going on in the office but they are staying open. A Grief and Loss class is beginning on August 19th. She needs volunteers for the office and in compassionate care. Linda from the Arnold Center said they are offering Adult Day Care.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Feuerstein. Seconded by Lori Stout. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3, 8 a.m. at Riverwalk Place.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary