

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2025

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 8/6/2025 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting. Motion to accept meeting minutes as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Michael Murray. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$2,569.65
FOL: 2,025.50
TOS: 9,139.70
Shop Gladwin: 457.26
Arts Events 212.15
Street Festival 4,675.72
66 Paid Members

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Jennifer Feuerstein. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Membership Update: 67 members. AMPM who was updating the GBPA website was transitioned to New Life Electronics (Andrew Rhind).

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2025: The Thursdays in the City Summer series went very well and was enjoyed by many. There were many bicyclists in town for DALMAC. Any goodie bags that were left from DALMAC will be given out at Thunder on the Strip. Thunder on the Strip is September 13. The new equipment for Thunder on the Strip has been paid for. Fall in Gladwin/Cornstalks/Scare Crows (Michael Murray) with 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. No updates.

Sound System: DDA allocated funds for removal and reinstallation of the speaker system. It will be relocated to the Cedar Garden area in a weather proof box. There will be a meeting with Craig Taunt about the underground electricity.

New Business:

Insurance Policy Renewal: Insurance policies have been renewed.

City Update: Linda Winarski stated that a new Police Chief has been hired. The City is trying to fill a couple of officer positions. The charging station equipment at City Hall has been installed but is not up and running. The City is still working on the foot bridge behind the hospital. There will be City Hall and City Park renovations.

County Updates: Karen Moore, Gladwin County Chairperson said the County is working on the budget, gave an update on the lakes/dams, discussed Pratt Lake water level issues and Amish buggy accidents.

Chamber Updates: The ORV Festival went well with several ORVS. The Women's Expo is October 24 and 25 at the Beaverton Activity Center. The Chamber is working on the Directory. The Chamber has no interest in the Miss Gladwin County event but will take over the accounting of the event. There will be a Master Gardener Make and Take Tea event at BAC.

BABA Update: A letter was received from Matt Lang saying that it is good to continue the repaire with the GBPA.

Business Updates and Announcements: Kim from the Transit spoke about the State Rodeo that was attended by 5 drivers. She said Gladwin was represented very well. Stacy from Riverwalk spoke about Jeep Creep coming up on October 17 and 18. They need sponsors. 120 jeeps are already registered. Jamie from Hospice said there will be a Service of Remembrance on September 28th at 3 p.m. Hospice needs office and compassionate care volunteers. Selena from Myers for Tires said they are busy and things are going very well. Sheryl from Char Stonehouse said they are having parking issues. Michael Murray said there will be Health Insurance changes coming up. Zak from MyMidMichigan said he is scheduling events for Fall.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Feuerstein. Seconded by Michael Murray. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 1, 8 a.m. at Riverwalk Place.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary