

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2025

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 9/3/2025 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting. Motion to accept meeting minutes as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Jennifer Feuerstein. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$1,153.37
FOL: 2,025.50
TOS: 15,591.54
Shop Gladwin: 438.51
Arts Events 212.15
Street Festival 4,255.72
67 Paid Members

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

Old Business:

Membership Update: 67 members. New Life Electronics (Andrew Rhind) has updated the GBPA Website.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2025: Thunder on the Strip went very well. Fall in Gladwin/Cornstalks/Scare Crows 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. The theme for the Parade is Glow-Rious.

Social Media: Need volunteers to do social media.

Public Arts Update: 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 was a meeting with Craig Taunt about the underground electricity. More info at the next DDA meeting.

New Business:

Chamber Ad: A motion was made by Lori Stout to purchase a half page ad in the Directory from the Chamber. Seconded by Tyler Schlitzkus. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Update: Kim Hines, City Manager said that Gladwin Gathers will be October 11th with activities in the Gladwin City Park. Possible activities such as a skating rink and warming tent open on weekends at North Park from December thru February. Cross County ski track thru the Golf Area. More Christmas lights throughout the City of Gladwin. Jeff, the new DPW Director was introduced. Jeff said he was happy to be in Gladwin. There is a new Chief of Police and new Officers. A DPW staff and Code Enforcement/Blight Officer will be hired.

County Updates: No updates

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

BABA Update: Holiday Hunt coming up in November in Beaverton.

Business Updates and Announcements:

Tyler from the Gladwin Record said the Fall Magazine is out today, Shannon from Macon Marine said they are busy. Selena from Myer's for Tires said things are going well. Kim from the Transit said things are good. Jennifer Feuerstein is leaving H&S Tax at the end of October and opening her own practice, Heritage Tax and Accounting in Gladwin. Zak from My Mid Michigan spoke about activities at the schools and upcoming classes that will be available. Jamie from Hospice spoke about events coming up at Hospice which included how to cope throughout the Holidays. Jamie is always looking for volunteers. Sheryl from Char Stonehouse said they are moving along but still having issues with parking spaces. The Char Stonehouse executive Chef will be Monica Antes. Blair from Chic Boutique said they are gearing up for Fall and the Christmas season. Lori from Council on Aging said there will be an openhouse at Beaverton Manor on October 2 from 3-6 p.m. The Leadership group is coming to Antler Arms, there are 9 routes for home delivered meals and Lori thanked Jeff at Myers for Tires for repairing vehicle issues ASAP. Stacy from Riverwalk said there are 200 registered jeeps for Jeep Creep and 25 vendors, there will be a Kids Zone, Pumpkin Painting sponsored by the GBPA, Dog contest, Trunk or Treat, a Challenge Course next to Walravens and live entertainment in the afternoon and evening.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Feuerstein. Seconded by Blair McGourty. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 5, 8 a.m. at Riverwalk Place.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary