

Gladwin Business & Professional Association

Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026

Meeting called to order at 8:03 am by President Stacy Plude with introductions. 18 in attendance.

Meeting minutes of 6/3/2026 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting. Motion to accept as read by Audrey Greer, seconded by Kim Bruner. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Lori Stout.

General Account: \$6,713.96

FOL: \$4,236.12

TOS: \$11,527.87

Shop Gladwin: \$267.76

Arts Events: \$927.89

Street Fest: \$5,814.15

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by Jen Feuerstein, seconded by Blair McGourty. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Membership Update: 59 paid members. Membership committee is very active and doing well. A draft of a new rack card is in progress. General reminder to be inviting people to our meetings and events. Jen Feuerstein and Andrew Rhind are keeping the website updated. Member information is up to date.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2026: Summer Street Festival July 11, planning committee is now meeting weekly; vendors are sold out; mural paint-by-number will be ready; volunteers needed for early morning and late afternoon. Thursdays in the City are scheduled with the first on July 23 from 7-9 pm; Riverwalk Place and Char Stone House are this year's venues. Christmas Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights Christmas Parade December 5, theme is currently under review.

Public Arts Update: Close to meeting the funding goal. T-shirts will be for sale at Street Fest.

Miss Gladwin County Update: June 27 was the official showcase and was a tremendous success. All nine contestants did extremely well. Audrey Schmidt of Gladwin was named the winner, with Braylon Orton and Isabel Dodman of Beaverton taking first and second runner up respectively. Approximately 250 people attended.

New Business:

Donation Request: A donation request was read from the upcoming DARE concert for a program advertisement.

City Update: Alisha from the City reported on the upcoming Gladwin Gathers Ice Cream Social on July 5 from 12-4 pm. A City truck will participate in the Beaverton Fourth of July Parade. Linda Winarski reported that an America 250 time capsule will be open until Labor Day and then sealed until 2076. Hazardous waste day will be on September 19.

Chamber Updates: ORV Fun Fest will be held on August 15. Registration price is down while value is up. Registration can be completed on the website. Turn Sponsorships are \$100 while Event Sponsorships are \$200. The Legislative Series is being rebranded to a good morning Gladwin County style with the first to be held July 10 from 7:30-9 am.

BABA Update: All systems go on Fourth of July plans.

Business Updates and Announcements:

Jamie from Hospice of Gladwin Area reported on the upcoming 36th Annual Duck Race, \$5 per duck and tickets are still available. Heritage Tax is feeling patriotic. 2 Scoops & Holy Grounds is now serving breakfast Friday-Sunday and will be hosting Scoopapalooza on July 18 from 12-3 pm. Arnold Center's autism program is reopening in Gladwin soon and will be 59 years in operation. Myers for Tires has been busy and their staff is growing. Erica Stein with Essential Acres Apparel will have her new office located within Midstate Storage. GAFT's Fiddler on the Roof sponsored by Iciek Dairy Farm is in full swing with performances July 16-July 19; tickets are for sale at S&H, Lyle's Flowers, Village Flowers, and Sugarbeet Suite. My Michigan will be hosting Bra-La-La on October 8 with proceeds benefitting Gladwin County. Zach Krahner will be hosting a carseat check on July 2 at the Beaverton Fire Department; he will be at the Grow and Grill event on July 29; he also reported that on July 15-16 the Ogemaw Hills Free Methodist Church will be hosting a free sports physicals event. Members First Credit Union has a new Quick Cash online loan available; recreational and auto loan specials are running through Labor Day. Council on Aging's senior produce program is in its second round; cooling centers will be open July 1-2 from 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Chic Boutique summer items are in stock. Oasis Salon & Spa is having a wonderful season. Jeep Creep at Riverwalk Place is in full planning mode with 92 early registrations, the band 'Whiskey Six' will perform; Three Bridges gin tasting on July 2; wedding season is now.

Motion to adjourn at 8:53 am by Lori Stout, seconded by Jen Feuerstein. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5 at Riverwalk Place at 8 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tyler Schlitzkus, GBPA Acting Secretary