

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
OF THE  
**GREAT FALLS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/APPEALS**  
January 23, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Great Falls Board of Adjustment/Appeals was called to order by Chair Joe McMillen at 3:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL & ATTENDANCE**

Great Falls Board of Adjustment/Appeals members present:

Joe McMillen, Chair  
Aspen Northerner, Vice Chair  
Antoinette Collins  
Pete Fontana  
Christian Stone

Great Falls Board of Adjustment/Appeals members absent:

None

Planning Staff members present:

Brock Cherry, Director Planning and Community Development  
Jamie Nygard, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Others present:

Rachel Taylor, Deputy City Attorney

Mr. Cherry affirmed a quorum of the Board was present.

**MINUTES**

Chair McMillen asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes as stated for November 7, 2024. Mr. Fontana moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Northerner. All in favor, the minutes were approved.

**CONFLICT DISCLOSURE/EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **BOARD ACTIONS NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Election of Officers for 2025**

Mr. Cherry informed the Board members that, as Joe McMillen and Aspen Northerner have termed, there are two openings on the Board of Adjustments. No applicants have applied for their replacement. With the code changes in the Montana Land Use Planning Act eliminating the requirement for land use variance applicants to go through the Board of Adjustment, staff is considering reconfiguring a new board alongside the Ethics Board to handle appeals. However, until a decision is made, the current board members may continue to serve.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

MOTION: That the Board of Adjustment appoint Pete Fontana as Chair for 2025.

MADE BY: Ms. Collins

SECOND BY: Ms. Stone

VOTE: Motion Passed 5-0

MOTION: That the Board of Adjustment appoint Christian Stone as the Vice Chair for 2025.

MADE BY: Mr. Fontana

SECOND BY: Ms. Collins

VOTE: Motion Passed 5-0

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair McMillen adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.