

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

MINUTES

February 17, 2026

GNDC

Meeting called to order by President Ray Trumpower.

In Attendance

In Person: Carla, Herb, Ray, Doug, Terri

Online Via Zoom: Kaylee, Zack, Shannon

Guests: Crystal Little Owl, Lisa Koski

Introductions

Herb/McCone – not a whole lot going on

Kaylee/Phillips – Hosted Super B/C Divisional last week – lots of people around – gearing up to host

Terri/Roosevelt - Cabin fever soup feed fundraiser for museum went well – quiet over there.

Doug/Sheridan – Usually farm expo held in March assuming that will still happen

Zack/Valley – Business is good – tournaments are in town; next weekend is hockey jamboree at Event Center bringing in quiet a few teams

Shannon/Richland – Lots going on in near future – 2C tournaments happening this weekend; first week of March annual MonDak Ag Days – comedian on Friday night; Sunrise City Slam – brings in good crowd; Plans for America 250 – largest 4th of July celebration in MonDak area

Diane Spoklie/Sheridan – came in late so we didn't get an update from her.

Carla/MRC – some fishing going on, but not a lot because it's been nice out

Ray/Richland – nothing new

Lisa Koski/Glasgow Chamber & TAC member – 3C Girls/Boys Districts – 24 games in 4 days, MT Main Street State Conference – end of April/May; Chamber Ice Derby – warm & amazing; working on grants – lots more tournaments coming up

Approval of Minutes

Doug made motion to approved minutes, Herb seconded. Approved

Guest Presentation

Crystal Little Owl– Rural Tourism Asset Grant Program – TAG

Gave presentation on new grant opportunity available through Office of Tourism.

Grant will be available to apply for March 2nd – 26th 2026; Up to \$75,000 per eligible project.

For more information: 1st webinar on February 24th – noon – details of grant, application process & Q&A – register through website

Correspondence

Carla passed around the folder to the in-person attendees.

Timeline

Right on schedule. TAC meeting is virtual tomorrow.

Executive Director Report

49th Parallel project– they have no more funding, so the project is at a standstill – have done marketing and website. We have some money left in our budget for this – just need to decide if we should continue this project with our money and get Canadians down here; but wouldn't fund their part. Carla will gather up materials of what we have done for next meeting and we will hold off for now.

Resiliency – Presenting to Scobey in March – hopefully getting more people to attend to get the word out. Getting new logo put into Benefits of Tourism video – hopefully getting this out to communities as well. Ordered new computer, monitor, printer, etc. to update system and give to new hire.

RAP – apply for new RAP grant in March – hoping to get new person on to work on this.

Treasurer's Report –

Opportunity Account \$68,805.29

Private Funds \$11,727.04

RAP \$61,085.09

P&L looks fine.

Budget sent out doesn't reflect new budget yet. TAC meeting is tomorrow and then budget will be approved. Next month will have new budget.

Terri made motion to approve the treasurer's report. Shannon seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Audit is complete – no issues. Budget had to be reworked because projected income dropped – Carla was able to take out of uncommitted funds & rollover. See updated projected revenue & budget for details. Total budget will be \$160,019.00 for FY 2026 after approval at TAC meeting tomorrow.

Travel Guide – in finalizing process – sent out 3 bids for printing– only got 2 back – Journal Graphics which is well known – print Glacier & Yellowstone they bid \$24,790 ; Mid-States - \$26,075.51; we also have a guy that does pre-press out of Kalispell which is around \$3000 or so; can afford up to \$30,000 total.

Doug motioned to approve Journal Graphics as our printer – Herb seconded. Approved.

Carla is thinking ahead for next travel guide – thinking we should use RAP funding to split into two years: Design one year 2026-27 and finish June 2027; printing will happen July 2027-28.

Marketing - MT Outdoor Radio Show advertising for 3 months & Dakota Country are currently in our budget.

Social Media Contest – Shannon reached out to the winner – if we don't hear anything she will draw again.

Public Relations – Voices of MT: Asking for donations – Carla recommended \$250 because our budget is limited. Approved to give \$250.

Projects- nothing

MT Dinosaur Trail- nothing.

Old Business – None

New business – None

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 17th, 2026 @ 10 am– in person & zoom

Zack motioned to adjourn. Shannon seconded. Meeting adjourned.