

**Agriculture Development Council
Growth Through Agriculture (GTA) Program**

February 23-25, 2022

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Business Meeting | Wednesday, February 23 | 12:00 – 1:30 PM

	Topic	Discussion
	Call to Order ✧ Amy Kellogg, Chair	
	Roll Call/Call for Proxies	
	Public Comment	
	Minutes ✧ Review of October 29, 2021 Council Minutes	
	Welcome ✧ Amy Kellogg, Chair	
	Department Updates ✧ Andy Fjeseth, Bureau Chief	
	FY2021 Financial Report ✧ Andy Fjeseth, Bureau Chief	
	Council Reimbursement ✧ Dani Jones, Councils Coordinator	
	Review of Ethics Policy / Conflict of Interest ✧ Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney	
	Process/Zoom Review ✧ Jim Auer, Grants Manager ✧ Bailey Kaskie, GTA Program Specialist	
	Review of Applications ✧ Amy Kellogg, Chair ✧ Schedule of presentations starting on page 2 of agenda	
	Public Comment	
	Adjourn	

Schedule of Presentations

Wednesday, February 23			
12:00	Business Meeting		
1:30	Break		
2:00	Public Comment		
2:05	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 1-9		
	#1	The Rancher's Rail	Sheila Friedrich and Maggie Johnson
	#2	41 Grains	Kacie Sikveland
	#3	Rimrock Flower Farm	Andrea Thatcher
	#4	Primitive Meats	Kelsey Grice
	#5	Branding Iron Butcher Shop and Smokehouse LLC	Eric and Daniel Casazza
	#6	Cold Springs Organics, LLC	Molly Moody and Nathaniel Powell-Palm
	#7	Big Sky Processing, LLC	Nicole Wines
	#8	Conservation Grains LLC	Judy Cornell
	#9	Vilicus Farms	Anna Jones-Crabtree
3:35	Review proposal scores 1-9.		
3:45	Public Comment		
	Adjourn		

Thursday, February 24			
12:00	Call Meeting to Order		
	Public Comment		
12:05	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 10-15		
	#10	Clark Fork Organics	Josh Slotnick and Kim Murchison
	#11	Montana Premier Protein	Chris Orms
	#12	Pioneer Meats, Inc.	Brian Engle
	#13	Bausch Potato Inc.	Mark Bausch
	#14	BCH Discount Meats, LLC, DBA: Discount Meats	Benjamin and Rosaleen Handl
	#15	Nguyen Holdings, Inc DBA M&S Meats	Tristelle Vu
1:05	Review proposal scores 10-15.		
1:20	Break		
1:30	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 16-21		
	#16	Montana Craft Malt	Jennifer O'Brien
	#17	Oddfellow Inn and Farm	Paul Mabie
	#18	Gastro Gnome Meals	Matthew Weaver
	#19	Miles Community College	Martina Sackman
	#20	Farmented Foods	Vanessa Williamson
	#21	Big Sandy Organics	Heather & Thomas Dilworth
2:30	Review proposal scores 16-21.		
2:45	Break		
3:00	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 22-26		
	#22	SporeAttic LLC	Benjamin Dueling
	#23	Third Day Family Farms	Virginia Daugherty
	#24	Local Bounti	Laura Hann
	#25	Montana Premium Processing Cooperative	Walter Schweitzer
	#26	Millay and Meadowlark Flower Farm	Jennifer Barnard
3:50	Review proposal scores 22-26.		
4:05	Public Comment		
	Adjourn		

Friday, February 25			
9:00	Call Meeting to Order		
	Public Comment		
9:05	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 27-33		
	#27	Auggie's Meat Processing LLC	Justin Augare
	#28	Homestead Organics Farm and Cultivating Connections Montana	Laura Garber
	#29	Farver Farms, LLC	Shauna Farver
	#30	Western Cider Co., LLC	Matthew LaRubbio
	#31	Buck 'N Dave's Eggs LLC	David Whitmoyer & Robert Lunak
	#32	Ag Processing Solutions, Inc.	Andrew Bishop
	#33	Grotto Meats	Nicholas Bryce
10:15	Review proposal scores 27-33.		
10:30	Break		
10:45	Final Scoring Discussion		
11:45	Discuss Next Application Deadline and Meeting Date Jim Auer, Grants Manager		
11:50	Public Comment		
	Adjourn		