

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

**February 13-14, 2024**

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**Business Meeting | Tuesday, February 13 | 9:00 – 10:15 AM**

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
	<b>Call to Order</b> ✧ John Wicks, Chair	
	<b>Roll Call/Call for Proxies</b>	
	<b>Public Comment</b>	
	<b>Minutes</b> ✧ Review of November 14, 2023 Council Minutes	
	<b>Welcome</b> ✧ John Wicks, Chair	
	<b>Department &amp; Budgetary Updates</b> ✧ Andy Fjeseth, Bureau Chief ✧ Hailey Vine, Food & Ag Development Officer	
	<b>Council Reimbursement</b> ✧ Dani Jones, Councils Coordinator	
	<b>Review of Ethics Policy / Conflict of Interest</b> ✧ Cort Jensen, Staff Attorney	
	<b>Process/Zoom Review</b> ✧ Bailey Kaskie, GTA Program Manager	
	<b>Review of Applications</b> ✧ John Wicks, Chair ✧ Schedule of presentations starting on page 2 of agenda	
	<b>Public Comment</b>	
	<b>Adjourn</b>	

## Grant Review Schedule

**AGENDA**

Tuesday, February 13			
<b>9:00</b>	Business Meeting		
<b>10:15</b>	Break		
<b>10:30</b>	Public Comment		
<b>10:30</b>	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 20, 2-4, 6-8		
	#20	FTT Livestock LLC	Cali Malkovich
	#2	Crooked Yard Hops LLP	Jake TeSelle
	#3	Homestead Organics Farm	Laura Garber
	#4	Pelz MT LLC	Norman Linzie
	#6	Old Salt	Cole Mannix
	#7	Lame Jones Meats	Cassie O'Connor
	#8	Montana Premium Processing Co-op	Matt Rains
<b>11:40</b>	Review proposal scores 20, 2-4, 6-8.		
<b>11:50</b>	Lunch		
<b>12:50</b>	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 9-14		
	#9	Yellowstone Soup Company	Craig Rief
	#10	Glacier Processing Cooperative	Mark Siderius
	#11	River View Livestock LLC	Holly Carpenter
	#12	Bloom Technologies/Viri	Herlin Kadriu
	#13	Country Compost LLC	Andrew Bartel
	#14	Moon River Ranch LLC	Derek Campbell
<b>1:50</b>	Review proposal scores 9-14.		
<b>2:00</b>	Break		
<b>2:15</b>	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 15-19		
	#15	Yellowstone Pasta Company	Henry Kennah
	#16	Eagles Acres LLC	Gizem Nance
	#17	County Rail Farm DBA Field Five Flowers	Tracy Potter-Fins
	#18	ZEGO	Colleen Kavanagh
	#19	Bruce Seed Farm	Gordon Pearse
<b>3:05</b>	Review proposal scores for 14-19.		
<b>3:20</b>	Public Comment		
	Adjourn		

Wednesday, February 14		
<b>9:00</b>	Call Meeting to Order	
	Public Comment	
<b>9:05</b>	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 1 and 21-25	
	#1	Eden Feeds Laura Kropf
	#21	Farming Logistics, LLC Alexandra Riddle
	#22	Speedy & Flo's Sweet Corn Flocelo Ramirez
	#23	Big Mountain Ciderworks Leonard Desmul
	#24	Big Sky Butcher LLC Matt Baca
	#25	Horizon Biologics LLC Nancy Shelby
<b>10:05</b>	Review proposal scores 20-25.	
<b>10:15</b>	Break	
<b>10:30</b>	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 5 and 26-30	
	#5	Farmer Boy Eggs Cari Verlanic
	#26	Gally's Brewing Company LLC Matthew Speed
	#27	Schmitt Organic Farm Craig Schmitt
	#28	Skattum Dairy and Ranch Lillian Andersen
	#29	Farmer's Choice LLC Jenny Collings
	#30	Taste of Paradise LLC Lorelei Hallock
<b>11:30</b>	Review proposal scores 5 and 26-30.	
<b>11:45</b>	Lunch	
<b>12:45</b>	Final Scoring Discussion and Awards	
<b>2:30</b>	Discuss SCBG Deadline and Next Meeting Date Aly Townsend, Grants Manager	
<b>2:40</b>	Public Comment	
	Adjourn	