

Big Sky Resort Area District Board Meeting

February 13, 2019 | 8:30 am
Resort Tax Office - 11 N. Rouse Ave., Big Sky MT

08:30:00 AM (00:00:00) Call meeting to order

- Kevin Germain, Chair
- Steve Johnson, Vice Chair
- Buz Davis, Secretary
- Sarah Blechta, Treasurer
- Mike Scholz, Director
- Rosie Barndt, Accountant
- Kristin Drain, Operation Officer
- Whitney Brunner, Administrative Officer
- Artem Pechischev, Administrative Assistant

A. Public Comment – none.

B. Consent Agenda

Motion: To Approve Consent Agenda items excluding Treasurer and Financial reports: Sarah Blechta.

Second: Buz Davis.

Vote: All in favor. Motion Passed.

- a. Minutes for Approval – none.
- b. Correspondence – none.
- c. Treasurer report – none.
- d. Financials report – none.

C. Regular Agenda

1. Old Business

a. Big Sky Community Strategic Plan: Update

08:30:04 AM (00:00:04) Buz Davis admired Whitney Brunner for a hard work on this project.

08:30:34 AM (00:00:34) Steve Johnson talked about the schedule for upcoming events.

08:31:29 AM (00:01:29) Board members discussed some details for Pint and Polaroids event.

08:34:45 AM (00:04:45) Kevin Germain thanked Strategic Plan subcommittee. Board members discussed public outreach to get more people involved to the process.

b. Staffing Structure: Update

[08:40:15 AM \(00:10:15\)](#) Kevin Germain gave a short update on the District Manager hiring process and announced new Bookkeeping firm and new hire for Administrative Assistant position.

c. Attorney RFP: Action

[08:12:25 AM \(00:12:25\)](#) Steve Johnson talked about hiring process for the attorney team.

[08:45:56 AM \(00:15:56\)](#) **Motion:** To accept the proposal for new Law Firm: Sarah Blechta.

[08:45:59 AM \(00:15:59\)](#) **Second:** Mike Scholz.

[08:46:04 AM \(00:16:04\)](#) **Public Comment:** Ciara Wolfe (BSCO).

[08:46:34 AM \(00:16:34\)](#) **Vote:** All in Favor. Motion Passed.

d. Short term rental and Business Licensing: Discussion

[08:49:34 AM \(00:19:34\)](#) Board members discussed issues related to the subject and potential future actions what could improve current situation.

[08:52:02 AM \(00:22:02\)](#) **Public Comment:** Laura Seyfang (Big Sky Housing Trust).

[08:53:26 AM \(00:23:26\)](#) Board members talked about a short-term rentals list and HOA involvement.

[08:58:20 AM \(00:28:20\)](#) **Public Comment:** Candace Carr Straus (Big Sky Chamber of Commerce) talked about an information class Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is working on.

[09:01:51 AM \(00:31:51\)](#) **Public Comment:** Laura Seyfang (Big Sky Housing Trust) and Ciara Wolfe (BSCO).

e. Legislative Session: Defending Lobbying: Update

[09:03:10 AM \(00:33:10\)](#) Mike Scholz talked about the registering process for Gateway tax district.

f. Legislative Session: Resort Tax Bill: Action

[09:09:50 AM \(00:39:50\)](#) **Public Comment:** Candace Carr Straus (Big Sky Chamber of Commerce) submitted letter of support for Bill SB241.

[09:10:08 AM \(00:40:08\)](#) Board members talked about upcoming hearing for Bill SB241. This bill has wide support around the state of Montana and members talked about how it could be used upon approval.

09:22:18 AM (00:52:18) **Public Comment:** Andrew Schreiner (Grizzly Outfitters) commented on the sales tax and the way it affects businesses in an area.

09:25:09 AM (00:55:09) Kevin Germain commented on tax collection improvements Big Sky Resort Area District is working on.

09:28:50 AM (00:58:50) Mike Scholz talked about rewriting the ordinance.

09:30:57 AM (01:00:57) **Public Comment:** Ciara Wolfe (BSCO) talked about transportation system and Tiger Grant.

09:33:05 AM (01:03:05) **Public Comment:** Candace Carr Straus (Big Sky Chamber of Commerce) commented on a tax free days for Big Sky.

09:34:41 AM (01:04:41) **Public Comment:** Michael Somerby (Explore Big Sky)

09:35:04 AM (01:05:04) Board members discussed transportation system and SB241 relations.

09:36:39 AM (01:06:39) Whitney Brunner thanked board members for their hard work.

09:37:42 AM (01:07:42) **Motion:** To approve Bill SB241 as it is: Mike Scholz.

09:37:55 AM (01:07:55) **Second:** Sarah Blechta.

09:38:05 AM (01:08:05) Steve Johnson reminded board members about the hearing for this bill on Wednesday February 20th.

09:38:30 AM (01:08:30) **Vote:** All in Favor. Motion Passed.

g. Board Meeting Minutes Software: Action

09:38:44 AM (01:08:44) Buz Davis talked about efficiency at the office and provided examples of using AV Capture in organizations in Bozeman.

09:39:51 AM (01:09:51) Board members discussed subscription options and details for AV Capture. Staff commented on efficiency and public transparency what could be reached using this software.

09:46:46 AM (01:16:46) **Motion:** To purchase software with basic subscription and reevaluation period of 6 month: Steve Johnson.

09:47:04 AM (01:17:04) **Second:** Buz Davis.

09:47:14 AM (01:17:14) **Vote:** All in Favor. Motion Passed.

2. New Business – none.

D. Public Comment

09:47:26 AM (01:17:42) Candace Carr Straus (Big Sky Chamber of Commerce) invited new businesses to join Big Sky Chamber of commerce.


09:47:47 AM (01:18:03) Michelle (West Virginia) thanked Big Sky Resort Area Board for providing her with the opportunity to be part of this meeting as a valuable experience she can share at her home town.

09:48:25 AM (01:18:41) **Motion:** To adjourn the Open Meeting: Kevin Germain.

09:48:33 AM (01:18:49) **Vote:** All in Favor. Motion Passed.

09:48:40 AM (01:18:56) **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,



Buz Davis, Secretary