



## Big Sky Resort Area District Board Meeting

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May 31, 2019 | 12:30 pm

Resort Tax Office - 11 Lone Peak Drive, Suite 204, Big Sky, MT

Open Session

- Kevin Germain, Chair
- Steve Johnson, Vice Chair
- Sarah Blechta, Treasurer
- Mike Scholz, Director
- Daniel Bierschwale, District Manager
- Troy Bentson, Attorney

[11:04:57 AM \(00:03:49\)](#) Call meeting to order: Kevin Germain

### A. Public Comment

[11:05:14 AM \(00:04:06\)](#) no comments

### B. Regular Agenda

#### 1. Old Business

##### a. Office Space Update: *Discussion*

[11:05:24 AM \(00:04:16\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale updated board regarding office space options. Center Sky plan introduced.

##### b. FY 2020 Budget Review and Staffing Update: *Action*

[11:07:33 AM \(00:06:25\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed staffing changes and needs. Proposed new staffing structure for FY 2020.

[11:10:51 AM \(00:09:43\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed audit bids.

[11:12:25 AM \(00:11:17\)](#) **Motion:** to approve budget: Steve Johnson

[11:12:26 AM \(00:11:18\)](#) **Second:** Sarah Blechta

[11:12:36 AM \(00:11:28\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor. Motion passed.

[11:12:38 AM \(00:11:30\)](#) **Motion:** to approve staffing plan: Steve Johnson

[11:12:40 AM \(00:11:32\)](#) **Second:** Sarah Blechta

[11:12:46 AM \(00:11:38\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor. Motion passed.

**c. Infrastructure Coalition: *Action***

[11:13:53 AM \(00:12:45\)](#) **Motion:** to join the Infrastructure Coalition: Sarah Blechta

[11:13:55 AM \(00:12:47\)](#) **Second:** Steve Johnson

[11:14:06 AM \(00:12:58\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor. Motion passed

**d. Ordinance Revision Process: *Action***

[11:14:42 AM \(00:13:34\)](#) Kevin Germain discussed ordinance revision process, procedures, and proposed a timeline.

[11:17:59 AM \(00:16:51\)](#) Troy Bentson clarified and read changes to ordinance. Board members discuss reasoning for changes.

[11:21:13 AM \(00:20:05\)](#) Discussion between board members and general public, including representation from Hungry Moose, the Cave, and Conoco.

[11:31:54 AM \(00:30:46\)](#) Sarah Blechta described the board's interpretation of tax purpose as it relates to alcohol and tobacco.

[11:34:57 AM \(00:33:49\)](#) Mike Scholz clarified food exemptions, SNAP, and explains exemptions with other resort tax communities in Montana. Discussed specific terms used in ordinance and their interpretation. Did not advise basing resort tax on prices of individual items.

[11:41:13 AM \(00:40:05\)](#) Board members discussed and defined 'enumerated establishments' and how they are taxed.

[11:52:05 AM \(00:50:57\)](#) Mike Scholz clarified the difference between taxing a tourist as opposed to what tourists buy, as it relates to law.

[11:57:07 AM \(00:55:59\)](#) Kevin Germain made motion to hold off on this amendment and include it with the work that is being done for the larger ordinance revision for this summer and fall.

[11:57:33 AM \(00:56:25\)](#) **Seconded:** Sarah Blechta

[12:00:41 PM \(00:59:33\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor. Motion passed.

## 2. New Business

### a. Bonding and 1% Process Review: *Discussion*

[12:01:20 PM \(01:00:12\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale and Mike Scholz discussed and reviewed bonding process.

[12:07:28 PM \(01:06:20\)](#) Troy Bentson reviewed processes for presenting 1% to the public; and discussed timeframe and procedure for elections should the board chose to pursue.

[12:10:12 PM \(01:09:04\)](#) Sarah Blechta asked for clarification on election dates. Board members discussed ballot options.

### b. Public comments

[12:20:04 PM \(01:18:56\)](#) Public asked questions regarding bonding; board members explained

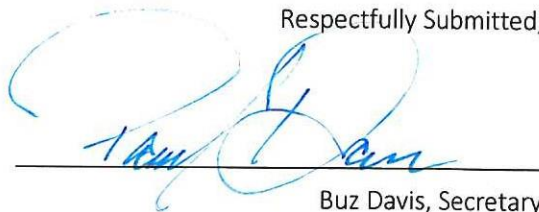
[12:21:55 PM \(01:20:47\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale encouraged everyone to engage with Logan Simpson visioning process.

[12:22:17 PM \(01:21:09\)](#) **Motion** to close session. Kevin Germain.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Buz Davis, Secretary