



# RESORT TAX Meeting Minutes

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January 7th, 2020 at 9:00 am  
The Wilson Hotel | Agate Room  
145 Town Center Ave, Big Sky

## I. Open Meeting

[09:02:10 AM \(00:00:09\)](#) Kevin Germain begins meeting.

A. Public Comment: *None*

B. Consent Agenda: *Action*

a. Approval of Minutes: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

b. Treasurer Report

c. Finance Report

[09:02:27 AM \(00:00:26\)](#) **Motion**: to Approve Consent Agenda: *Sarah Blechta*

[09:02:32 AM \(00:00:31\)](#) **Seconded**: *Steve Johnson*

[09:02:48 AM \(00:00:47\)](#) **Vote**: **All in favor**

C. Regular Agenda

1. Old Business

a. Executive Report: *Discussion*

[09:02:57 AM \(00:00:56\)](#) Danny Bierschwale and Kristin Drain updated the Board regarding business registration; 519 business were registered.

[09:04:11 AM \(00:02:10\)](#) Danny Bierschwale discussed VRBO collection agreement. And explained that he and Kim Beatty are working on a draft of the Bonding Ordinance in time for Appropriations

b. Bylaws: *Action*

[09:05:32 AM \(00:03:31\)](#) Danny Bierschwale asked the Board if they would like to include proxy voting in the Bylaws. Kim Beatty explained options and Board members discussed.

[09:13:07 AM \(00:11:06\)](#) Danny Bierschwale explained the attendance clause in the Bylaws. Kevin Germain asked questions regarding public notice of vacancies. Danny explained that it is not addressed in state law and agreement was made to create a policy or procedure for board vacancies.

[09:16:01 AM \(00:14:00\)](#) Kim Beatty answered questions regarding vacancies and agreed to rewrite for clarity.

[09:16:33 AM \(00:14:32\)](#) Kevin Germain suggested striking the language regarding posting on the Gallatin County public meeting board. Board members discussed options for public notice and agreed to strike language in Bylaws, but staff will ask Madison and Gallatin County to post on website.

[09:21:16 AM \(00:19:15\)](#) Board members and Kim Beatty discuss requirements for quorums and voting majority. Board agreed with simple majority voting.

[09:28:16 AM \(00:26:15\)](#) Kim Beatty and Board members discuss course of action.

**Motion:** to approve Bylaws with amendments and clarifications discussed to be finalized by Danny and Kim (removal of Gallatin County public meeting board notice, clarification of vacancies with reference to policies and procedures, and clarification of majority vote): *Ciara Wolfe*

[09:30:05 AM \(00:28:04\)](#) **Seconded:** *Steve Johnson*

[09:30:13 AM \(00:28:12\)](#) **Vote: All in favor**

c. Our Big Sky Committee Recommendations: *Discussion*

[09:30:26 AM \(00:28:25\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale and Ciara Wolfe updated the Board on committee recommendations. The committee will meet again on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 2. New Business

a. Tax Compliance Procedures: *Action*

[09:35:44 AM \(00:33:43\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale and Kristin Drain explained that the Tax Compliance Procedures were created by the bond council and are required by the IRS.

[09:36:24 AM \(00:34:23\)](#) **Motion:** to accept the Tax Compliance Procedures: *Buz Davis*

**Seconded:** *Steve Johnson*

[09:36:47 AM \(00:34:46\)](#) **Vote: All in favor**

b. 1% Infrastructure Applications: *Action*

[09:37:01 AM \(00:35:00\)](#) Kevin Germain and Danny Bierschwale explained the process for reviewing applications and the future projections for Resort Tax growth.

[09:42:16 AM \(00:40:15\)](#) Kim Beatty clarified the process and explained the termination of the 1%.

[09:46:17 AM \(00:44:16\)](#) The Water & Sewer District discussed their project applications.

[09:49:26 AM \(00:47:25\)](#) Danny Bierschwale asked for clarification regarding SFEs for affordable housing.

[09:53:49 AM \(00:51:48\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked for clarification of funding through rates and fees. Board members asked additional questions to the Water & Sewer District.

[10:01:27 AM \(00:59:26\)](#) Kevin Germain discussed the history of Water & Sewer and Resort Tax funding.

[10:03:04 AM \(01:01:03\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked about environmental impact of Water & Sewer projects.

[10:08:00 AM \(01:05:59\)](#) Sarah Blechta asked questions related to the creation of a Water & Sewer District in the Canyon. Details were discussed.

[10:15:55 AM \(01:13:54\)](#) Kevin Germain asked for a representative from Parkview West. None present.

[10:16:16 AM \(01:14:15\)](#) Chief Farhat from the Fire District discussed their capital projects application.

[10:20:55 AM \(01:18:54\)](#) Steve Johnson asked Chief Farhat questions. Danny Bierschwale explained interlocal agreement options.

[10:25:37 AM \(01:23:36\)](#) Sarah Blechta asked Chief Farhat about FEMA grants and other funding.

[10:27:43 AM \(01:25:42\)](#) Kim Beatty clarified that the 1% can only be used for infrastructure and capital projects; operating costs cannot be funded through the 1%.

[10:29:42 AM \(01:27:41\)](#) Kevin Germain asked for a representative from the Transportation District; none were present. Kevin gave overview of Transportation and Parkview West applications.

c. 1% Infrastructure Resolutions: Action

[10:30:46 AM \(01:28:45\)](#) **Motion:** to approve Water & Sewer plant improvement application: *Sarah Blechta*

**Seconded:** *Ciara Wolfe*

[10:30:59 AM \(01:28:58\)](#) Buz Davis asked about the impact on other projects and board members reviewed growth projections.

[10:32:28 AM \(01:30:27\)](#) Kim Beatty explained ballot options and made suggestions. Board members discussed.

[10:44:26 AM \(01:42:25\)](#) **Vote:** to approve Water & Sewer plant improvement project: **All in favor**

[10:45:20 AM \(01:43:19\)](#) **Motion:** to approve the Canyon Water & Sewer project: *Buz Davis*

**Seconded:** *Steve Johnson*

[10:45:32 AM \(01:43:31\)](#) Board discussed projects and how they fit with the community priorities.

[10:47:09 AM \(01:45:08\)](#) **Vote: All in favor**

[10:47:18 AM \(01:45:17\)](#) **Motion:** to approve the Fire District's project application: *Buz Davis*

**Seconded:** *Sarah Blechta*

[10:47:25 AM \(01:45:24\)](#) Sarah Blechta discussed time length of projects. Board members discussed separation of ballot initiatives.

[10:52:30 AM \(01:50:29\)](#) Ciara Wolfe discussed possibility of funding the Fire District out of the 3%. Board discussed placing the highest priority need first for a vote without having too many ballot initiatives.

[10:55:08 AM \(01:53:07\)](#) Chief Farhat elaborated on their project plan and agreed it could work with the 3% appropriations. Interlocal agreement with Fire District was discussed.

[10:58:06 AM \(01:56:05\)](#) **Vote:** 2 in favor; 3 opposed. *Motion does not pass.*

[10:59:01 AM \(01:57:00\)](#) Both Water & Sewer District projects were approved. Kim Beatty explained Resolution and ballot language.

[11:02:20 AM \(02:00:19\)](#) Kevin Germain explained that the details will be included in an interlocal agreement and presented for the February board meeting.

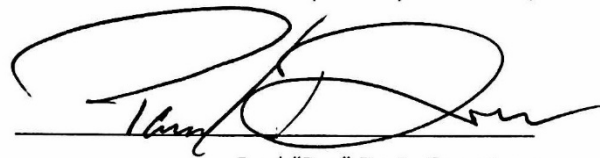
[11:05:01 AM \(02:03:00\)](#) **Motion:** to approve Resolution with the following changes: 6A add '27 million' under 'not to exceed'; 6b add '12 million' under 'not to exceed'; and strike 6C, 6D, and 6E: *Sarah Blechta*

**Seconded:** *Steve Johnson*

[11:05:29 AM \(02:03:28\)](#) **Vote: All in favor**

[11:05:52 AM \(02:03:51\)](#) Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Buz Davis', written over a horizontal line.

Paul "Buz" Davis, Secretary