



I. Open Meeting

[05:58:52 PM \(00:00:03\)](#) Board Member Roll Call: **All Present**

[05:59:30 PM \(00:00:41\)](#) Kevin Germain shared his appreciation for the Big Sky Community's response to COVID-19.

A. Public Comment: *none*

B. Regular Agenda

[06:01:50 PM \(00:03:01\)](#) Kevin Germain made a **MOTION**: to start with "New Business" and move "Old Business" to the end of the Agenda.

[06:02:08 PM \(00:03:19\)](#) **SECONDED**: *Ciara Wolfe/Buz Davis*

[06:02:22 PM \(00:03:33\)](#) **VOTE: All in Favor**

[06:02:33 PM \(00:03:44\)](#) **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

2. New Business

a. Fund Recipient Survey: *Discussion*

[06:02:47 PM \(00:03:58\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale gave an overview of Fund Recipients' responses and the potential to release \$330,000 to be redistributed for relief efforts.

[06:07:33 PM \(00:07:55\)](#) Kevin Germain explained Kim Beatty's suggested options for COVID-19 response.

[06:13:44 PM \(00:09:33\)](#) *Roll Call following brief pause to fix audio. All board members present.*

b. Relief Fund Coordination: *Discussion*

[06:15:05 PM \(00:10:54\)](#) Kevin Germain gave an overview of coordination between the District and Moonlight, Yellowstone, and Spanish Peaks Community Foundations for strategic collaboration.

[06:17:10 PM \(00:12:59\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale elaborated that a website: [bigskyrelief.org](http://bigskyrelief.org) was created as a consolidated resource for community relief and support.

c. Financial Forecast: *Discussion*

[06:19:05 PM \(00:14:54\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale provided a summary of the Financial Forecast on potential COVID-19 impacts on collections, approximately \$1.58 million from February till the end of June. Available funds for possible Emergency Appropriations are \$4.36 million.

[06:21:00 PM \(00:16:49\)](#) Sarah Blechta explained how they created the forecast. Steve Johnson and Buz Davis discussed the need to remain strategic with funds as COVID-19 conditions are ever changing.

[06:22:08 PM \(00:17:57\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked questions and Daniel Bierschwale explained projections for each month and how it compares to previous years. Ciara expressed need to respond to immediate needs while balancing future long-term impacts.

d. Communication Resource Gap: *Action*

[06:25:38 PM \(00:21:27\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed the need for effective and relevant communication for our community, and where additional support is required. Kevin Germain expanded on the benefits of an Interim Communications Director for support and coordination among community organizations and foundations during this time.

[06:28:53 PM \(00:24:42\)](#) **MOTION:** set aside \$15,000 for communication efforts for 60 days: *Kevin Germain*

[06:29:02 PM \(00:24:51\)](#) **SECONDED:** *Sarah Blechta*

[06:29:13 PM \(00:25:02\)](#) Board members expressed support and discussed estimated costs and budgets.

[06:31:23 PM \(00:27:12\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked if any currently funded entities have staff that could be utilized for communication efforts and made suggestions for cost effective options.

[06:32:51 PM \(00:28:40\)](#) Vote to allocate \$15,000 for communication efforts

[06:33:08 PM \(00:28:57\)](#) **VOTE** by Roll Call: *All in Favor*

[06:33:28 PM \(00:29:17\)](#) **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

e. Discuss and Act Upon Requests for Emergency Appropriations to Address Impacts of COVID-19: *Action*

[06:33:35 PM \(00:29:24\)](#) Kevin Germain discussed coordination efforts. In an effort to respond quickly and leverage collaboration among other community funding partners, Kevin Germain suggested pledging \$1 million of Resort Tax to a relief fund that will be matched by 3 Community Foundations and other private donations. Kevin explained how Resort Tax would be allocated: \$500,000 to be available to the Big Sky Medical Center on an as need basis and reviewed and approved by a subcommittee of the BSRAD Board; and \$500,000 to social efforts needed in the community, also reviewed and approved by subcommittee of the BSRAD Board.

[06:35:43 PM \(00:31:32\)](#) **MOTION:** to allocate \$500,000 to the Big Sky Medical Center. Kevin Germain discussed the need for ventilators, an analyzer, and more hospital rooms.

[06:37:34 PM \(00:33:23\)](#) **MOTIONED:** *Sarah Blechta*

[06:37:52 PM \(00:33:41\)](#) **SECONDED:** *Ciara Wolfe*

[06:38:04 PM \(00:33:53\)](#) Sarah Blechta expressed interest in being the Treasurer on the subcommittee.

[06:38:18 PM \(00:34:07\)](#) Steve Johnson asked about costs of medical needs and Kevin Germain discussed.

[06:39:37 PM \(00:35:25\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked about the breakdown of where the \$1 million would come from.

[06:40:08 PM \(00:35:57\)](#) Buz Davis asked how many analyzers would be purchased; Kevin Germain clarified at least one analyzer and 4 ventilators would be dedicated to Big Sky and all purchases would require authorization by a subcommittee of the Board.

[06:43:41 PM \(00:39:30\)](#) Kim Beatty clarified that all Resort Tax money must be spent and stay within the Big Sky District.

[06:47:03 PM \(00:42:52\)](#) Steve Johnson and Buz Davis discussed possible challenges to meeting community needs. Ciara Wolfe talked about cost expenses and timing for finishing new spaces verses retrofitting existing rooms.

[06:49:36 PM \(00:45:25\)](#) **MOTION:** to appropriate \$500,000 to the Big Sky Medical Center to be reviewed and approved by a subcommittee with Kevin Germain and Sarah Blechta.

[06:49:51 PM \(00:45:40\)](#) **VOTE: *All in favor***

[06:50:13 PM \(00:46:02\)](#) **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

[06:50:17 PM \(00:46:06\)](#) Kevin Germain would like to pledge \$500,000 for social, business, and individual needs, including the Food Bank, Mental Health, and other needs that may arise. This would also be reviewed and approved by the subcommittee.

[06:51:15 PM \(00:47:04\)](#) **MOTION:** set aside emergency funds (\$500,000) to address the impacts of COVID-19 for businesses and individuals: *Sarah Blechta*

[06:51:27 PM \(00:47:16\)](#) **SECONDED:** *Buz Davis & Ciara Wolfe*

[06:51:50 PM \(00:47:39\)](#) Steve Johnson requested to prioritize community members and individuals.

[06:52:15 PM \(00:48:04\)](#) Buz Davis requested to serve on a subcommittee.

[06:52:42 PM \(00:48:31\)](#) Ciara Wolfe was supportive and requested everyone look at other grants, loans, and outside resources first.

[06:53:30 PM \(00:49:19\)](#) Kevin Germain suggested **Amending Motion:** Buz Davis & Sarah Blechta will serve on the subcommittee for review and approval. Sarah Blechta agrees to amend her motion.

[06:55:13 PM \(00:51:02\)](#) **VOTE: *All in favor***

[06:55:31 PM \(00:51:20\)](#) **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

[06:55:49 PM \(00:51:38\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale clarified that the subcommittee will coordinate with fund recipients.

## 1. Old Business

### a. 1% communication Update: *Discussion*

[06:56:11 PM \(00:52:00\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale updated the Board on the communication plan for the 1% vote.

[06:57:35 PM \(00:53:24\)](#) Steve Johnson shared concerns with the wording of the Canyon project. Steve and Buz Davis stressed that this communication was not advocacy and educational only.

[06:59:26 PM \(00:55:15\)](#) **MOTION:** to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Paul "Buz" Davis, Secretary

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**BSRAD BOARD & STAFF:** Kevin Germain, Chair | Steve Johnson, Vice Chair | Buz Davis, Secretary | Sarah Blechta, Treasurer | Ciara Wolfe, Director | Daniel Bierschwale, Executive Director | Kristin Drain, Finance & Compliance Manager | Jenny Muscat, Operations Manager | Sara Huger, Administrative Assistant