



# RESORT TAX Meeting Minutes

— BUILDING BIG SKY SINCE 1992 —

April 8th, 2020

## I. Open Meeting

A. Public Comment: *none*

B. Consent Agenda: Action

[01:02:40 PM \(00:01:33\)](#) **Motion:** to approve Consent Agenda: Steve Johnson

**Seconded:** Buz Davis

[01:02:58 PM \(00:01:51\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor: Motion Passes Unanimously

C. Regular Agenda

### 1. Old Business

a. Big Sky Relief Update: Discussion

#### Hospital Committee

[01:03:09 PM \(00:02:02\)](#) Kevin Germain updated everyone on the Hospital Committee: Big Sky Medical Center's request for \$500,000 (\$70,000 for ventilators, \$430,000 to finish and finalize additional rooms) has been approved and sent; Kim Beatty wrote the agreement and it has been signed.

#### Big Sky Relief

[01:04:16 PM \(00:03:09\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale gave an update on the Big Sky Relief effort: weekly Tuesday & Friday Operational Partner meetings with Mike Somerby taking notes and sharing on variety of channels; Wednesday Funding and Resource Partner meetings to discuss community needs and maximizing impact.

[01:05:36 PM \(00:04:29\)](#) Kevin Germain gave examples of how community needs are identified and how partners address those needs quickly.

#### Social Services Committee

[01:06:27 PM \(00:05:20\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained that funds can be requested online through the apply button on BigSkyRelief.org. \$500,000 has been dedicated to Social Services within the community as a result of increased impact of COVID-19. There were 4 applications to date, including the Food Bank, the School District for technology needs related to remote education, and Morningstar and Discovery Academy for educational programs. Daniel explained how previously allocated funds can be reallocated instead of using resources from the Relief Fund.

[01:08:44 PM \(00:07:37\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked questions regarding Discovery Academy request and Sarah Blechta explained services that are being provided for children and families, rent and utilities, and payroll, and they currently are not eligible for PPP loans. Sarah suggested evaluating funding needs on a month to

month basis.

[01:11:35 PM \(00:10:28\)](#) Buz Davis and Ciara Wolfe discussed challenges and how organizations including the Chamber are working to create a resource hotline for individuals, businesses, and organizations.

[01:12:50 PM \(00:11:43\)](#) Sarah Blechta explained how funds that were previously allocated are no longer being used and by reallocating, Relief Funds won't need to be used.

[01:15:23 PM \(00:14:16\)](#) Kevin Germain and Buz Davis discussed the need to be responsible and strategic considering future needs are unknown. Ciara Wolfe explained how nonprofits are adjusting their programming to fit new and different needs.

[01:20:16 PM \(00:19:09\)](#) Sarah Blechta discussed indirect and holistic needs related to COVID-19 and explained how Morningstar and childcare is a critical service to Big Sky's essential workers and medical professionals.

[01:22:37 PM \(00:21:30\)](#) Board members discussed possible additional needs the Medical Center may need in the future. Ciara Wolfe reminded everyone to utilize all federal funds.

b. Temporary Reallocation Authority to Big Sky Relief Application Sub-Committee: Action

[01:27:50 PM \(00:26:43\)](#) **Motion:** to adopt temporary RESOLUTION TO DELEGATE LIMITED AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS IMPACTS OF COVID-19 IN THE BIG SKY RESORT AREA DISTRICT: Ciara Wolfe

**Seconded:** Steve Johnson

[01:28:22 PM \(00:27:15\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor: Motion Passes Unanimously

c. Financial Forecast: Discussion

[01:28:40 PM \(00:27:33\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed the Financial Forecast. Predictions are 40% of March 2019 Collections, April and May prediction of 0. Sarah Blechta explained that they planned conservatively.

[01:34:27 PM \(00:33:20\)](#) Board members discussed how to address public and what to share with organizations. Daniel Bierschwale suggested sending out communication related to forecasting and scenario planning to all applicants and encourage applying for critical needs only.

[01:38:14 PM \(00:37:07\)](#) Steve Johnson suggested rethinking events and large public gatherings. Sarah Blechta suggested splitting appropriations into 2 cycles, and review after 6 months, acknowledging that community needs may be extremely different in 6 months.

[01:39:41 PM \(00:38:34\)](#) Buz Davis encouraged and stressed the importance of scenario planning for the District, as well as community organizations. Board members agreed.

[01:45:15 PM \(00:44:08\)](#) Board members discussed application review and decision-making options. Possible quarterly or biannual allocation cycles while looking at applications on month to month basis. Daniel Bierschwale suggested encouraging organizations to seriously plan their month to month budget. Board members discussed options and how things may change.

[01:57:32 PM \(00:56:25\)](#) Buz Davis and Sarah Blechta volunteered for Scenario Planning subcommittee. Buz suggested additional full board meetings to discuss scenario planning and reaching out to businesses, other communities, and resort areas for data. Steve Johnson suggested working with West Yellowstone. Board members discussed options.

d. FY21 Budget: Action

[02:02:15 PM \(01:01:08\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed Budget cuts that were made with least effect on operations and gave options. Ciara Wolfe and Sarah Blechta discussed.

[02:05:54 PM \(01:04:47\)](#) Sarah Blechta discussed how implementation of the 1% will affect the budget if it passes. Daniel Bierschwale discussed revenue forecasting.

[02:07:28 PM \(01:06:21\)](#) Kevin Germain suggested reviewing the Budget continually after approval. Steve Johnson discussed impact of new business created by implementation of 1%.

[02:08:21 PM \(01:07:14\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked, and Daniel Bierschwale explained the different bookkeeping fees and audit fees.

[02:14:06 PM \(01:12:59\)](#) Kevin Germain asked, and Daniel Bierschwale discussed options for additional office space including month to month lease, and financing. Sarah Blechta discussed and suggested bank financing.

[02:18:44 PM \(01:17:37\)](#) **Motion:** to approve FY21 Budget and revisit in 6 months (from 4/8): Sarah Blechta

**Seconded:** Buz Davis

[02:19:56 PM \(01:18:49\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor: Motion Passes Unanimously

e. BSRAD Strategic Plan: Action

[02:20:11 PM \(01:19:04\)](#) Kevin Germain discussed the flexibility of the Strategic Plan and their ability to respond to COVID-19.

[02:20:42 PM \(01:19:35\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale gave an overview of wording/language changes. Daniel discussed efforts to collaborate as mentioned in the Strategic Plan to create Big Sky Relief.

[02:23:14 PM \(01:22:07\)](#) **Motion:** to adopt the Strategic Plan: Buz Davis

**Seconded:** Sarah Blechta

[02:23:33 PM \(01:22:26\)](#) **Vote:** Motion Passes Unanimously

f. 2nd Reading of Compliance Ordinance: Action

[02:23:49 PM \(01:22:42\)](#) **Motion:** to approve Compliance Ordinance: Buz Davis

**Seconded:** Sarah Blechta

[02:24:28 PM \(01:23:21\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor: Motion Passes Unanimously

2. New Business

a. Search & Rescue Funding Reallocation: Action

[02:24:46 PM \(01:23:39\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale gave an overview of reallocation for equipment.

[02:25:23 PM \(01:24:16\)](#) **Motion:** to Approve Reallocation: Steve Johnson

**Seconded:** Sarah Blechta

[02:25:46 PM \(01:24:39\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor: Motion Passes Unanimously

b. Housing Trust Funding Reallocation: Action

[02:26:13 PM \(01:25:06\)](#) Steve Johnson gave an overview of Housing Trust Reallocation. Laura Seyfang was on the call to answer questions. Kevin Germain and Steve have been in communication with the Housing Trust to create this new plan.

[02:30:28 PM \(01:29:21\)](#) Laura Seyfang explained changes for future projects.

[02:31:46 PM \(01:30:39\)](#) **Motion:** to Approve Housing Trust Reallocation: Buz Davis

[02:31:57 PM \(01:30:50\)](#) **Seconded:** Steve Johnson

[02:32:13 PM \(01:31:06\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked, and Laura Seyfang answered questions, and explained cost due to engineering/architectural changes in the interest of affordability of housing. Board members discussed options for accountability.

[02:39:51 PM \(01:38:44\)](#) **Vote:** all in favor: Motion Passes Unanimously

c. Scenario Planning: Action

[02:40:10 PM \(01:39:03\)](#) Scenario Planning was discussed earlier in meeting and subcommittee was formed

[02:41:41 PM \(01:40:34\)](#) **Motion to Adjourn.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul "Buz" Davis, Secretary