



Meeting Minutes

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Open Meeting

[11:50:25 AM \(00:00:01\)](#) Meeting began at 9:00am; Kevin Germain welcomed newly elected board member Grace Young. Kevin Germain and Ciara Wolfe were reelected. The voters overwhelmingly supported the 1% for Infrastructure.

- A. Public Comment: *none*
- B. Consent Agenda: Action
 - a. Minutes: April 8th
 - b. Finance Report

[11:52:19 AM \(00:01:55\)](#) **Motion:** to approve Consent Agenda: *Sarah Blechta*

Seconded: *Steve Johnson*

[11:52:34 AM \(00:02:10\)](#) **Vote:** All in Favor

- C. Regular Agenda
 - 1. BSRAD Governance
 - a. New Board Member Introductions: Discussion

[11:52:52 AM \(00:02:28\)](#) Welcome Grace Young.

- b. Oaths of Office: Discussion

[11:54:51 AM \(00:04:27\)](#) Kim Beatty suggested all recently elected officers (Kevin Germain, Ciara Wolfe, and Grace Young) sign Oath.

- c. Election of Officers: Action

[11:56:46 AM \(00:06:22\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale, with Kim Beatty's approval, explained that Secretary and Treasurer could be held by one board member to consolidate workload; board members were supportive.

[12:01:03 PM \(00:10:39\)](#) **Motion:** Kevin Germain to serve as Chair for a year: *Sarah Blechta*

Second: *Ciara Wolfe*

[12:01:17 PM \(00:10:53\)](#) Ciara Wolfe shared thoughts for strategic officer roles for board member longevity and experience for growing Vice Chair into eventual Chair role. Ciara recommended Sarah Blechta as Vice Chair and Steve Johnson for Secretary/Treasurer.

[12:05:54 PM \(00:15:30\)](#) Sarah Blechta **amended motion:** Kevin as Chair, Sarah as Vice Chair, Steve as Secretary/Treasurer, and Ciara and Grace as Directors.

Seconded: Grace Young

[12:07:16 PM \(00:16:52\)](#) **Vote:** All in Favor

Motion Passes Unanimously

[12:07:28 PM \(00:17:04\)](#) Danny Bierschwale asked for a replacement for Buz Davis's place on the Big Sky Relief subcommittee. Kevin Germain explained the benefit of Treasurer serving on subcommittee, Steve Johnson volunteered for subcommittee.

[12:09:01 PM \(00:18:37\)](#) **Motion:** Steve Johnson to serve on Relief subcommittee: *Ciara Wolfe*

Seconded: Sarah Blechta

[12:09:23 PM \(00:18:59\)](#) **Vote:** All in Favor

Motion Passes Unanimously

2. Old Business

a. Big Sky Relief Update: Discussion

[12:10:49 PM \(00:20:25\)](#) *Public Comment:* Candace Strauss thanked the Board for their support of the Small Business Relief fund.

[12:11:28 PM \(00:21:04\)](#) Sarah Blechta gave an update, no new applications and 1 reallocation of funds. Relief partner meetings are now every other week.

[12:12:34 PM \(00:22:10\)](#) Kevin Germain discussed the County-City Health Department testing of wastewater effluent for Covid-19. The Health Department applied for FY21 general funds, but discussion is happening to move their request to the relief fund.

[12:14:27 PM \(00:24:03\)](#) Ciara Wolfe explained that \$150,000 has been given to individuals in the community through the Community Foundations, to help with rent and mortgage payments, food, and healthcare costs. Additionally, offering support to find and apply for other sources of assistance. Steve and Ciara discussed the need to use all other resources first.

[12:18:12 PM \(00:27:48\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale mentioned that Governor Bullock announced state grants that are available on the Commerce website.

[12:22:04 PM \(00:31:40\)](#) *Public Comment:* Bella Butler asked for clarification; Ciara explained that individuals may receive a maximum up to \$1500 in assistance every 45 days.

Public Comment: Candace Strauss let everyone know Small Business Grants recipients will be paired with hotline volunteers for Business assistance.

b. Scenario Planning: Discussion

[12:22:59 PM \(00:32:35\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained the subcommittee has been in discussions with local and regional partners. Key data points include air travel and tourism metrics, 2-3-year impact, and testing will be key. Subcommittee recommendations include a crisis management policy and emergency funds, FY21 biannual funding cycle, and continued collaboration with philanthropic community.

[12:26:37 PM \(00:36:13\)](#) Kevin Germain explained forecast of 50% for collections for summer and 75% for winter.

[12:27:48 PM \(00:37:24\)](#) Steve Johnson discussed the need to communicate funding cycle changes to applicants and the public and explain the purpose.

[12:28:54 PM \(00:38:30\)](#) Sarah Blechta explained the subcommittee's forecasting and planning for the worst.

[12:31:10 PM \(00:40:46\)](#) Ciara Wolfe shared support of biannual cycle but had concerns with reserves. Sarah Blechta explained the subcommittee's recommendations and options.

[12:37:46 PM \(00:47:22\)](#) *Public Comment:* Tallie Lancey asked how Relief funds are allocated.

Kevin Germain explained, and Kim Beatty clarified, how funds can be used for future needs through a board vote and be utilized quickly for emergencies.

c. Bi-Annual Allocation Calendar: Action

[12:39:27 PM \(00:49:03\)](#) Kevin Germain discussed the challenges for the board, staff, and applicants regarding allocations. However, Kevin is convinced it is responsible and prudent in current uncertain times.

[12:41:29 PM \(00:51:05\)](#) **Motion:** to approve the Biannual Allocation Calendar: *Sarah Blechta*

Seconded: *Ciara Wolfe*

[12:41:54 PM \(00:51:30\)](#) November 11th is Veterans Day; board agreed to move the final meeting to Nov 12th.

[12:42:38 PM \(00:52:14\)](#) *Public Comment:* Bella Butler asked if emergency fund would be part of the relief fund; Daniel Bierschwale explained the emergency/reserve fund would be determined when needed, more or less a sinking fund.

[12:44:08 PM \(00:53:44\)](#) **Vote** to approve Biannual Allocation Calendar: All in favor

Motion Passes Unanimously.

3. New Business

a. BSCO FY20 Allocation: Action

[12:44:53 PM \(00:54:29\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed BSCO's request and Ciara Wolfe recused herself from board decision and vote.

[12:46:10 PM \(00:55:46\)](#) Al Malinowski, representing BSCO as board Chair, explained cash flow analysis and request; Ciara Wolfe clarified initial construction costs are within the same amount of original allocation and contract.

[12:48:18 PM \(00:57:54\)](#) Kim Beatty asked questions for clarification. Al and board members discussed modifications to contract and Kim explained language for contract revision through a board vote.

[12:55:12 PM \(01:04:48\)](#) **Motion:** to amend contract to allow allocation for this project to be used for the additional specified purposes/or timing of those purposes as presented by BSCO: *Sarah Blechta*

Seconded: *Steve Johnson*

[12:57:09 PM \(01:06:45\)](#) Kim Beatty suggested allowing herself and Danny to work with Al Malinowski to write amendment to contract. Sarah Blechta amends motion to reflect Kim's suggestion.

[12:59:08 PM \(01:08:44\)](#) **Vote:** All in Favor (with Ciara Wolfe recused)

Motion Passes.

D. Public Comment

[01:00:08 PM \(01:09:44\)](#) Ron Edwards: Congratulations to Kevin, Ciara, and Grace and thank you to the board and staff for their support and leadership on behalf of the board and staff of the Water & Sewer District

E. Application Overview & Training: Discussion

[01:02:38 PM \(01:12:14\)](#) Public meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson, Secretary & Treasurer