



Meeting Minutes

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I. Open Meeting

[02:12:29 PM \(00:03:43\)](#) Kevin Germain called meeting to order.

A. Public Comment: *none*

[02:12:44 PM \(00:03:58\)](#) Roll Call: Staff: Danny Bierschwale, Jenny Muscat, Sara Huger, Kristin Drain

Board Members: Steve Johnson, Sarah Blechta, Kevin Germain, Buz Davis

B. Regular Agenda

a. Big Sky Relief Update: *Discussion*

[02:13:17 PM \(00:04:31\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed Big Sky Relief efforts. Weekly updates are available on BigSkyRelief.org. Relief funds have been awarded to the Big Sky Medical Center, the Food Bank, and the School District; Morningstar and Discovery had reallocations. Buz Davis and Sarah Blechta were working with the Chamber of Commerce to reallocate FY20 funds for Small Business Micro Grant program.

[02:16:14 PM \(00:07:28\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale shared how philanthropic collaboration between Moonlight, Spanish Peaks, and Yellowstone Club Community Foundations are leading programs for individual finance support (BSRAD legally cannot fund individuals.)

[02:16:44 PM \(00:07:58\)](#) Kevin Germain discussed his tour of the Medical Center and May 8th target date for opening 4 additional rooms.

[02:18:13 PM \(00:09:27\)](#) Ciara Wolfe joined the meeting. Ciara shared that the community foundations have given \$100,000 for individual needs.

[02:19:27 PM \(00:10:41\)](#) Kevin Germain discussed Gallatin County Health Department effort to monitor wastewater for prevalence of COVID-19 in the community.

b. Scenario Planning: *Discussion*

[02:24:43 PM \(00:15:57\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained scenario planning efforts to gather information from regional partners to inform decision making in the upcoming allocation process. Forecasted impacts related to COVID-19 varied between 50%-80%. Daniel shared metrics from tourism and travel industry partners.

[02:28:40 PM \(00:19:54\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed the formation of the subcommittee for an association of Montana resort tax communities and ability to share resources between members.

[02:29:39 PM \(00:20:53\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed recommendations regarding emergency reserve funds and a possible Fall allocation cycle. Danny gave an overview of 3-year revenue forecast and 4-year allocation forecast.

[02:38:55 PM \(00:30:09\)](#) Sarah Blechta explained reason for 3 million reserve and need for flexibility for the worst-case scenario. Buz Davis shared concerns with reemergence in November and possible impact on Winter season and collections.

[02:46:10 PM \(00:37:24\)](#) Board members discussed scenarios and planning for ever changing impacts.

[02:52:10 PM \(00:43:24\)](#) Kevin Germain requested an action item on May agenda for Biannual allocation cycle.

C. Public Comment

[02:56:22 PM \(00:47:36\)](#) Bella asked a question through Q&A feature, Danny and Sarah Blechta explained that while a monthly breakdown of funding requests has always been on the application, this year it is imperative that those amounts are correct for cashflow purposes.

[03:01:03 PM \(00:52:17\)](#) Motion to adjourn: *Sarah Blechta*

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Steve Johnson | Nov 9, 2020 13:51 MST

Steve Johnson, Secretary & Treasurer