



## Funding Award Meeting Minutes

June 17th, 2020 | 5:30-7:00 PM

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### I. Open Meeting


[\(00:02:40\)](#) Kevin Germain began the meeting at 5:30pm.

[\(00:02:53\)](#) Danny Bierschwale introduced board and staff; all present: Ciara Wolfe, Steve Johnson, Kevin Germain, Sarah Blechta, and Grace Young

[\(00:08:34\)](#) Kevin Germain reviewed scenario planning and fall funding process going forward.

[\(00:12:32\)](#) Kevin Germain gave an update on Big Sky Relief efforts and COVID-19 response in the Big Sky community.

#### A. Public Comment

View Public Comment and Letters of Support:  

[\(00:14:57\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed Public Comments that were sent to the District.

[\(00:16:18\)](#) Chris Moon made public comment regarding Resort Tax budget.

[\(00:17:50\)](#) Tim Drain made public comment in support of Visit Big Sky

#### B. FY21 Award Resolution: Action

[\(00:19:20\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked for a recommendation review and discussed

[\(00:20:43\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed staff recommendations including separate spring and fall funding cycles and addressing COVID-19 impacts.

[\(00:23:44\)](#) Linda made public comment in support of Karst Bridge.

[\(00:24:24\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed funding recommendations from June 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Post Office

[\(00:25:01\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale clarified the Post Office Request to include December amount.

[\(00:25:47\)](#) **Motion:** to fund the Post Office \$41,000: Ciara Wolfe

**Seconded:** Steve Johnson

[\(00:26:17\)](#) Board members discussed importance of Post Office especially during COVID-19 pandemic.

[\(00:27:14\)](#) **Vote:** Motion Passed

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### Fire Department

[\(00:27:27\)](#) **Motion:** to fund \$80,000 for wildland apparatus if matched by the Fire Department for two 500-gallon units: Grace Young

**Seconded:** Kevin Germain

[\(00:28:25\)](#) Board members asked questions and Chief Megaard discussed operational costs, grants, and other state funding.

[\(00:35:49\)](#) Steve Johnson asked for clarification, Chief Megaard explained the goal was two 500-gallon units in addition to the current 250-gallon unit.

[\(00:37:40\)](#) **Vote:** Motion Passed

### Big Sky Discovery Academy

[\(00:38:13\)](#) **Motion:** to increase Discovery funding to \$37,400: Sarah Blechta

**Seconded:** Grace Young

[\(00:38:35\)](#) Sarah Blechta explained adding \$15,000 to offset of rent for Discovery. Steve Johnson discussed the difference between Morning as a childcare or daycare facility and Discovery as a private school.

[\(00:39:58\)](#) Ciara Wolfe discussed equitability with public money and the amount funded by cost per family served in Discovery's Pre-K program was \$3,250 per child and Morningstar per child served was \$1,888. Ciara discussed being equitable between childcare facilities.

[\(00:43:53\)](#) Kevin Germain explained funding Discovery's Pre-K program for childcare; board members discussed challenges in comparing childcare facilities and equally subsidizing both.

[\(00:47:16\)](#) Nettie Breuner from Discovery clarified programs offered and licensing.

[\(00:51:46\)](#) Grace Winsell from Morningstar clarified their scholarship program.

[\(00:52:45\)](#) Angela Marshal shared public comment in support of both Morningstar and Discovery.

[\(00:53:09\)](#) **Vote:** Motion Not Passed

### Reserve Fund

[\(00:53:47\)](#) **Motion:** to fund Reserve at 10% of total available, \$651,000: Grace Young

**Seconded:** Sarah Blechta

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[\(00:54:15\)](#) Ciara Wolfe supported funding reserves 10% every year.

[\(00:54:46\)](#) **Vote:** Motion Passed

### **Gallatin River Task Force**

[\(00:56:02\)](#) Kristin Gardner clarified the Groundwater Discharge project can be deferred until the fall. Steve Johnson discussed formation of a canyon district.

### **Final Funding Motion**

[\(01:00:55\)](#) **Motion:** to adopt the Spring Allocations as updated: Steve Johnson

**Seconded:** Sarah Blechta

[\(01:03:08\)](#) **Vote:** Motion Passed

### C. Contract Template: Discussion & D. Award Orientation Review: Discussion

[\(01:03:21\)](#) Jenny Muscat reviewed the Contract Template and explained revisions. Daniel Bierschwale discussed expectations and procedures.

[\(01:07:24\)](#) Kim Beatty explained adding conditions to the contracts.

[\(01:10:23\)](#) Kevin Germain shared his appreciation for applicants and the community.

[04:17:29 PM \(01:10:39\)](#) **Motion to adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Steve Johnson (Nov 9, 2020 13:51 MST)

Steve Johnson, Secretary & Treasurer

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