



## Board Meeting Minutes

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 9:00 am

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### I. Open Meeting

[\(00:00:00\)](#) Kevin Germain called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

A. Public Comment: *NONE*

B. Consent Agenda: Action

a. Approval of Minutes: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

b. Finance Report: March 2021

[\(00:01:47\)](#) **Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda as presented: Sarah Blechta

**Seconded:** Grace Young

[\(00:02:19\)](#) **Motion Passed**

C. Regular Agenda

1. Old Business

a. Executive Report: Discussion

[\(00:02:35\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale gave an update on Application process; 29 organizations applied for 49 projects for a total of \$9.2 million. Daniel discussed important shift from funding broad organization requests to project and outcome-based requests. Daniel updated everyone on the joint-county commission meeting and Relief efforts.

b. Testing & Vaccination Update: Discussion

[\(00:07:09\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed surveillance testing and vaccination efforts; final day for surveillance testing will be May 25<sup>th</sup>.

[\(00:09:29\)](#) Ciara Wolfe discussed the vaccination incentive program funded through the community foundations.

c. Reserve Funds Policy: Discussion

[\(00:13:16\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained that the Policy Manual will be on the July agenda, however, wanted to review reserve funding prior to the June meetings. Daniel gave an overview of committee

recommendations and explained the importance of forecasting future requests.

[\(00:17:29\)](#) Board members discussed reserve recommendations. Ciara Wolfe and Kevin Germain were not in favor of labeling the document as a “policy”; Board members agreed to call it “Reserve Strategy”.

[\(00:23:40\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained the importance of setting aside reserves before reviewing applications. Ciara Wolfe suggested setting multiple, staged goals with a minimum limit. Board members discussed goals and setting thoughtful targets for reserves.

[\(00:30:18\)](#) Sarah Blechta explained that reserves aren’t intended just for “emergencies” but also long-term planning for capital projects—Board members discussed. Kevin Germain stressed the importance of long-term planning and encouraged applicants to seriously plan and forecast for the future. Kevin also suggested adding more weight to the scoring system regarding future forecasting—Board members discussed.

## 2. New Business

### a. COVID-19 Economic Impact Report: Discussion

[\(00:40:09\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale introduced Jackie Haines with Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District. Jackie presented an overview of the COVID-19 economic impact report and Board members asked questions.

[\(00:50:11\)](#) Jackie Haines reviewed take-aways from report, including, between 2019-2020, all 13 industry sectors had a net gain in sales and tax collections.

D. Public Comment: *NONE*

[\(00:52:05\)](#) Motion: to adjourn open meeting: Sarah Blechta

## II. Closed Meeting: Confidential Employee Reviews

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steven Johnson*

[Steven Johnson \(Jul 14, 2021 16:05 MDT\)](#)

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*Steve Johnson, Secretary & Treasurer*

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

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