



## Board Meeting Agenda

January 5th, 2022 | 9:00am

**Big Sky Resort Area District**

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*This meeting was held remotely via Zoom.*

### I. Open Meeting

[\(00:00:02\)](#) Sarah Blechta called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

#### A. Roll Call

[\(00:00:34\)](#) All Board members in attendance.

#### B. Public Comment: *NONE*

[\(00:00:55\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale noted increased testing demand within the community. Kevin Germain shared that more tests are being shipped.

#### C. Consent Agenda: *Action*

a. Approval of Minutes: November 10th, 2021

b. Finance Report: October 2021

[\(00:02:35\)](#) **Motion**: to Approve Consent Agenda: Kevin Germain

**Seconded**: Steve Johnson

[\(00:02:51\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained that the audit from November was signed and sent to the state.

[\(00:03:42\)](#) **Vote**: Motion Passed Unanimously

## D. Regular Agenda

### 1. Old Business

#### a. TIGER Grant Update: Discussion

[\(00:04:03\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained that BSRAD, BSCO, and the Chamber have been actively engaged in the TIGER Grant discussions with Gallatin County and the next collaborative county commission meeting will be discussing transportation.

[\(00:05:13\)](#) Danielle Sharf gave TIGER Grant updates and explained the 191 traffic light upgrade and Powder Light turn lanes were funded elsewhere and removed from the overall project budget; bids are out currently.

[\(00:09:48\)](#) Steve Johnson asked about federal infrastructure grants; Danielle explained funding options.

[\(00:11:01\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked questions related to flexibility and maximizing efficiencies; Danielle discussed contractor feedback and specific projects within the overall plan.

[\(00:13:35\)](#) Kevin Germain asked about engagement with Gallatin and Madison counties and the state of Montana. Daniel Bierschwale explained that on January 20<sup>th</sup> the counties will meet to discuss transportation projects.

[\(00:15:22\)](#) Danielle Sharf shared community survey responses.

[\(00:24:01\)](#) David Kack of the Transportation District discussed challenges and safety concerns related to commuter traffic and explained that additional motor coaches have been ordered.

#### b. Housing Committee Findings: Discussion

[\(00:25:23\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed types of Housing projects and funding sources, including the purchase of real estate and bonding opportunities.

[\(00:28:45\)](#) Laura Seyfang and Daniel Bierschwale explained that projects and initiatives are in the works and Resort Tax funding can be requested if something specific is identified as well as private funding options.

#### c. % Renewal Committee: Discussion

[\(00:31:20\)](#) Kevin Germain volunteered for a committee to explore resort tax renewal and options. Steve Johnson also volunteered for committee.

#### d. Business Advisory Committee: Discussion

[\(00:34:12\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed business community engagement challenges and attempts to get more businesses involved across multiple sectors. Board members offered suggestions.



e. Our Big Sky Implementation Update: Discussion

[\(00:39:00\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed 'Our Big Sky' plan and explained work that is being done with the implementation of projects and initiatives. Board members discussed the importance of community engagement and involvement.

f. Elevate Big Sky: Action

[\(00:49:00\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained the work being done by local foundations and how groups are working collaboratively as funding and resource partners for the community. Daniel suggested designating someone from BSRAD to serve on Elevate Big Sky committee.

[\(00:55:16\)](#) Ciara Wolfe clarified that she will be representing the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation in Elevate Big Sky.

[\(00:55:41\)](#) **Motion:** to approve Grace Young as representative for Elevate Big Sky Committee and approve 'Elevate Big Sky Statement of Commitment' (   ): Kevin Germain

**Seconded:** Steve Johnson

[\(00:56:27\)](#) **Vote:** Motion Passed Unanimously



g. Annual Strategic Plan/Work Plan Review: Discussion

[\(00:56:48\)](#) *Lori Addicks joined the meeting.* Daniel Bierschwale reviewed the Annual Strategic Plan and refinement updates. Working with Lori Addicks, Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) have been developed to help define and progress result driven work plans to accomplish BSRAD's Strategic Plan.

[\(00:59:45\)](#) Lori Addicks discussed continuous performance and development for staff and organizational development. Lori explained the purpose of OKRs and their use.

2. New Business

a. 2022 Community Forum & Event Calendar: Discussion

[\(01:07:52\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed feedback and discussed coordination with other community events to create better community engagement. Daniel summarized the Community Week proposal for 2022 (   ). Board members shared feedback and discussed times of year to hold events for best community engagement.

b. SNO Climate Action Plan: Discussion

[\(01:20:57\)](#) Erin Bills, contracted by SNO to develop Community Climate Action Plan, joined the meeting and shared data and focus areas of the plan.

c. Montana Land Reliance Update: Discussion

[\(01:34:57\)](#) Jessie Weiss of Montana Land Reliance gave updates on projects and discussed future Resort Tax funding requests.

d. BASE Cost Update: Discussion

[\(01:40:28\)](#) Whitney Montgomery of Big Sky Community Organization was unavailable. Will update at future meeting.

Daniel Bierschwale gave an update on BASE cost overruns and plans to raise matching funds before requesting Resort Tax. Board members discussed.

E. Public Comment

[\(01:41:03\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale noted that 2 board seats are up for election in May and February 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for candidates. *(Contact the Resort Tax office for more info @ 406.995.3234)*

[\(01:50:02\)](#) Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

S Johnson

S Johnson (Mar 25, 2022, 14:41 CDT)

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*Steve Johnson, Secretary & Treasurer*

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