



## Board Meeting Agenda

February 9th, 2022 | 9:00am

Big Sky Resort Area District

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### I. Open Meeting

#### A. Roll Call

[00:00:40](#) Sarah Blechta called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Board members present: Sarah Blechta, Steve Johnson, Ciara Wolfe,

B. Public Comment: *Chris Leonard makes public comment later at: [00:09:54](#)*

C. Consent Agenda: *Action*

a. Approval of Minutes: January 5th, 2021

b. Finance Report: November & December 2021

[00:02:52](#) **Motion**: to approve Consent Agenda: Grace Young

Seconded: Ciara Wolfe

[00:03:17](#) **Vote**: Motion Passed


#### D. Regular Agenda

##### 1. Old Business

a. Executive Report: *Discussion*

[00:03:41](#) Daniel Bierschwale gave an update on FY23 Application process. Daniel discussed engagement with the US Postal Service and needs of the Big Sky Post Office. The Coordinating Council has been working to implement the Our Big Sky plan and create an update for 2022.

Public Comment:

[00:09:54](#) Chris Leonard with Flatiron gave a presentation as public comment.  [↩](#)

b. Big Sky Relief Update: Discussion

[00:24:57](#) Daniel Bierschwale gave an update on surveillance testing; tests are available for local businesses at the Resort Tax office and residents may pick up tests at the Visitor Center/Chamber offices. Morningstar applied for Relief funds and their application is being reviewed by the subcommittee.

c. 2022 Business Registration Overview: Discussion

[00:27:47](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed compliance and annual business registrations which were due in December. The District thanks all businesses who have registered. (Business may register here: [resorttax.munirevs.com](https://resorttax.munirevs.com))

[00:30:44](#) Sarah Blechta explained that she has reached out to event organizers/hosts and they are required to make sure their vendors are registered with Resort Tax. Board members discussed the importance of compliance for all businesses operating within the community, even if located elsewhere.

d. County Subcommittee Update: Discussion

[00:34:17](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed collaboration with Madison and Gallatin counties to address needs together including sheriff, fire, and transportation.

[00:41:17](#) Sarah Blechta asked questions regarding fire detection cameras and collaboration efforts. Greg Megaard of the Fire Department discussed fire prevention efforts and additional cameras being added.

e. 2022 Annual Government Entity Interlocal Review: Action

[00:43:42](#) Sarah Blechta explained the 3-year Interlocal agreements with local governments and clarified that the sheriff is not included at this meeting but will be discussed at a future meeting.

- Big Sky Fire District

[00:45:42](#) Greg Megaard gave updates on the Fire District's operations; there were 1187 calls in 2021 and many were simultaneous. Station 2 is now operating full-time and year-round which decreases response time. Greg discussed fire detection cameras, where additional cameras can be added, and partners who are working to address wildfires through collaborative efforts.

[00:51:34](#) Board members asked, and Greg Megaard answered questions.

- Big Sky Transportation District

[00:54:58](#) David Kack of the Transportation District discussed collaboration with the counties and challenges to hire enough drivers. Currently services have been scaled back due to lack of drivers, yet demand is up. David is in discussions with MDT and are considering request-based service models.

[01:02:31](#) Ciara Wolfe asked about the bus barn and David Kack discussed federal process to build bus barn and set up for electric buses.

[01:06:36](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed traffic situations in southwest Montana and conversations with county commission.

- Canyon Water & Sewer District

[01:08:08](#) Mace Mangold reviewed the feasibility study and budget and gave updates on Canyon Water & Sewer District operations.

[01:16:22](#) Mace Mangold discussed joint effort with ARPS funds. GallatinCanyonWSD.com is now up and running and information is provided there. Board members discussed benefits of water and sewer projects.

[01:21:49](#) The Canyon Water & Sewer District discussed unexpected budget items and is requesting additional funds for FY23. Daniel Bierschwale explained the Interlocal agreement would need to be amended and board members were supportive of making a process for amendment approvals to Interlocal agreements.

- Big Sky County Water & Sewer District

[01:27:59](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained the Big Sky County Water & Sewer District's Interlocal agreement is part of the 1% for infrastructure and discussed adjustments to the agreement.

[01:32:30](#) Board members discussed adjustments and community needs related to construction projects and unpredictable budget items.

[01:35:07](#) **Motion:** to approve draft amendment as presented: Ciara Wolfe

**Seconded:** Grace Young

[01:35:54](#) *Public Comment:* Bella Butler asked for clarification on SFE adjustment.

[01:36:37](#) Ron of the Water & Sewer District explained how SFE adjustment was made.

[01:37:53](#) **Vote: Motion Passed**

## 2. New Business

### a. BSRAD Audit Proposals: *Action*

[01:42:53](#) Kristin Drain gave an overview of audit proposals, only one bid was received from Amantics. Board and staff discussed audit proposal.

[01:45:45](#) **Motion:** to approve Audit Proposal: Grace Young

**Seconded:** Steve Johnson

[01:46:40](#) **Vote: Motion Passed**

### b. Letter of Support Policy: *Discussion*

[01:47:10](#) Sarah Blechta discussed requests for Letters of Support and creating a policy. Daniel Bierschwale discussed types of requests for letters of support for projects verses ballot initiatives. Board members agreed they should not be taking political stances. Daniel will create a policy for the board to review at a later meeting.

c. Deed Restriction Program Overview: Discussion

[01:50:59](#) Laura Seyfang presented the Big Sky Community Housing Trust's new Deed Restriction Program and explained they will be requesting funding for this project for FY23.

[02:01:42](#) Board members asked clarifying questions related to the deed restriction program.

A. Public Comment

[02:12:29](#) Whitney Montgomery shared updates relating to BASE. BASE will have an open house on March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and will official open to the public on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

[02:14:42](#) 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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**BSRAD BOARD & STAFF:** Sarah Blechta, Chair | Ciara Wolfe, Vice Chair | Steve Johnson, Secretary & Treasurer | Kevin Germain, 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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