



## Board Meeting Minutes

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 9:00am

Big Sky Resort Area District

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February's Board meeting was held on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Resort Tax office (11 Lone Peak Drive, Suite #204) and through Zoom.

### I. Open Meeting

#### A. Roll Call

Sarah Blechta called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Sarah Blechta, Ciara Wolfe, and Grace Young were present; Kevin Germain and Steve Johnson were absent.

Public Comment

#### B. Consent Agenda: *Action*

a. Approval of Minutes: January 10th, 2024

b. Finance Report: December 2023

**Motion:** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Ciara Wolfe

**Second:** Grace Young

**Vote: Motion Passed**

#### C. Regular Agenda

##### 1. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Updates: *Discussion*

[00:00:05](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed 191 corridor study and optimization plan and shared updates.

[00:00:30](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed strategic investments, 3% renewal, 1% renewal, and possible bonds.

b. Good Deeds Contract Amendment: *Action*

[00:01:48](#) **Motion:** to approve Good Deeds Contract Amendment: Ciara Wolfe

**Second:** Grace Young

[00:02:09](#) David O'Connor of the Big Sky Community Housing Trust answered questions from board members.

[00:02:54](#) **Vote: Motion Passed**

c. PER Eligibility Requirement: *Action*

[00:03:08](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained application eligibility requirements including Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) requirement. Board members discussed.

[00:12:51](#) **Motion:** to approve draft PER Eligibility Requirements: Grace Young

**Second:** Ciara Wolfe

[00:13:14](#) Kristin Gardner at Gallatin River Task Force asked for clarification around design plans vs Preliminary Engineering Report.

[00:14:21](#) **Vote: Motion Passed**

d. MT64/US191 Intersection Land Acquisition: Discussion

[00:14:33](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained projects requiring land acquisition at MT64/US191 intersection and possible solutions. Daniel and the board reviewed the appraisal.

[00:19:05](#) Daniel explained optimization plan and its stakeholders. In response to public questions, clarification was made that eminent domain is not available for this project.

[00:22:57](#) Public comment asked about easements and Daniel Bierschwale explained.

[00:23:48](#) Public comment asked about crash incidents and project need; *data was not immediately available*. The board explained mobility and backups are the main concern.

e. Resolution 2024-02R: Action

[00:26:32](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained next steps for land acquisition. The Resolution will be approved, and final terms will be accepted or rejected at a future meeting.

[00:29:48](#) **Motion:** to approve Resolution 2024-02R: Ciara Wolfe

**Second:** Grace Young

[00:29:55](#) Board members discussed financial feasibility and reserves, closing dates, and impact on budgets.

[00:36:21](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed Water & Sewer District pump station, TIGER Grant construction, and other project options at the MT64/US191 intersection. The Board discussed the possibility of land acquisition unlocking other State, Federal, and county funds for projects.

[00:41:24](#) Grace Young asked about possible zoning and deed restrictions.

[00:49:47](#) John shared public comment in support of land acquisition.

[00:51:59](#) Greg Megaard shared support for land acquisition as intersection is a top priority.

[00:52:35](#) Lawrence Stepovich shared public comment and discussed variety of projects.

[00:53:15](#) David O'Connor shared public comment in support of land acquisition and various potential uses.

[00:56:31](#) Lizzie Peyton shared public comment in support of the land acquisition and discussed environmental pros and cons.

[00:58:00](#) Brad Niva shared public comment in support of the land acquisition and asked about public engagement.

[01:00:08](#) Shannon Steele shared public comment in support of the land acquisition.

[01:01:43](#) **Vote: Motion Passed**

[01:02:04](#) Ciara Wolfe discussed financial impacts and collaboration between multiple entities. Daniel Bierschwale explained ways community members can get involved in various efforts currently underway.

## 2. New Business

a. Opportunity Fund/Microgrant Procedure: Action

[01:04:26](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained changing the name of opportunity fund to microgrant and Board members discussed.

[01:07:42](#) **Motion:** to approve Microgrant Procedure as presented: Grace Young

**Second:** Ciara Wolfe

[01:08:08](#) Lizzie Peyton of Big Sky SNO shared appreciation for opportunity fund/microgrant and asked about a 6-month option. Board members discussed timing and intent.

[01:12:38](#) Shannon Steele of Be Well Big Sky shared comments related to program timing.

[01:14:24](#) **Vote: Motion Passed**

b. Exploration Study RFP: Action

[01:14:50](#) Daniel Bierschwale reviewed RFP, scope of work, and timing. Board members discussed.

[01:21:18](#) **Motion:** to approve Exploration Study RFP as presented: Ciara Wolfe

**Second:** Grace Young

[01:22:03](#) David O'Connor shared public comment.

[01:25:15](#) John shared public comment and asked questions. Sarah Blechta clarified the RFP is looking at all governance options, not solely incorporation.

[01:26:46](#) Erin Bills shared public comment.

[01:27:57](#) **Vote: Motion Passed**

c. ~~Morningstar Campus Update: Discussion~~

*Morningstar Campus Update rescheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.*

d. Be Well Big Sky Overview: Discussion

[01:28:42](#) Shannon Steele presented an overview of Be Well Big Sky, a community foundation.

[01:34:47](#) Shannon reviewed programs and services including Navigator Network, Trainings, and Collective Action.

[01:43:08](#) Shannon explained ways community members can get involved.

[01:45:25](#) Buzz Davis shared public comment.

[01:49:05](#) Suzy shared public comment.

[01:50:20](#) John shared public comment.

[01:51:27](#) David O'Connor shared public in support of community collaboration.

D. Public Comment

[01:54:32](#) Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

  
Grace D. Young (Apr 17, 2024 10:14 MDT)

Grace Young, Secretary & Treasurer

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