



Board Meeting Minutes

March 13th, 2024 | 9:00am

Big Sky Resort Area District

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March's Board meeting was held on Wednesday, March 13th at 9:00am at the Resort Tax office (11 Lone Peak Drive, Suite #204) and through Zoom.

I. Open Meeting

A. Roll Call

[00:00:04](#) Sarah Blechta began the meeting at 9:00am. Board members in attendance: Sarah Blechta, Ciara Wolfe, Kevin Germain, and Grace Young. Steve Johnson was not present.

B. Public Comment

[00:00:22](#) Tammy Estensen shared Montana Resort Tax Association updates.

C. Consent Agenda: Action

a. Approval of Minutes: February 14th, 2024

b. Finance Report: January 2024

[00:03:07](#) **Motion**: to approve consent agenda: Kevin Germain

Second: Ciara Wolfe

[00:03:16](#) January collections are down 10% and December was down 6%.

[00:04:04](#) **Vote**: Motion Passed Unanimously

D. Regular Agenda

1. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Updates: Discussion

[00:04:41](#) Daniel Bierschwale shared Wellness District updates and next steps.

[00:05:13](#) Daniel shared updates regarding Incorporation Exploration RFP.

[00:05:46](#) Applications are open. Government entities close March 15.

[00:05:58](#) Joint Count Commission Meeting will be May 8.

[00:06:12](#) Kevin Germain shared transit and transportation updates and optimization plan.

[00:07:44](#) Daniel discussed CIP and strategic planning.

b. MT64/US191 Intersection Land Acquisition: Action

[00:08:58](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained negotiations are underway and discussed possible projects.

[00:12:13](#) Board members discussed reserves and minimizing impact on grant cycle budgets.

[00:16:31](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed public comment and phone conversations.

[00:17:28](#) Sarah Blechta discussed needs related to land acquisition. Kevin Germain discussed traffic concerns and possible solutions.

2. New Business

a. May Election Update: Discussion

[00:21:58](#) School and Special Purpose District Elections are May 7 and it will be a mail ballot election. The Candidate Forum will be April 23 at the Waypoint.

[00:23:14](#) Daniel Bierschwale encouraged public participation and engagement.

[00:23:51](#) New Madison County polling station in Big Sky will be at Fire Station 2. Election judges are needed.

[00:24:51](#) Tammy discussed primary ballot local government review. Primary is June 4.

b. FY25 Budget Draft: Discussion

[00:28:40](#) Final budget decision will be April 17th. Daniel gave an overview of the FY25 budget.

[00:37:06](#) Daniel highlighted community initiatives in budget.

[00:39:09](#) Board members discussed the FY25 budget and forecasts.

c. Opportunity Fund Application Review: Action

- Navigator Network—Be Well Big Sky

[00:45:45](#) Shannon presented the Navigator Network program and the grant request.

[00:48:42](#) Board members asked questions and discussed Navigator Network program request.

[00:54:24](#) **Motion:** to fund request with a budget requirement in 6 months: Kevin Germain

Second: Grace Young

[00:54:48](#) Board members shared support and asked questions.

[00:58:38](#) Andy shared public comment in support of the Navigator Network and the need for services.

[01:02:39](#) Sarah Gaither shared public comment in support of the Navigator Network.

[01:03:37](#) John Allen shared public comment in support of the Navigator Network and Be Well Big Sky.

[01:04:45](#) Danielle shared public comment in support of the Navigator Network.

[01:06:08](#) Michelle Nierling shared public comment in support of Be Well Big Sky and the Navigator Network.

[01:07:10](#) Robert shared public comment in support of Be Well Big Sky and the Navigator Network.

[01:08:53](#) John shared public comment in support of the Navigator Network.

[01:10:19](#) Kelly shared public comment in support of the Navigator Network.


[01:10:59](#) **Vote:** Motion Passed Unanimously

d. Morningstar Campus Update: Discussion

[01:11:35](#) Mariel Butan shared Morningstar Campus Expansion updates and due to donations, they will not be spending their awarded Resort Tax funding.

E. Public Comment

[01:15:34](#) Police Sergeant Mike introduced himself.


Grace D. Young (Apr 17, 2024 13:15 MDT)

Grace Young, Secretary & Treasurer

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