

**BIG SKY RESORT AREA DISTRICT
11 LONE PEAK DRIVE NO.204
BIG SKY, MONTANA**

**MINUTES OF THE NONPROFIT APPLICATION REVIEW MEETING
JUNE 6, 2024, 4:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS:

Sarah Blechta	Chair
Grace Young	Secretary and Treasurer
Ashley Wilson	Director
John Zirkle	Director
Kevin Germain	Director

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1. ROLL CALL

There being a quorum present, and adequate and proper notice having been given, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenny Muscat shared three emailed public comments received after the May 29, 2024, deadline: one comment in support of funding the Big Sky Discovery Academy, one comment supporting Wellness in Action, and one comment opposing the artificial turf portion of BSCO's grant request.

Whitney Montgomery of the BSCO shared that the athletic fields need enhancements. Although the organic materials used in the artificial turf have passed environmental safety guidelines and have been used in river restoration projects in Big Sky, the BSCO has decided that funding granted by BSRAD will not be used for the artificial turf at this time. BSCO will host public events this summer to involve the community in discussions about artificial turf.

Troy Ettel, President of the Turner Foundation, spoke in support of the Center for Large Landscape Conservation's funding request for the US-191/MT-64 Wildlife and Transportation Assessment. The Turner Foundation has committed \$130,000 to this project and sees BSRAD as a crucial partner in this effort.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3.1 Old Business

3.1.1 Microgrant Fund Allocation

On a motion made by Ashley Wilson, seconded by Kevin Germain, it was resolved to approve the proposal to replenish the FY25 Microgrant Fund in the amount of \$107,336. Motion carried.

3.1.2 Impact Area: Arts and Culture FY25 Applications

On a motion made by Grace Young, seconded by Kevin Germain, it was resolved to ratify the decision made at the June 4, 2024, meeting to award \$472,500 in Arts and Culture grants. Motion carried.

John Zirkle was recused from this discussion and decision.

3.1.3 Impact Area: Conservation FY25 Applications

On a motion made by John Zirkle, seconded by Kevin Germain, it was resolved to ratify the decision made at the June 4, 2024, meeting to award \$1,058,865 in Conservation grants. Motion carried.

Ashley Wilson was recused from this discussion and decision.

3.1.4 Impact Area: Economic Development FY25 Applications

On a motion made by John Zirkle, seconded by Kevin Germain, it was resolved to ratify the decision made at the June 4, 2024, meeting to award \$825,618 in Economic Development grants. Motion carried.

3.1.5 Impact Area: Education and Childcare FY25 Applications

On a motion made by Grace Young, seconded by Kevin Germain, it was resolved to ratify the decision made at the June 4, 2024, meeting to award \$1,019,809 in Education and Childcare grants. Motion carried.

A contingency was discussed during the June 4, 2024, meeting and included in the grant for the Early Childhood Education and Tuition Assistance Program.

3.1.6 Impact Area: Health and Safety FY25 Applications

On a motion made by John Zirkle, seconded by Kevin Germain, it was resolved to ratify the decision made at the June 4, 2024, meeting to award \$308,583 in Health and Safety grants. Motion carried.

3.1.7 Impact Area: Housing FY25 Applications

On a motion made by Grace Young, seconded by Ashley Wilson, it was resolved to ratify the decision made at the June 4, 2024, meeting to award \$2,000,000 in Housing grants. Motion carried.

3.1.8 Impact Area: Public Works FY25 Applications

On a motion made by Kevin Germain, seconded by Grace Young, it was resolved to approve the new amount of \$101,184 awarded to BSCO's Additional Parking and Public Restrooms for Community Park project. Motion carried.

On a motion made by Kevin Germain, seconded by Grace Young, it was resolved to ratify the decision made at the June 4, 2024, meeting to award \$552,184 in Public Works grants. Motion carried.

The grant request from BSCO was reduced from \$101,250 to \$101,184, a difference of \$66.

3.1.9 Impact Area: Recreation FY25 Applications

On a motion made by Kevin Germain, seconded by John Zirkle, it was resolved to ratify the decision made at the June 4, 2024, meeting to award \$936,388 in Recreation grants. Motion carried.

Ashley Wilson was recused from this discussion and decision.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Whitney Montgomery, on behalf of the Coordinating Council of Big Sky, encouraged the community to participate in discussions to help develop a future vision for Big Sky. The Coordinating Council shares the community feedback with the town and with Big Sky's business leaders.

Seth Griggs Ryan asked for a timeline for the competition of the pond project.

Susan Scott replied that the BSOA is currently fundraising to raise money to complete the beautification and landscaping of the project. Benefit Big Sky is assisting with the fundraising efforts.

Kevin Germain and **Sarah Blechta** each thanked everyone involved for their work and dedication to making this allocation cycle the most successful and collaborative yet.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and carried, it was agreed that there was no further business to transact; the meeting closed at 4:34 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Grace Young

Grace Young (Aug 15, 2024 10:29 MDT)

Grace Young, Secretary & Treasurer







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