

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

**MINUTES OF THE APPLICATION REVIEW MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2025, 4:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS:**

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| Sarah Blechta        | Chair                   |
| John Zirkle          | Vice Chair              |
| Grace Young          | Secretary and Treasurer |
| Michelle Kendziorski | Director                |
| Kevin Germain        | Director                |

**STAFF:**

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| Daniel Bierschwale | Executive Director                               |
| Jackie Haines      | Director of Economic and Strategic Development   |
| Kristin Drain      | Finance and Compliance Director                  |
| Tammy Estensen     | Communications and Community Engagement Director |
| Jenny Christensen  | Deputy Director                                  |
| Kim Beatty         | Legal Counsel (via teleconference)               |

Minutes prepared by Bethany Young of Minutes Solutions Inc. from a recording.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**Lizzie Peyton**, representing the Coordinating Council of Big Sky, shared results of a recently completed survey on the impacts of federal funding cuts in the community.

**Alison Bradac**, Wellness in Action, thanked the Board for the time and work contributed toward the formation of the Big Sky wellness district and the Gallatin County wellness district component.

**Shannon Brennan**, Center Director of the Morningstar Learning Center, thanked the Board on behalf of the teachers, parents, and families of Big Sky for helping to fund Morningstar's operations.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 Bylaw Revisions**

**On a motion made by Michelle Kendziorski, seconded by Grace Young, it was resolved to approve and adopt the updated bylaws as presented. Motion carried.**

The bylaws were revised to reflect the extension of the resort tax term to 2065 and the adoption of a new committee structure.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Danny Bierschwale** provided an overview of BSRAD's budgeting process and the community grants process.

**Sarah Blechta** introduced the approval of the grant allocations.

#### **4.1 Arts and Culture Impact Area FY26 Application Review**

On a motion made by **Grace Young**, seconded by **Kevin Germain**, it was resolved to ratify the arts and culture funding decisions made at the **October 21, 2025**, application review meeting for **\$1,540,000**. Motion carried.

**John Zirkle** abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

#### **4.2 Conservation Impact Area FY26 Application Review**

On a motion made by **Kevin Germain**, seconded by **John Zirkle**, it was resolved to ratify the conservation funding decisions made at the **October 21, 2025**, application review meeting for **\$1,365,093**. Motion carried.

#### **4.3 Economic Development Impact Area FY26 Application Review**

On a motion made by **John Zirkle**, seconded by **Grace Young**, it was resolved to ratify the **October 21, 2025**, tentative awards for economic development for **\$900,000**. Motion carried.

#### **4.4 Education and Childcare FY26 Application Review**

On a motion made by **Kevin Germain**, seconded by **Grace Young**, it was resolved to ratify the decisions made on **October 21, 2025**, for education and childcare for **\$1,216,108**. Motion carried.

#### **4.5 Health and Safety Impact Area FY26 Application Review**

On a motion made by **Grace Young**, seconded by **Kevin Germain**, it was resolved to ratify the **October 21, 2025**, decisions for health and safety for **\$320,757**. Motion carried.

**Sydney Desmarais**, veterinarian, informed the Board that the funding awarded would allow the **Big Sky Animal Shelter** project to move forward. The anticipated completion date is **December 2026**.

#### **4.6 Housing Impact Area FY26 Application Review**

On a motion made by **Kevin Germain**, seconded by **Grace Young**, it was resolved to ratify the **October 21, 2025**, decisions for housing for **\$475,000**. Motion carried.

#### **4.7 Recreation Impact Area FY26 Application Review**

On a motion made by **Kevin Germain**, seconded by **Michelle Kendziorski**, it was resolved to ratify the **October 21, 2025**, decisions for recreation for **\$80,000**. Motion carried.

#### **4.8 Remaining Business**

There was no additional business.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**Sarah Gaither**, Big Sky Community Foodbank, stated that allocation day is her favorite event of the year where the community symbolically gives something back to the people that carry its weight all year long.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Board of Directors meeting is November 13, 2025, at 8:45 a.m.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion duly made and carried, it was agreed that there was no further business to transact; the meeting closed at 4:25 p.m.**

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Respectfully submitted,

*Grace D. Young*

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Grace Young, Secretary and Treasurer







# 2025.10.23 Minutes

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