

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors,
Board of Directors, Big Sky Country National Heritage Area
January 25, 2021
4:00 PM
Via Zoom
Great Falls, MT

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance: Lynette Scriver-Colburn, Jane Weber, Rich Ecke, Carol Bronson, Jerry Lehman, Ellen Sievert, Gayle Fisher, Ken Robison, Murry Moore, Chris LaTray, Renee McDonald, Mary Willmarth, Connie Jenkins, John Taillie

Also present: Bill Bronson (legal counsel) (attended through Item 3(a) only).

Excused absences: None

Absent: None

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: None.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from the December 21, 2020, board meeting passed unanimously.

b. Ratification of Executive Committee actions taken between meetings: There were no actions taken by the Executive Committee.

3. New Business

a. Election of Officers and Board Members

Bill Bronson, legal counsel, conducted the election of BSCNHA officers for CY 2021 and term renewals of board members whose term ended on December 31, 2020.

Board member renewals: B. Bronson asked for any other nominations from the floor. Being none, the slate of board members as presented by the Nominations Committee passed unanimously.

Board members whose term (January 1, 2021-December 31, 2023) were renewed:

- Jane Weber
- Jerry Lehman
- Gayle Fisher

Election of officers: B. Bronson asked for any other nominations from the floor. Being none, the slate of officers as presented by the Nominations Committee all passed unanimously.

Officers for CY 2021:

- Jane Weber (Chair)

- Rich Ecke (Vice Chair)
- Jerry Lehman (Treasurer)
- Lynette Scriver-Colburn (Secretary)

b. Conflict of Interest Forms

Weber reminded the board to please complete and submit the conflict-of-interest form for CY 2021 to Scriver-Colburn.

4. Old Business

a. Committee Reports

Feasibility Study Task Force

Weber reported that our consultants are working on the final touches of the feasibility study.

Finance Committee

Lehman reviewed the financial statement for the month. It has been placed into the record.

The board reviewed the final draft of the CY 2021 budget as presented at the December board meeting. Ecke made a motion to approve the draft CY 2021 budget as presented. Carol Bronson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marketing Committee

Ecke reported that the committee will be taking over BSCNHA's Facebook page this month.

Fundraising Committee

Willmarth reported that our year end appeal brought in about \$5,000 from 35 individuals. Lehman and Willmarth completed grant reporting to the state for the COVID-19 grant. We also have 100% of our board contributing.

Projects Committee

Carol Bronson reported on potential types of projects that the committee has brainstormed/discussed over the past several months. Board members were also directly involved in a number of projects to include the National Register nomination for the Monarch Depot, assisting with the Charlie Russell event in Cascade, regularly participate in the EPA meetings for the Anaconda site in Black Eagle, assisted with the Little Shell pow-wow, and helped write blog entries for Great Falls Montana Tourism.

Audit Committee

No report.

Heritage Database Committee

No report.

5. Announcement from the Board Members

Mary Willmarth: Today is the one-year anniversary of the Little Shell's celebration of federal recognition.

Chris LaTray: The tribe is working on a lot of projects thanks to COVID-19 Cares Act funding (building a health clinic, purchased delivery vans for food and other necessities, etc.).

Ken Robison: Malmstrom's Committee on Equity is working with Ken on a few events in February discussing Black history (locally and nationally). There's also an event at Cassiopeia Books discussing Black history. The Black history programming at the public library will take place in October.

6. Public Comment

Several public members in attendance for today's meeting.

Ken Sievert: Keep up the good work.

No other comments.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.