

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors,
Board of Directors, Big Sky Country National Heritage Area
February 22, 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, Ken Robison, Murry Moore, Chris LaTray, Mary Willmarth, Connie Jenkins, John Taillie, Gayle Fisher, Renee McDonald (late).

Excused absences: None.

Absent: None.

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: None.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from the January 25, 2021, board meeting passed unanimously.

b. Ratification of Executive Committee actions taken between meetings:

The Executive Committee/Leadership Team discussed the outcomes of a meeting with consultants and NPS staff. Ratification of Executive Committee actions passed unanimously.

3. New Business

None.

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, particularly the presentation of public comments received during the open comment period this past summer.

Finance Committee

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

Marketing Committee

Ecke reported that the committee will be working on a plan for the final steps of completing the feasibility study. He will be in touch with board members for help as appropriate. They will also discuss a plan for our Facebook page and website.

Fundraising Committee

Willmarth reported that Give Great Falls will be held May 3-7 this year. The committee decided that it would be a good idea to participate in this event as a way to potentially raise money.

Projects Committee

C. Bronson reported that the committee met to discuss a number of projects that the committee will be working on in the next several months.

Audit Committee

No report.

Heritage Database Committee

No report.

5. Announcement from the Board Members

Weber: There is a major lands bill that is currently making its way through Congressional committees. The Program Bill could be attached to that bill. Our consultants will keep us posted on any progress.

6. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.