

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors,
Board of Directors, Big Sky Country National Heritage Area
November 22, 2021
4:00 PM

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, Gayle Fisher, Ken Robison, Mary Willmarth, Jerry Lehman, Carol Bronson

Ex-officio: Sam Long

Excused absences: John Taillie, Ellen Sievert, Renee McDonald

Absences: Connie Jenkins

Also in attendance: Bill Bronson, legal counsel

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: None.

2. Consent Agenda

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

b. Ratification of Executive Committee actions taken between meetings:
Weber briefed the board on discussions held by the Executive Committee concerning board matters.

3. New Business

a. Elections—2022 Officers & New Board Members

Bill Bronson (BSCNHA legal counsel) and the board discussed standardizing our process for board member renewals and election of new board members and officers.

MOTION: The BSCNHA board of directors will vet the names of potential new board members brought by the Nominating Committee at this (November 2021) meeting. At the December 2021 meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the slate (board member renewals, potential new board members, and officers), and the board will vote on the slate at the annual meeting in January 2022. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Nominating Committee Update

Willmarth reported that the committee met to work on board member renewals, possible new board members to fill a few vacancies, and officer slate. All board members whose terms are expiring on December 31, 2021, agreed to renew their terms. The committee also presented a list of names for the board to vet.

MOTION: The Nominating Committee will meet with vetted individuals about joining the BSCNHA board of directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

c. Legislative Update

B. Bronson reported on this subject. Because the matters discussed constitute attorney-client privilege as well as attorney work product, this portion of the minutes is redacted. Board members will be provided a separate memo of the items discussed, to remain confidential.

d. Monarch Depot Update

Weber reported on the progress of the Monarch Depot project.

e. December Board Meeting

The December board meeting will be a potluck social, and we will vote on the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan and review the board slate.

4. Old Business

a. Committee Reports

Marketing Committee

Ecke reported on the Marketing Committee activities over the past month and some ideas for the upcoming year.

Feasibility Study Task Force

Weber reported that our consultants are working on the final touches of the feasibility study, and the task force is also working on clarifying certain portions of the study based on community feedback.

Finance Committee

Lehman reviewed the financial statement for the month. It has been placed into the record. He also reviewed the draft CY 2022 budget that we will vote on in January at the annual public meeting.

Fundraising Committee

Willmarth reported on the Fundraising Committee activities over the past month and some ideas for the upcoming year.

Projects Committee

Weber reported on the status of current projects. The committee also worked on project-specific goals of the draft strategic plan.

Audit Committee

No report.

Heritage Database Committee

Weber reported that she contacted a GIS specialist to discuss the possibility of helping us access the Heritage Database, as we do not have that capability.

5. Announcement from the Board Members

None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.