

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors,**  
**Board of Directors, Big Sky Country National Heritage Area**  
**February 28, 2022**  
**4:00 PM**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

In attendance: Lynette Scriver-Colburn, Jane Weber, Gayle Fisher, Mark Good, Dan Pocha, Pam Guschausky, Ken Robison, Jerry Lehman, Ellen Sievert, Mary Willmarth, Renee McDonald, Carol Bronson, Connie Jenkins (late)

Ex-officio: Sam Long

Absences: Rich Ecke, John Taillie

Also in attendance: Augie Carlino, consultant

**Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:** None.

**2. Consent Agenda**

a. Minutes from the January 24, 2022, 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. Recommendation from the Executive Committee

Weber updated the board on a meeting that she, B. Bronson, and Scriver-Colburn had with Augie Carlino (our consultant) and Sara Capan (Chair of the Alliance of NHAs) regarding current NHA legislation moving through Congress.

MOTION: To accept the Executive Committee's recommendation. Passed unanimously.

b. Election of New Board Member, Dan Pocha

MOTION: Nominate Dan Pocha, Little Shell member, to the BSCNHA board of directors with a term that ends Dec. 31, 2023. Passed unanimously.

c. Potential New Board Member

Keith Ballantyne has expressed interest in joining the BSCNHA board of directors. He lives in Ft. Benton and has served on numerous boards/committees. He now works in Great Falls with an

architecture firm and is knowledgeable in historic preservation. Weber will invite him to the March board meeting so he can observe our inner workings to help him make a final decision. We will tentatively vote him on in April 2022.

#### d. Adding Board Members

The board discussed whether we should consider bringing on board members throughout the year or wait until January when we vote on board member renewals and officers.

MOTION: We should consider board members mid-cycle and not necessarily wait until January of each year. Passed unanimously.

### **4. Old Business**

#### a. Reminder to Complete Conflict of Interest Forms

Weber reminded the board to fill out, sign, and send in their COI forms to Scriver-Colburn.

#### b. Committee Reports

##### *Finance Committee*

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

##### *Feasibility Study Task Force*

Weber reported the task force will be meeting with our consultants next month to continue with editing the feasibility study.

##### *Fundraising Committee*

Willmarth reported on the Fundraising Committee activities over the past month and ideas for fundraising in the coming year.

##### *Marketing Committee*

No report.

##### *Projects Committee*

C. Bronson updated the board on the status of current projects with community partners.

##### *Audit Committee*

No report.

### **5. Announcement from the Board Members**

Black History event (rescheduled), Thursday, May 12, 6 pm, GFPL

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.