

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**KBJ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOINT POWERS BOARD**  
**63 North Burritt Ave., Buffalo, WY. 82834**  
**January 12, 2022@8:00AM**

**Members present:**

Rick Myers, Chair  
Zach Smith, Vice Chair  
Shane Schrader, Mayor of Buffalo  
Marc Smith, Board Member  
Josh Keegan, Board Member  
Shann Edwards, Secretary

**Members absent:**

Crosby Taylor, Mayor of Kaycee  
Bill Novotny, Chair JCC

Staff Present: Claudia Todd, Kerry Absetz

**Guests:** Dr. Tribley, President NWCC, Wendy Smith, VP Sheridan College, Scott Madsen, City Council, Amy Williams, citizen, Mary Plank, citizen, Jennifer McCormick, JCTA board member, 3 pickle ball players, Phyllis Puckett, citizen/senior center rep, Bill Dooley, president of Cloud Peak Pickle ball, and Seth Taylor, Buffalo Bulletin reporter.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND INSTRUCTION:** 8:01 A.M. Chair Myers
- II. **REVIEW/ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES:**

Chair Myers presented December 8, 2021 meetings minutes, M. Smith motioned to approve the minutes and S. Schrader 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**III. Regular Business:**

Chair Myers reviewed the financials. M. Smith motioned to accept financials and S. Schrader 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. C. Todd delivered a short staff report. Discussing the visit by the Fire Marshall and possibly updating upstairs to rent entirely to a local Christian academy. Todd is still gathering quotes for necessary repairs to make it a rentable space. K. Absetz updated the progress happening with "Wyoming Presents" scheduled to happen in April of 2022.

**IV. New Business:**

Election of officers. S. Schrader motioned to keep all board members to remain in their current positions. R. Myers did not want to continue as Chair. A lengthy discussion continued reviewing what positions were open and how they can get filled. It was decided that the board would revisit the bylaws and table election of officers, to happen no longer than the end of JOCO's fiscal year. S. Schrader amending his original motion to keep officers the same, and instead wanted to motion to review of the bylaws and election to happen by the fiscal years end. M. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion was carried. A formal request will be sent to all entities involved looking for guidance on the future of the Joint Powers Board. Chairman Myers asked Vice Chair Smith to draft such a letter.

Orbis review and formation of steering committee. Wendy Smith, Jennifer Burden, Scott Madsen, Jennifer McCormick, Claudia Todd, and local business owner.

Discussion of resignation of Marc Smith from board. Board motioned to accept his resignation.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Dr. Tribley, President Sheridan College in Johnson County, spoke to the board about a possibility of building improvements being funded under a statewide program called the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), with "\$109 million available in funds". It is for infrastructure of multi-purpose buildings, like Bomber Mountain Civic Center. With the idea that the improvements provide health-based type improvements. (Health classes or activities.)

Cloud Peak Pickle Ball club spoke to the board and thanked them for the seven days a week use they are afforded here at Bomber Mountain Civic Center.

Josh Keegan made mention of the availability of an AED for our building.

Phyllis Puckett with the senior center also spoke on behalf of the senior exercise class that happens three days a week at this building. The importance of keeping that class available and how it has grown.

Lengthy discussion went on about the staffing and their role with Bomber Mountain Civic Center. Addressing the vacancies and whether they are to stay "moth balled" or turned into an income producing rental space. The future of the building as a whole and it being a viable investment.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date February 9, 2022, at 8:00 A.M.

**AJOURN: 9:39 A.M. Z. Smith motioned, and M. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

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Rick Myers, Chair

Date



Attested by: Board Member

3/9/22

Date