

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 14th, 2015, 3:00 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Other directors in attendance included Ben Almy, Rich Chandler, Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, Nancy Sheil and Tom Spruance. Absent was director San Goveia. Also in attendance were GRTF staff, Kristin and Andrea, and Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Stephanie Lynn.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mike made a motion and Ron E. seconded to approve the minutes from May 12th, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Ron E. made a motion and Rich seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Gallatin video (Andrea): Andrea and Kristin met with RC Cone to discuss a promotional video with a more visual feel than the Outlaw video promoting restoration work and targeting millennials. Andrea will work on obtaining a sponsor(s) for the video to pay for the cost. Andrea will email the board examples of RC's work.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Resort Tax Allocation (Kristin): The Resort Tax board allocated \$157,433 to GRTF with a \$57,433 challenge match.
 - b. Strategic Plan (Kristin): Due to the significant work load from two contracts and associated projects closing and the fly fishing festival, there has not made any progress made on the strategic plan completion.
 - c. Website (Kristin): There is a landing page for the new website at: www.gallatinrivertaskforce.org. Classic ink conservatively estimates the new website to be online in early September.
 - d. Gallatin Corridor Stream Access Project Update (Kristin): RESPEC has completed the draft Moose Creek design and the map of access sites. They will present these deliverables with the Forest Service at the end of July.
 - e. Dog and monitoring signs (Kristin): The dog and monitoring signs will be finished by the end of July.
 - f. Open Land Month (Kristin): Close to thirty businesses in Big Sky are participating in Open Land Month in July for which proceeds will be split between the GRTF, BSCC, and Travelers for Open Land.
 - g. Yellowstone Park Foundation Meeting (Kristin, Ron, Andrea, Tom): Kristin, Andrea, Ron, and Tom met with JD Davis from the Yellowstone Park Foundation to discuss their fundraising program. Ideas that resonated with the group included: taking 5 - 10 % of each donation for operations, developing an ambassador program, in which ambassadors host a gathering to promote YPF, and JD offered the use of their fundraising software for Andrea to research potential major donors.
 - h. Big Sky Watershed Corps Update (Stephanie)

- i. Summer monitoring events: GRTF is looking for help with the summer monitoring events (aquatic insects, water quality, and sediment size)
 - ii. Interpretive trail: the interpretive trail is completed and the brochures will be at the Ousel Falls trailhead within the next week.
 - iii. June monitoring event: the runoff monitoring event went well with no red flags.
 - i. Annual Documents
 - i. Annual Budget (Kristin): Kristin presented the annual budget. Ron E. made a motion and Rich seconded to approve the annual budget. Motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. Annual work plan (Kristin): Kristin presented the annual workplan. Mike made a motion and Nancy seconded to approve the annual workplan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - iii. Annual fundraising plan (Andrea): Andrea presented the annual fundraising plan. Nancy made a motion and Mike seconded to approve the annual fundraising plan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - iv. Kristin and Andrea's contract (Kristin/Andrea): Kristin presented her contract. Nancy made a motion and Ben seconded to approve the Kristin's contract. Motion carried unanimously. Andrea's contract will be presented at the next board meeting.
 - j. Fundraising report (Andrea/Tom/Kristin)
 - i. Major Donor Campaign (Andrea/Tom): No progress has been made on the major donor campaign.
 - ii. Membership "gifts" (Andrea/Kristin): Gift information was included in the fundraising plan. Staff will research the gift options suggested by the board.
 - iii. T-shirts (Kristin): the board liked the idea of a t-shirt with a logo on the front left pocket with the river map on the back.
 - iv. Marketing (Kristin): Kristin met with EJ from Outlaw regarding marketing help with gathering support and fundraising. EJ will send Kristin a proposal.
 - v. Fly Fishing Festival (Andrea/Kristin)
 - a. Events update: Andrea/Kristin updated the board on the fly fishing festival events.
 - b. Silent auction items: Andrea requested help from the board obtaining silent auction items.
 - c. Volunteer opportunities: Andrea went through a list of volunteer opportunities for the festival.
 - k. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Ron/Kristin): Ray Armstrong from HKM is finishing up the Wastewater Plant Update report and is expected complete it by July 28th.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Wednesdays throughout the summer from 5 to 8 pm: GRTF Big Sky Farmer's Market Booth

- b. Wednesday, July 15th at 2pm: Wild and Scenic training at the Big Sky Community Pavilion
- c. Thursday, July 16th at 9 am: Upper West Fork Restoration Project Tour, meet at the Bunker parking lot
- d. July 23rd, 3pm: TEDD/TIF Town Hall Meeting at the Big Sky Chapel
- e. Friday, July 24th at 7:30 pm: Wild and Scenic Party at the Lone Peak Brewery
- f. Saturday, July 25th at 6 pm: Hooked on the Gallatin Banquet
- g. Sunday, July 26th, 12 – 4 pm: Outdoor Fly Fishing Festival at Town Center Park
- h. Sunday, July 26th, 5 and 8 pm: F3T Fly Fishing shows at Lone Peak Cinema
- i. Tuesday, July 28th: Big Sky Watershed Corps Application due
- j. Wednesday, July 29th at 2 pm: Meeting with Forest Service about stream access improvement project
- k. Thursday, July 30th: PBR volunteers needed
- l. Friday, July 31st: PBR – volunteers needed
- m. Wednesday, August 5th, 1pm: Meeting with Upper Missouri Water Keeper regarding moving forward with sustainable development initiatives
- n. August 26th and 27th: Passive Restoration Conference in Butte, Co-hosted by the Montana Watershed Coordination Council and the Montana Wetlands Council. \$50
- o. September 30th to October 2nd in Helena: Montana Nonprofit Association's conference, "The Power of Story"
- p. October 7th to 10th: Shift conference in Jackson exploring the opportunities and challenges at the intersection of conservation and outdoor recreation
- q. October 13th – 14th: River Restoration course in Bozeman Co-hosted by the Montana Water Center and the MTDEQ
- r. Next board meeting date: August 11 at 3 pm.

7. Open Discussion

8. Adjournment: The board meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.