

**Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 11<sup>h</sup>, 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. Absent were directors San Goveia, Nancy Sheil, Rich Addicks, and Tom Spruance. Also in attendance were GRTF staff, Kristin and Andrea, and Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Stephanie Lynn.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron E. made a motion and Mike seconded to approve the minutes from July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Mike made a motion and Rich seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously. Ron requested a breakdown of the FFF proceeds. Kristin will bring to the next meeting.
4. **New Business**
  - a. River Cleanup: The board set the date for the river cleanup for Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Gallatin Corridor Stream Access Project Update (Kristin)
    - i. Moose Creek: RESPEC presented the Moose Creek Restoration Design options to the Forest Service in early August. The Forest Service provided feedback that will be used for the next phase, which will be to produce 75% construction design and permitting. Jeff sent Kristin a proposal/budget for this work and Kristin sent to the Forest Service for feedback. When a firm budget number for the next phase has been determined, Kristin will send to the board. Mike suggested discussing the timing of this project with Geyser and Montanan Whitewater. Kristin will contact Eric and Bill to discuss the timing and also the possibility of potential sources of funding.
    - ii. Overall Access Improvement, Phase 1: Kristin met with RESPEC and the Forest Service to go through each of the 111 access points to determine which sites to prioritize for future projects, which to leave alone, and which to schedule changes over the summer/fall 2015. The sites that will have changes are many of the drive down trails along the river. In general, at these sites, a parking lot will be created or expanded and large rocks will be placed at trails going to the river to prevent driving along the river. Wendi and Kristin are going to work on an outreach campaign to get the word out about the sites that will have work completed on for 2015.
  - b. West Fork Vegetation Enhancement Project (Kristin): The project tour was well attended with representatives from Boyne, the Golf Course, BSOA and the MTDEQ. The next step will be to develop a landowner agreement with Boyne and a contract for consultant work with RESPEC.

- i. Monitoring: Stephanie detailed the need for volunteers to help with GRTF monitoring over the next month.
  - ii. Outreach: Stephanie discussed the outreach activities over the past month, which included the PO and Farmer's Market
  - iii. Education: Stephanie detailed the education activities, which included Camp Moonlight and Camp Big Sky.
- c. Fundraising report (Andrea/Tom/Kristin/Stephanie)
  - i. Major Donor Campaign (Andrea/Tom): no progress has been made on the campaign at this time.
  - ii. Video (Andrea): Andrea will follow up with RC Cone about the video and a possible launch at a membership drive event. Andrea suggested using seed money to produce a trailer that can then be used to obtain sponsorships.
  - iii. Hats/T-shirts (Kristin): Kristin purchased logo'd hats and t-shirts that have been for sale at the fly fishing festival and the farmer's markets.
  - iv. Membership gifts (Andrea/Stephanie): Stephanie reported that the yeti cooler would be too expensive as a membership gift. Stephanie researched prices of different membership schwag. Andrea and Kristin will look over and report back. Kristin will look into whether or not the whole donation is tax deductible when GRTF is sending a membership gift.
  - v. Marketing (Kristin): Kristin and Andrea will review the Outlaw proposal and bring suggestions for marketing needs to the next board meeting.
  - vi. Fly Fishing Festival Follow-up and Feedback (Andrea/Kristin): Andrea is coordinating a fly fishing festival meeting to solicit feedback on how to improve the festival next year. Andrea/Kristin will find out dates for PBR and the Trout Congress for 2016.
  - vii. PBR (Kristin): The GRTF raised \$14,280 from the PBR calcutta
- d. Andrea's Contract (Andrea): Ron E. made a motion and Mike seconded to sign Andrea's contract for 2015-2016.
- e. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Ron/Kristin): Ron reported that HKM completed the facilities update plan. Next, HKM will do a 5-year capital improvement plan.

## 6. Upcoming Events

- a. Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1pm: Meeting with Upper Missouri Water Keeper regarding moving forward with sustainable development initiatives
- b. Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 12 PM: Macro Sampling Event on the Big Sky Golf Course
- c. Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 5 PM: Sediment Sampling at Quarterly Monitoring Sites
- d. August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>: Passive Restoration Conference in Butte, Co-hosted by the Montana Watershed Coordination Council and the Montana Wetlands Council

- e. Saturday/Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>: Microplastics Project Training
- f. September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Helena: Montana Nonprofit Association's conference, "The Power of Story"
- g. October 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>: American Water Resources Association/Montana Watershed Coordination Council Annual Conference
- h. October 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>: Shift conference in Jackson exploring the opportunities and challenges at the intersection of conservation and outdoor recreation
- i. October 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>: River Restoration course in Bozeman Co-hosted by the Montana Water Center and the MTDEQ. Free
- j. Next board meeting date:

**7. Open Discussion**

**8. Adjournment:**