

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 8th 2015, 4:00 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Other directors in attendance included Rich Chandler, Ron Edwards, Rich Addicks, Nancy Sheil. Absent were directors San Goveia, Ben Almy, Mike Richter, and Tom Spruance. Also in attendance were GRTF staff, Kristin and Andrea, and Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Stephanie Lynn.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Rich C made a motion and Ron E. seconded to approve the minutes from August 11th, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Rich A. made a motion and Rich C. seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously. Kristin added two tables tracking the status of Resort Tax match and staff needs for next year. Ron suggested asking Resort Tax if in-kind contribution counts towards the resort tax match.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Education and Outreach Position (Kristin): Stephanie would like to stay on with the Task Force for the new Education and Outreach position funded by the 2015-2016 Resort Tax grant. Nancy made a motion to hire Stephanie for the Education and Outreach position and Rich A. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. GRTF Ambassadors: Kristin would like to develop an ambassador program similar to the Yellowstone Park Foundation and asked the board to start thinking about potential ambassadors. Ron suggested contacting JD for a description of their program. Kristin and Andrea will work on an ambassador program description for the next board meeting.
 - b. Big Sky Watershed Corps update (Stephanie/Meredith)
 - i. Monitoring: the summer monitoring event occurred on September 4th. There were no red flags with the data collected instream and we are still waiting for the nutrient data to be analyzed from the lab. Stephanie is soliciting volunteers to help with pebble counts. Ron B. asked about the algae in Taylor Fork. Kristin noticed this past weekend that it was upstream a mile or two and will do further investigation upstream. Stephanie, Andrea and Kristin led a Membership hike to the Yellowstone monitoring site.
 - ii. Farmer's Market: the Farmer's market has been a really successful outreach tool this year. The booth focus has changed to gathering support for the Wild and Scenic designation and selling GRTF schwag.
 - iii. Drought Planning and Preparedness Presentation: Stephanie practiced her presentation for the Drought Planning and Preparedness workshop in Dillon later in the week.
 - c. Fundraising report (Andrea/Tom/Kristin/Stephanie)

- i. Major Donor/Gallatin River Forever Campaign (Andrea/Tom): Andrea passed out an outline for the Gallatin River campaign and requested that the board reviews the document and provide comment.
 - ii. License Plate (Andrea): Andrea investigated a GRTF license plate to kick off the campaign and passed out to the board.
 - iii. Fly Fishing Festival Meeting/Planning (Andrea/Kristin): The date has been set for the 2016 festival to be July 22nd to 24th. F3T will be shown in March to generate excitement for the event. Nancy suggested trying to get trout tails to the Gallatin.
- d. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Ron/Kristin): The water and sewer district has completed the wastewater feasibility study and is moving on to a capital improvements plan.
- e. Rich A. Phone Photo Lesson (Rich A): The photo lesson was delayed to the next board meeting.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Saturday/Sunday September 12th/13th: Microplastics Project Training
- b. September 14th and 18th, 9 AM to 5 PM: Pebble Counts on the mainstem Gallatin
- c. September 21st and 25th, 9 AM to 5 PM, Pebble Counts in the West Fork Watershed
- d. September 30th to October 2nd in Billings: Montana Nonprofit Association's conference, "The Power of Story"
- e. Saturday, October 3rd, 8:30 to 1 pm: Greater Gallatin Watershed Council Annual Fall Tour, "Dealing with Drought in the Gallatin". More information at: <http://greatergallatin.org/falltour2015/>
- f. October 6th to 9th: American Water Resources Association/Montana Watershed Coordination Council Annual Conference
- g. October 7th to 10th: Shift conference in Jackson exploring the opportunities and challenges at the intersection of conservation and outdoor recreation
- h. October 13th – 14th: River Restoration course in Bozeman Co-hosted by the Montana Water Center and the MTDEQ. Free
- i. Thursday, November 5th, 11 am: Fundraising Workshop with Peggy Owens. Location TBD
- j. Next board meeting date: Thursday, October 15th at 3 pm.

- 7. Open Discussion:** Ron stated that Brian Scott is willing to fly the drone over the West Fork restoration project. Rich A. would like to be involved. Rich A. suggested that Kristin summarize the ideas generated from the shift conference and be thinking about potential speakers for a panel/community forum on sustainable growth that would include Hal Clifford, Todd Wilkinson and representatives of positive conservation work at other resort areas. Kristin suggested that this event happen this winter. Andrea suggested a member recruitment event prior to opening up the event to the community.

- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.