

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
October 15th, 2015 at 4 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair, San Goveia called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Other directors in attendance included Ron Edwards, Rich Addicks, Mike Richter and Ben Almy by phone. Absent were directors Rich Chandler, Ron Bowlin, Nancy Sheil, 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 A. 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. Mike made a motion and Ron E. seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Developing your story (Andrea/Stephanie): Andrea and Steph will discuss what they learned about storytelling at the fundraising workshop.
 - b. Succession planning (Kristin): Kristin learned on a discussion at a workshop recently, the importance of maintaining relationships with changes in staff. For this reason, staff will begin to invite board members to meetings with key stakeholders.
 - c. Board development (Kristin): Kristin thought it would be to have a board development piece at each board meeting led by a board member interested in that topic. The board agreed. Kristin will arrange for the next meeting.
 - d. Big Sky Conservation Partnership (Kristin): Kristin has participated in a few meetings to create a structure to work collaboratively on conservation issues (land, wildlife, water). Kristin will keep the board updated on the progress of this group.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Upper West Fork Restoration Project update (Kristin)
 - i. Landowner Agreement: Kristin sent Taylor a draft landowner agreement in mid-September.
 - ii. RESPEC contract: Ron made a motion and Rich seconded to wait to sign the RESPEC contract until after the landowner agreement is in place.
 - b. River Access Project update
 - i. Artistic rendering for Moose Creek: Kristin received two proposals for an artistic rendering for Moose Creek. San has a colleague in Jackson and will contact to see if she is interested.
 - c. Website Launch (Kristin): The website will be live at the end of the day. Kristin requested that the board review and send feedback.
 - d. Annual Reports (Kristin): Kristin, Andrea, and Steph met with Outlaw to discuss producing the annual reports. Kristin recommended spending less on design this year to gear up for the campaign. The board agreed. Andrea suggested a perforated membership page.

- e. Big Sky Watershed Corps update (Stephanie): Steph finished with the pebble counts this week.
- f. Fundraising report (Andrea/Tom)
 - i. Major Donor/Gallatin River Forever Campaign (Andrea/Tom): Kristin and Andrea attended a useful workshop about campaign planning and implementation. They plan to meet with the facilitator to discuss consultation for the Gallatin River Forever campaign.
- g. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Ron/Kristin): Ron received the final build out study from WGM. The district has hired a consultant and is moving forward with the Capital Improvements Plan.
- h. Rich A. Phone Photo Lesson (Rich A): Rich A. gave a few tips about taking pictures with an iphone.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Thursday, October 22nd: Upper Missouri Headwaters Partnership Annual Potluck Moraine Center, Sheridan, MT at 5:30 pm.
- b. Friday, October 23rd and October 30th, Ophir Educational Field Trip on the Gallatin
- c. Tuesday, October 27th 10 AM: Meeting with Dave Moser (Fish Wildlife and Parks) and Bruce Roberts (Gallatin National Forest) about potential Westslope Cutthroat Trout restoration projects at the Forest Service Office at 10 E. Babcock.
- d. Tuesday, October 27th 11:30 AM: Lunch meeting with JD Davis from Yellowstone Park Foundation about advisory program
- e. Thursday, November 5th, 11 am: Fundraising Workshop with Peggy Owens at Lone Mountain Ranch B Bar K
- f. Thursday, November 5th, GRTF volunteer, staff, board - thank you dinner at Kristin's house (223 Silver Run Rd in Ramshorn)
- g. Thursday, January 21st, Business After Hours at our new office building.
- h. Next board meeting date: will decide on next meeting at fundraising workshop.

- 7. Open Discussion:** The board decided to not have staff print documents that can be shown on the new screens at the district with the exception of the agenda. In addition, Kristin will make an effort to reduce email traffic and compile all information into a Friday update. Mike reported that the Canyon area was not nominated for a GWIP study.

- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.