

**Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
February 16th, 2016 4 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Directors in attendance included Rich Addicks, Rich Chandler, Ron Edwards, and Mike Richter. Absent were directors Ben Almy, San Goveia, Nancy Sheil and Tom Spruance. Staff members in attendance included Kristin Gardner, Andrea Saari, Stephanie Lynn, and Big Sky Watershed Corps Member, Emily Casey.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mike approved the minutes from January 12, 2016 and Rich A seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Ron approved the financial report and Mike seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Fundraising Report**
 - i. Membership Report (Andrea): Renewal letters will be going out to all lapsed members this week.
 - ii. Gallatin River Forever Campaign (Andrea): The staff met with the Bannack Group on February 5th to kick off campaign assessment study. Staff will be gathering important documents for the assessment by February 19th. Andrea shared a list of prospective participants and will send to the board to add names/contact information.
 - iii. Fly Fishing Festival Updates (Andrea): The first 2016 fly fishing festival meeting occurred on February 4th at Beehive Brewery. Sponsorship appeals went out this week and will be followed by phone calls by staff.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Communications plan (Stephanie): Stephanie requested board feedback on the communications plan by Wednesday, February 24th.
 - b. Finance/budget committee (Kristin): With the budget increasing and getting more complicated, Kristin would like board assistance in helping develop the annual budget for Resort Tax. Ron and Rich C. offered to help.
 - c. Board membership (Ron): Ben Almy resigned from the board. Rich A. made a motion and Rich C. seconded to nominate Rick Donaldson to the board. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Privacy Policy: Mike made a motion to adopt the new privacy policy and Ron E. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Bylaw Changes (Kristin):
 - i. Office location: Mike made a motion and Rich C. seconded to amend bylaws to add the office new physical address. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Complaint Policy (Kristin): Ron E. made a motion and Rich A. seconded to adopt the Complaint Response policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Strategic Plan Revision (Kristin): the strategic plan revision will be tabled until a decision is made to move forward with the full project proposed for the Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions forum.
- d. Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum Updates (Kristin, Ron): The steering committee chose Karen Flipovich as facilitator, Jeff Dunn/Gary Ingman from RESPEC as technical advisors to lead the forum. A draft stakeholder list and letter have been developed. Phase 1 will include interviewing stakeholders and assessing the interviews to determine whether or not a collaborative decision making process will be successful. The steering committee is meeting on Monday, February 22nd to review the budget and determine a plan to finance.
- e. Moose Creek Project Update (Kristin, Andrea): At a meeting in January, a decision was made to break the project into two phases for design and implementation. Phase 1 will include design and implementation of the boat ramp and abutment restoration. Kristin is expecting a new scope of work and budget for Phase 1 from Jeff by the end of the week.
- f. West Fork Restoration Project update (Kristin, Rich): At a meeting in January with Big Sky Resort and RESPEC, the project was reviewed so that RESPEC could begin working on the 75% Design plans. These plans are expected to be delivered to the
- g. Water quality monitoring event results (Emily): High levels of nitrate were found in the West Fork below the golf course extending to the site just before the confluence with the Gallatin. It was unusual that the lower West Fork concentrations were not diluted by the South Fork. Chloride levels were elevated in the West Fork watershed but were well below levels toxic to aquatic life. Chloride was highest at the Lower Middle site similar to years past. Staff will sample the Lower Middle Fork in increments to document if there is a location of a large increase in concentration.

7. Upcoming Events

- a. Saturday evening, February 20th: Montana Trout Unlimited Annual Troutfest Banquet at the Gran Tree Inn.
- b. Wednesday, March 2nd, 3:30 pm at Lone Peak Cinema: Telluride Mountainfilm meeting
- c. Thursday, March 3rd, 2 – 3:30 pm at the Big Sky Chapel: Forest Service Plan Public Meeting
- d. Thursday, March 3rd, 4 – 6 pm at Lone Mountain Ranch: Moose Creek outreach event
- e. Tuesday, March 8th, 11 – 2 pm at the Big Sky Post Office: Task Force table with well test kits
- f. Thursday, March 24th, 5 & 8 pm at Lone Peak Cinema: F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour
- g. Late March, early April: Water quality monitoring event
- h. May 1st Resort Tax Application Due
- i. May 9th-11th at River Rock Lodge: Stormwater BMP 101 & 201 workshops.
- j. Next board meeting date: Wednesday, March 9th, 3 PM

8. **Open Discussion** Andrea informed the board that Natalie's Estate Winery and Lone Mountain Ranch would like to host a sleigh ride dinner next year for the Task Force. Ron B. stated that we should keep an eye on the new willows on the golf course as the snow melts to make sure the grass doesn't get too long to remove easily.
9. **Adjournment:** Next board meeting will be March 9th at 3 pm but Kristin will check with Jeff and Nancy to confirm.