

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
April 25, 2017, 4 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** *Those in attendance: Ron E, Mike R, Rick D, Ron B, Rich C, Rich A, Stephanie, Andrea, Kristin, Emily, and Chase Rose.*

2. **Consent Agenda****

- a. Minutes: March 14, 2017
- b. Fundraising Report: *Give Big Gallatin Valley May 4&5. **Andrea requests 100% board participation and if each member (staff included) can reach out to 4 people to participate (as low as \$10), we will increase our membership by 50%. Rick D's drift boat ticket total (\$2000) will be put into matching funds pool.***
- c. Education & Communications Report
- d. Big Sky Watershed Corps Report

Motion to approve consent agenda: Mike R motions, Rick D seconds, carries unanimous support.

3. **Financial Report****

Motion to approve financial report: Rick D motions, Rich A seconds, carries unanimous support.

4. **New Business**

- a. Jack Crowther Memorial: *Ideas to honor Jack include: bench or engraved rock near the river. John Holtzman suggested an annual award to a business/individual who has made a big impact on the watershed- will need to reach out to Debbie for approval and if approved, will need to develop award criteria. Board most interested in second option, **Kristin will reach out to Debbie for award idea approval.***

5. **Old Business**

- a. Campaign Updates (Chase): *Chase provided us with a campaign update, discussion highlights:*
 - i. *100% board giving was approved and **members should make pledges by the end of May***
 - ii. *We can also use Give Big pledges for campaign as first installment of campaign donations.*
 - iii. *We have about \$30,000 in the pipeline (Rick D and Bill Bruner donations).*
 - a. *Murdock Trust requires 100% board giving and interest in conservation*
 - b. *Trailsend Foundation will likely give once we reach \$900,000.*
 - c. *No response heard back from Turner Foundation*
 - d. *Cross Harbor (1M endowment pitch): Either BSSWSF plan and implementation or expanding Big Sky Water Conservation Program. **Chase thinks we should settle this ASAP to fund immediate priorities.***
 - iv. *Confirmed Campaign Committee Members: Bill Bruner, Dave Alvin, John Haas, Rich A, Ron B, Rick D*
 - v. *Committee Prospects: Ron B and Andrea will take Marilyn Alkire out to lunch and get to know her. Sarah Davies-Tilt, Ben Bulis, and John Romney are other prospects to consider.*
 - vi. *Campaign committee workshop 3rd week of May- need to confirm date and location.*

b. Resort Tax Application (Kristin)**: *Resort Tax Request: \$275,000 (down \$100K from 2016), Motion to approve Resort Tax Application: Rich A approves, Rich C seconds, motion carries unanimously.*

- c. Office Space (Kristin)**: *Unless price drops for Town Center spot, we will be looking at other options including checking with John Haas for additional space and Old Ace building.*
- d. Forest Service Contract (Kristin)**: *Mindy's pro bono, working on all FS contracts. Will get back to board once finished before contracting for Moose Creek Project – Phase 2.*

6. Upcoming Events

- a. **April 27th, 10:30-12 pm:** Drought Focus Group
- b. **April 27th, 1-4 pm:** BSSWSF meeting
- c. **May 1st:** Resort Tax Applications due
- d. **May 1st:** Fly Fishing Festival sponsorships due
- e. **May 4/5th:** Give Big Gallatin Valley
- f. **May 24th, 10:30-12 pm:** Drought Focus Group
- g. **May 24th, 1-4 pm:** BSSWSF meeting
- h. **June 5th, 1 pm:** Resort Tax Q&A meeting
- i. **June 14th, 6 pm:** Resort Tax Allocation meeting
- j. **June 15th, 1-4 pm:** BSSWSF meeting
- k. **July 1st/2nd:** Gallatin River Fly Fishing Festival
- l. Next board meeting date: **May 23rd 3PM @WSD**

7. Open Discussion: FFF Committee Meeting: April 27th after BSSWSF meeting @ LPB

8. Adjournment: *Ron B called the meeting to adjourn at 5:40 PM.*

** Agenda Items for Board action