

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
April 26th, 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 Rick Addicks, Rich Chandler, Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, and Nancy Sheil. Absent were directors Rick Donaldson, San Goveia and Tom Spruance. Staff members in attendance included Kristin Gardner, Andrea Saari, and Stephanie Lynn. Jeff Dunn and Mike Rotar from RESPEC, Cindy Hoschouer from TREC, and Kirk Warren, James Rose, and Connie Thompson from Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology were in attendance.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Rich A. approved the minutes from March 9, 2016 and Rich C seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
- 3. Financial Report:** Mike approved the financial report and Rich A seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. Fundraising Report**
 - i. Membership Report (Andrea): Three new members over the past month. Andrea is pushing for members to renew on Give Big Gallatin Valley day.
 - ii. Gallatin River Forever Campaign (Andrea):
 - a. Case statement: Andrea will be working on the case statement for the campaign assessment.
 - b. Budget: Kristin will be develop the budget for the campaign with interested board members before the May meeting.
 - c. Prospect List: Andrea will send the campaign prospect list to the board.
 - iii. Fly Fishing Festival Updates (Andrea): The new fly fishing festival logo has been designed and a draft poster. The festival committee is finalizing sponsorships for an early marketing push.
 - iv. Give Big Gallatin Valley (Andrea): Kristin will send out instructions to the board for Give Big in the Friday update. Donor lounges will be set up at Caliber coffee (8 am – 10 am), Hungry Moose (11 am – 3 pm) and Lone Peak Brewery (4 pm to 7 pm).
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Resort Tax Application (Kristin): The Resort Tax request is significantly up from years past due to requests for the Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum and the Water Conservation program. The board will send Kristin suggestions to the Resort Tax application by Friday, April 28th.
 - b. Bookkeeper (Kristin): Ron Bowlin suggest contacting Rich Lindell
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Presentation (James/Kirk): Kirk gave an update on the groundwater study. MBMG is aiming to be done with analysis and the draft report by the end of 2016 and then internal review

will begin. Products of the study will include a technical report, a model to test scenarios, and an outreach piece.

- b. Upper West Fork Restoration Project Update (Jeff Dunn, Cindy Hoschouer, Mike Rotar): The revised design plans for the West Fork Restoration project were presented to the board. Rich C. will send a list of comments/concerns to be addressed by RESPEC. RESPEC hopes to submit the design plans by mid-May.
- c. Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum updates (Kristin, Ron): Assessment of the stakeholder interviews indicated water resource concerns in three focus areas: 1) clean drinking water and availability, 2) wastewater treatment and disposal, and 3) overall ecological watershed integrity. There was overwhelming support by interviewees for the effort to move forward. The advisory team is looking at three funding streams to support project work between July 16' and June 17'. These include Resort Tax, and Gallatin and Madison counties. Kristin will approach the Big Sky Water and Sewer District, Lone Mountain Land Company, and Yellowstone Club to split project costs between January 16' to July 16'.
- d. Yellowstone Club spill update (Rich, Ron, Kristin): The YC is working on a remediation plan for the hillside that will be reviewed by the MTDEQ. Sampling to monitor impacts from the spill will continue until July. At that point, the data will be assessed and a decision will be made on whether or not to continue monitoring. Rich will send Kristin the Sampling Analysis Plan. Kristin will meet with Rich about the reporting and timeline.
- e. Drought planning (Emily/Kristin): Kristin and Emily have been participating in a drought planning seminar. Emily has developed a draft water conservation program to be implemented in phases.
- f. Board membership (Ron): Ron will contact Tom Spruance about board membership.

7. Upcoming Events

- a. April 26th – 28th: Montana Section American Water Works Association conference in Bozeman at the Holiday Inn
- b. April 28th, 8 am: Big Sky Water and Sewer District
- c. April 28th, 1:30 pm: Joint Madison/Gallatin County Commissioners Meeting
- d. May 2nd Resort Tax Application Due
- e. May 3rd: Give Big Gallatin Valley
- f. May 9th-11th Stormwater BMP 101 & 201 workshops at River Rock Lodge
- g. June 6th: Resort Tax Q&A at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center
- h. June 20th, 6 pm: Resort Tax Allocation at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center
- i. Next board meeting date: Monday, May 23rd at 4 pm.

8. Open Discussion

- 9. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.