

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
May 23rd, 2016 4 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm. Directors in attendance included Rich Addicks, Rich Chandler, Mike Richter, Rick Donaldson, and San Goveia. Absent were directors Ron Edwards, and Nancy Sheil. Staff members in attendance included Kristin Gardner, Andrea Saari, Stephanie Lynn, and Emily Casey.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Rich A. approved the April 26, 2016 minutes and Rich C. seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Mike R. approved the financial report and Rich A. seconded. Motion approved. Discussion notes: contact a financial consultant/accountant/advisor to assist in developing budgets.
4. **Fundraising Report (Andrea)**
 - i. Membership Report: 101 members, already exceeded membership goals for (our fiscal) year
 - ii. Gallatin River Forever Campaign
 - a. Case statement: Andrea will have this ready for review on time for this week's Friday update (5/27)
 - b. Budget
 - a. Additional development staff: Discussion notes: need to define whether this position should be filled as full time or part time, what those hours will look like, and how to develop a benefits package in the non profit sector.
 - b. Employee status: Employee benefits added into total campaign operating budget. Rich A. proposed to consult with an outside advisor to discuss benefits and Rick D. suggested an insurance agent who specializes in benefit plans. Possible to reach out to Lorie A. for advice.
 - c. Prospect List: Board members are encouraged to send contacts to Kristin and Andrea. Some hesitance to send out contact information was discussed among board members and Rick D. mentioned he would like to reach out to his contacts prior to sending them to staff. Staff will be scheduling individual meetings with each board member to discuss their prospect list and come up with the best ways to approach each prospect. These meetings will start in the next 1-2 weeks.
 - iii. Fly Fishing Festival Updates: Next meeting is 5/24 6pm @Lone Peak Brewery

- a. Silent auction items: Andrea proposed every board member to gather 3-5 items from various businesses by June 20th and were encouraged to be creative on their item selection.
- iv. Give Big Gallatin Valley: GRTF raised \$22,648, \$1,500 in prizes, and came in 2nd for the event, behind Eagle Mount. There were 77 donations, 69 of which were unique. A special mention & thank you to the BSCWSD who contributed \$12,345 towards Sustainable Water Solutions Forum and ~\$9,000 from all other donations. Our goal to raise \$6,000 was significantly exceeded.

5. New Business

- a. Board event (Kristin): A fun event on the river for Board and Staff to attend during August/September received unanimous approval and ideas such as rafting or having a BBQ were discussed but not finalized.

6. Old Business

- a. Resort Tax Application
 - i. Updated budget: Total: ~\$360,000,
 - ii. Letters of Support: Board Members are asked to reach out to anyone who might be able to provide a support letter for GRTF's Resort Tax Application by June 18th. A template is available. Rich Chandler mentioned that reaching out to Kerry White of Gallatin County would be beneficial not only for Resort Tax Application but also towards gaining support from Gallatin County.
- b. Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum updates (Kristin, Ron): \$12,345 was received from the BSCWSD through Give Big and will fund the forum through June. The first stakeholder meeting is scheduled for June 28th.
- c. Education and Outreach Program Update (Stephanie)
 - i. Stormwater Classes: Big success, 26 new SWPPP administrators are now certified and each class was fully enrolled.
 - ii. Trout in the Classroom: Wrapping up this year's program and plan to release 15 trout into the Bozeman Pond in the next couple of weeks.
 - iii. Septic Smart: Board members were asked to send brochure edits to Stephanie by May 23 for review. A septic education workshop with GRTF & GLWQ will be held roughly in August/September, plans are not yet finalized.
 - iv. Hooked on the Gallatin: Youth Fly Fishing Camp: Spanish Peaks Community Foundation funded a 3-day camp during the week leading up to the Fly Fishing Festival (July 19-21). Stephanie is asking board members to help volunteer on the first day. (Remaining two days will be run by fishing guides but board members are still welcome to help)
 - v. Farmer's Market: Begins June 22- September 21, on Wednesdays 5-8pm. Board Members are asked to pick date(s) they can help man the booth.

- d. Drought/Water Conservation planning (Emily): Drought Resilient Communities Webinar series is coming to a close next week and has been a very helpful resource for developing a drought plan. A skeletal outline of the drought plan will be created by the end of June for initial review/edits. Emily will present to the BSCWSD Board tomorrow to ask the District to fund \$10,000 of the \$50,000 budget for Year I of the Big Sky Water Conservation Program. We have also received a \$10,000 grant from the DNRC towards staff time for the program over 2 years. The Water Conservation Awareness Survey has received 56 respondents so far and Emily will be tabling at the Post Office each Wednesday to continue promoting it.
- e. Board Meetings with staff (Kristin): Meetings are set to begin within the next 1-2 weeks to discuss additions to the campaign prospect list.
- f. Board membership (Ron): Tom and Ben have officially resigned as Board Members and appreciation gifts will be sent out to each former member. New board member prospects might arise out of the GRF campaign planning but there is not a huge rush to fill open board seat.

7. Upcoming Events

- a. June 6th: Resort Tax Q&A at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center
- b. June 4th, 9am- 1pm: BSCO National Trails Day, GRTF is leading a volunteer event in the stormwater garden and trash cleanup in the Canyon.
- c. June 20th, 6 pm: Resort Tax Allocations at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center
- d. Saturday July 23rd-24th – Big Sky Fly Fishing Festival
- e. Next board meeting date: June 21st 4pm @ Big Sky Water and Sewer District

8. Open Discussion

- 9. Adjournment:** Ron Bowlin adjourned the meeting at 5:17 PM.