

**Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm**  
**Big Sky Water and Sewer District**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 3:17pm. Directors present include: Nancy Sheil, Ron Edwards, Rich Chandler, Rich Addicks, Rick Donaldson, and San Goveia. Absent was director Mike Richter. Staff members present included: Kristin Gardner, Stephanie Lynn, and Emily Casey.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Rich C. voted to approve the minutes from the August board meeting; San seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin asked the board to wait until the next meeting to approve the financial report from August and July due transactions being miscategorized from the Fly Fishing Festival and placed into the wrong GRTF account. Board agreed.
4. **Fundraising Report (Andrea)**
  - i. Fly Fishing Festival proceeds: Proceeds will be provided at October meeting.
  - ii. Membership report: 3 new members in August
  - iii. Annual Fundraising Plan: Andrea suggested keeping the fundraising plan and campaign plan separate. San, Ron B, and Rich C had good ideas for the business membership (i.e. decals, certificates, and plaques for business that become members) and volunteered to help Andrea plan and implement the changes. A discussion was had about inspiring the rafting community to be more engaged with the Task Force. Some ideas that were mentioned included: contests between the outfitters to raise funds for the Task Force, selling GRTF schwag at the shops, guide training workshops, and more. San, Ron B, Rich C, and Rick D volunteered to meet in early January to plan a strategy to implement in March before the next rafting season kicks off. San moved to approve the annual fundraising plan; Rich C seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **New Business**
  - a. Nancy term renewal: San moved to approved Nancy's term renewal; Rich C. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Trucks on 191 (Kristin): An effort lead by Jackie Mathews (connected to Blue Ribbon Flies) to limit trucks that don't have business in either Big Sky or West Yellowstone from using 191 will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce next month as a public meeting. Kristin will keep us posted on the meeting date and any updates.
  - c. Providence (Kristin): GRTF is hosting Confluence's new fly fishing film, *Providence*, shown October 15th at 4:30 and 7pm at Lone Peak Cinema. Prior to the start of the film, we will premiere our recap video from this year's Fly Fishing Festival. All are encouraged to attend.

## 6. Old Business

- a. Restoration Project Updates (Kristin)
  - i. Moose Creek: No bids were received for the project. Kristin and Jeff are working on Plan B. Rich C. may also have some other contractors and will provide contacts to Kristin.
  - ii. West Fork: Bid package was sent out to three contractors and two were interested in the project and will attend the site tour on Thursday, 9/15, at 10 AM at the Big Sky Golf Course Bunker.
- b. Annual Budget (Kristin): Campaign budget will be separate from annual and not included in the annual budget. No changes were made since the last board review of the budget except that payroll taxes are now defined. The board had many suggestions on how to better present the annual budget so that more information about specific programs and projects could be displayed. One of the biggest suggestions they had was to represent the \$54,649 still needed for the Moose Creek project by project phase and to trim up project expenses to balance. Other suggestions included: adding footnotes, break out line items for “other”, workers comp out of payroll to insurance, adding a marketing or advertising line, and incorporating “planning and partnerships” (component of campaign statement) under the conservation program heading. San suggested that we present the annual budget as a comparison to previous year (as we did in the June board meeting). Kristin stated that both expenses and income have doubled from last year’s annual budget. Because there were so many questions and suggestions from the board, Ron B suggested we wait to approve the annual budget until changes are made and then do an email vote of approval.
- c. Education & Communications Program Updates (Stephanie): We had 27 participants at our Annual River Clean Up. Ron B will spearhead writing an article for next month’s newsletter highlighting the event. We are still completing pebble counts on the mainstem Gallatin, conducted a quarterly monitoring event last week, and plan to do a chlorophyll a and biomass sampling event this week. Steph is releasing the September newsletter next week and plans on giving a free \$40 FOG membership to our 1000<sup>th</sup> Facebook follower.
- d. Drought/Water Conservation Planning Update (Emily): Emily attended a public forum on the drought planning effort last week in Bozeman and an planning workshop yesterday with Kristin. We submitted a BOR/ DNRC drought planning grant and should hear back soon. On the conservation program planning front, the rebate program has officially launched and forms can be accessed on our website or by contacting Emily. We are now moving towards marketing and advertising the program and reaching out to major water users in our community. Kristin, Ron E, and Emily will be attending the WaterSense Innovations Conference in Las Vegas October 5-7th; a conference focused on water conservation and efficient use.

## 7. Upcoming Events

- a. Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: Realtor Education Course on Water at Big Sky Resort
  - b. Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>: Telluride Mountainfilm at Lone Peak Cinema
  - c. September 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>: Montana Non Profit Association Conference
  - d. September 28<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm: Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum stakeholder meeting at the Big Sky Water and Sewer District conference room. Topic: water supply and availability.
  - e. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM: Providence at Lone Peak Cinema
  - f. October 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>: Restoration Workshop at Big Sky Chapel
  - g. October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>: Montana Watershed Coordination Council annual workshop
  - h. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1-4 pm: Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum stakeholder meeting at the Big Sky Water and Sewer District conference room. Topic: wastewater treatment and disposal.
  - i. December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm: Public Town Hall meeting for Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum location to be determined
  - j. Next board meeting date: **October 13th 3 PM** at Water and Sewer District.
- 8. Open Discussion:** Board members and staff will hold a meeting prior to the November board meeting to discuss the campaign feasibility study results presented by Bannack Group and determine if we want to move forward with the Gallatin River Forever Campaign.
- 9. Adjournment:** Ron B. called the meeting to adjournment at 5:01 PM.