

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 29th, 2017, 2 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** *Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM. Board members present included: Rick D., Rich C., Nancy, Ron E., and Mike. Staff members present included: Kristin, Steph, Emily, and Andrea. Chase Rose from Bannack Group was also present.*
2. **Consent Agenda****
 - a. Minutes: July 26th, 2017
 - b. Fundraising Report (Andrea)
 - i. 2018 Fly Fishing Festival Date: *June 29th & 30th, Andrea suggested a schedule change to Friday banquet, Saturday outdoor fair that would help catch people before they head out for the long weekend. Mike, Ron B and Rick all supported this suggestion. Kristin updated the board on a possible venue change: too big of a holiday weekend to reserve so many spots at Moose Creek, Rainbow Ranch is too expensive, and Ron B suggested she also check **320 Ranch to see if they had greater capacity to expand number attendees.** For now, we are planning to stay with Riverhouse. Andrea also talked about possible plans to move the fly guide auction to Pesca Fiesta, Ron B supported this. Ron B and Rick would like to see Bryan as auctioneer again, **and Kristin will ask him during the cleanup on Thursday.***
 - ii. Outside Bozeman Ad: *Andrea presented the ad, which is planned to be in fall's OB magazine. She showed the board the email thank you and tax receipt that will be sent to campaign donors. Rick would like to see a print mail thank you with tax receipt to accompany email, and Nancy suggested a check box option for email or print mail receipt. **Staff will go through mailchimp to determine members who might prefer print mail vs. email.** The email also had a donor meter, board members were in opposition of displaying donor name and amount, suggesting an anonymous version with their "donor level" (ex. leadership) displayed. **Andrea plans to share this with Chase and get his opinion.** Also related to campaign, **Ron B and Nancy suggested checking other organization donor lists like WMPAC, hospital for potential donors.***
 - c. Education & Communications Report (Stephanie)
 - i. River Cleanup
 - a. Sponsors: *L & L providing trash services, LPB kegs, Rick D signage, and Resort Tax funds for bbq.*
 - b. Grilling: **Mike has agreed to help Andrea at the grills at 4:30 PM.**
 - c. Liquor: *Rick D expressed concern for possible underage drinking due to high school students participating in cleanup. Steph suggested keg be placed by grill masters so they can keep an eye on alcohol consumption.*
 - ii. Pebble Count Results: *Only site above 20% fine sediment is Middle Fork, which is likely due to a beaver dam breach changing stream dynamics.*
 - d. Big Sky Watershed Corps Report (Emily): *We received our first outdoor rebate application, Heather Morris. She will receive \$525 for her efforts to prioritize water conservation at home. Video shoot for Big Sky Water Conservation promo*

video for two speakers was shot on Monday, Kevin Germain and Josh Berry spoke about the importance of water conservation to maintain the health of our watershed and community from different water use perspectives: municipal users/developers, recreators, river-based businesses, and local residents. She plans to schedule remaining speakers, San and Steve Johnson for next week. Also, next Upper Gallatin Drought/Water Supply Focus Group meeting is scheduled for September 21st 11-12:30 at Big Sky Water and Sewer conference room, meeting topic is mitigation and response actions.

Mike moved to approve the consent agenda, Rich C seconded, motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report** (Kristin, Rick)

- a. July financials: *Not all the information has been transferred from the old QuickBooks file to the new one. Kristin will to present July & August financials at September board meeting. She explained that the reports have been reconciled with bank accounts but need details squared away. **Ron B suggested a simpler year to date comparison of income and expenses to compare to previous years.***
- b. Audit: *Rick and Kristin have approached 3 companies for an audit, 2 have sent back proposals in the \$7000-\$9800 range. **They will meet with each firm in the next week and present recommendations at September board meeting.***
- c. 990 Form: *Kristin is waiting on a revised version with her edits, **she will send to board once completed.***
 - i. Conflict of Interest Form: **Board and staff are asked to complete per IRS requirements.**

4. New Business

- a. Yellowstone Club Spill
 - i. Fine (Rich): *The MT Department of Environmental Quality has fined the Yellowstone Club \$256,700 for the wastewater effluent spill in March 2016. \$192,525 of that fine can be paid towards a “supplemental environmental project” in the Gallatin Watershed.*
 - ii. SEP (Rich/Kristin): *The Yellowstone Club is working to develop a Supplemental Environmental Project proposal to put a portion of their fine towards environmental projects in the Gallatin Watershed. The board is in favor of Kristin putting time towards helping with SEP proposal development.*

5. Old Business

- a. Campaign Updates (Chase): *See 8/29 update sheet for reference.*
- b. Board Membership
 - i. Leadership
 - a. Chair**: *Mike Richter made a motion for Rick Donaldson to be chair, Rich C. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - b. Officers: **Kristin suggests a meeting with Mike, San, and Rick to discuss officer roles.**
 - ii. Additional members:
 - a. Number: *Pat Straub and Rob McCrae are 2 top board candidates, Ron B suggests we move to 9 members and potentially all the way to the maximum of 11 after campaign.*
 - b. Nominating Committee: *Kristin suggests Executive Committee will act as nominating committee: Rick Donaldson, Rich Chandler, and Rich Addicks. Board agrees.*

- c. Farmer's Market Board Representatives (Emily): **Ron Bowlin has agreed to volunteer for 8/30 Farmer's Market, and Ron Edwards for September 13th.**
- d. Moose Creek Updates (Kristin): *Due to project work scheduled to start next week and an urgent need to fund the remaining \$66,416 needed for phase 1, Kristin wants this project to take priority for fundraising. Rick Do can use his total campaign donation to this effort, and also suggests a plan for converting stock assets to useable funds for project- potential donors include Trailsend Foundation, Eric Ladd, and Alan Johnson. Chase is very hopeful we can raise this money in the time needed with campaign donors. **Chase, Kristin, and Rick plan to meet Thursday to discuss a plan moving forward.***
- e. WETPOL(Rich C, Ron E): *Ron E, Rich C, and Mike all attended WETPOL conference in Big Sky last week. Ron E said there were 25 countries represented by 180 attendees, a specific topic he was interested in were floating island projects going on at Moonlight Basin and in Ennis.*

6. Upcoming Events

- a. **August 31st, 2-6 pm:** River cleanup at Big Sky Community Park River Pavillion
- b. **September 5th 9-12 PM:** Water Quality Hike
- c. **September 7th 9 AM- 5PM:** Quarterly Monitoring Event
- d. **September 13th, 6-7:30 pm:** Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum Public Meeting at the Belgrade Community Library
- e. **September 18th, 6-7:30 pm:** Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum Public Meeting at the Bozeman Community Library
- f. **September 21st 11- 12:30 PM:** Upper Gallatin Drought/Water Supply Focus Group Meeting, Big Sky Water and Sewer conference room
- g. **September 21st 1- 4 PM:** Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum meeting, Big Sky Water and Sewer conference room.
- h. **September 26th-28th:** 2017 Montana Nonprofit Association's Annual Conference in Missoula
- i. **October 12th, TBD:** Wild and Scenic Presentation by Tim Palmer, **Andrea will secure location, possibly Lone Peak Brewery.**
- j. Next board meeting date: **Tuesday, October 3rd 3PM @ WSD.**

7. Open Discussion:

- 8. Adjournment:** Ron B called the meeting to adjournment at 4:06 PM.

** Agenda Items for Board action