

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Annual Meeting
July 23rd, 2019, 2:00 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- a. *Rick Donaldson called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM. Board members present included Rich Chandler, Heather Budd, JeNelle Johnson, Ron Edwards, Ennion Williams, Bill Collins, and Mike Richter. Staff present included Kristin Gardner, Ryan Newcomb, Big Sky Watershed Corps Member: Valerie Bednarski, and summer intern Isabella Vendramin.*

2. Board Member Story (Mike J)

- a. ***Mike was not present so he will share his story at the September meeting.***

3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes: June 18th, 2019
 - i. *No comments*
- b. Fundraising Report
 - i. *Ryan still needs to finish the fiscal year membership total and the capital campaign. Festival reporting is complete*
- c. Education & Communications Report
 - i. *No comments*
- d. Big Sky Watershed Corps Report
 - i. *Farmers Market: Need more board members to sign up and follow through with their committed day.*
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KU62anbfN4vkW1Y74ynn1wOWqOu0XinjDPkKjRnjKYI/edit?usp=sharing>
 - ii. *Angler perspective – So far in 2019 hatches have been delayed and not as prolific, specifically salmon fly - much less, caddis came and went quick. Perhaps eggs got covered by algae last year. **Kristin will call an aquatic insect scientist and get back to board.***
- e. Intern Report
 - i. *Tester said he would support HS Act if there is clear public support. Tester should introduce the bill by the end of this calendar year. Most of the support shown has been for the Gallatin. Average citizens should call their representative. Congress has specifically asked for businesses to endorse. Talk to Charles if you are looking for more information:*
cdrimal@greateryellowstone.org
- f. ***Rich Chandler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Bill Collins seconded; motion carried unanimously.***

4. Financial Report (Rick, Kristin)

- a. May Financials Acceptance**
 - i. ***Ennion Williams made a motion to accept. Bill Collins seconded; motion carried unanimously.***

- b. June Financials Review
 - i. *The River Festival revenue for FY2019 includes has some income from last years festival*
- c. FY2019 Audit? **
 - i. *Board agreed to do an audit for FY2019. Heather suggests that we get to the point of a solid year to year report and then take a break and maybe do the audit every couple years. "Trend is your friend"*
- d. Tax Preparation **
 - i. *Marjorie Knob will continue to do 990.*
- e. FY2020 Budget **
 - i. *Budget has changed since the last vote before resort tax board allocation. Saved a lot of money by pulling out staff time from project grants. Major change was taking out watershed corps member. Expect a summer intern to be funded by a grant.*
 - ii. ***Bill Collins made a motion to approve. JeNelle Johnson seconded; motion carried unanimously.***

5. New Business

- a. Bylaw changes (Kristin/Rick) **
 - i. Updating mission statement
 - ii. Separating secretary/treasurer into two separate positions
 - iii. ***Bill Collins made a motion to approve. Mike Richter seconded; motion carried unanimously.***
- b. Board Officer Positions **
 - i. Chair
 - a. ***Nominated Rick Donaldson, elected Rick Donaldson***
 - ii. Vice-Chair
 - a. ***Nominated Rich Chandler, elected Rich Chandler***
 - iii. Treasurer
 - a. ***Nominated Heather Budd, elected Heather Budd***
 - iv. Secretary
 - a. ***Nominated Mike Richter, elected Mike Richter***
- c. Conflict of Interest Forms (Kristin)
 - i. Fill out and give to Kristin
- d. Communications Plan (Stephanie)
 - i. FY208 experienced a 25% growth from social media, 75% growth in web page visitors. Stephanie is investigating the cause of the increase. **Heather and Bill will meet with Stephanie to discuss the current communications plan.**

6. Old Business

- a. Gallatin River Festival Report (Ryan, Isabella)
 - i. *Push the date later after the 4th of July, when second home owners are around. Make sure not the same timing as BSCO Gala. See Ryan's handout*

- ii. *Outdoor Fair Survey: Main points, most people heard by word of mouth, 50% discovered by walking by. Gallatin River Use: 67% fishing 50% hiking. People want more food options but....the food trucks weren't that busy, maybe a food truck that gives money to the Task Force. Good amount of people from out of town.*
 - iii. *Next year put a banner at the entrance that says what this event supports*
 - b. Deer Creek Update (Kristin)
 - i. *Received all the revised plans for restoration projects with Trout Unlimited*
 - ii. *Suggest Jeff come an hour before the September board meeting to discuss the restoration projects.*
 - iii. *Upper Deer Creek 75% planned, final plans will be developed by the end of the year.*
 - iv. *On hold for lower deer creek because of bridge. Engineer was onsite this week. August 10th will have cost estimates from engineering firm.*
 - v. *Porcupine still at initial concept.*
 - vi. *Middle Fork still at concept level, will submit grant application to the DEQ in September*
 - vii. *Will MDOT want to see a turn light or lane at deer creek? Engineers will be in contact with MDOT about this.*
 - c. Recruitment Updates (Kristin/Ryan)
 - i. *Interviewing for finance and operations associate. End of week will have a recommendation.*
 - ii. *Conservation manager job will be posted this week.*

7. Upcoming Events

- a. **July 29th- August 2nd:** Algae/nutrient monitoring
- b. **August 6th – 20th:** Kristin on vacation
- c. **August 26th - August 30th:** Algae/nutrient monitoring
- d. **August 29th:** Save the date for the Upper Gallatin River Cleanup
- e. **September 11th to 13th:** Montana Watershed Coordination Council Watershed Tour
- f. **Set August Board Meeting: September 5th @ 2PM**

8. Open Discussion:

- 9. Adjournment: Ennion Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:04PM. Rick Donaldson seconded; motion carried unanimously.**

**** Agenda Items for Board action**