

Gallatin River Task Force Board of Directors Annual Meeting
September 5th, 2019, 2:00 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- a. *Rick Donaldson called the meeting to order at 2:28 PM. Board members present included Mike Richter, Bill Collins, Rick Donaldson, Rich Chandler, Ennion Williams, and JeNelle Johnson. Staff present included Ryan Newcomb, Kristin Gardner, and Big Sky Watershed Corps Member: Valerie Bednarski. Sara Huger from resort tax joined late.*

2. Board Member Story (Mike J)

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

3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes: July 23rd, 2019
 - i. *No comments*
- b. Fundraising Report
 - i. *Capital campaign is near completion*
- c. Education & Communications Report
 - i. *No comments*
- d. Big Sky Watershed Corps Report
 - i. *Nutrient/Algae Assessment Update, will report the results from June & July at next board meeting*
- e. **Bill Collins made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mike Richter seconded; motion carried unanimously.**

4. Financial Report (Heather, Kristin)

- a. June Financials Acceptance**
 - i. **JeNelle Johnson made a motion to accept. Mike Richter seconded; motion carried unanimously.**
- b. July Financials Review
 - i. *No comments*

5. New Business

- a. Tracking volunteer hours (Valerie)
 - i. **Board members need to start tracking their hours; Valerie will handout timesheets at board meetings.**
- b. Gallatin County/Big Sky Zoning Advisory Recommendations (Valerie/Kristin)
 - i. *There is a new proposed development of the gravel pit to create 136 single family homes. The board decided they don't have enough information at the moment to take a stance on the topic.*
 - ii. *Big Sky Zoning Advisory Recommendations: The Task Force recommended regulations on impervious surfaces, streamside buffers, and adding a native plant list. Language focuses on water quality and is not too restrictive of land owners.*

6. Old Business

- a. Nutrient and Algae Assessment Updates (Kristin/Valerie)
 - i. *Mentioned above*
- b. License Plate (Ryan)

- i. *Cannot submit 2 license plates. Decided to submit the color plate, 85% of our survey preferred that option. Do we want to do advertising for the plate? The slogan for the plate is "friend of the Gallatin". Latest the plate will be available is January 1st.*
- c. Gallatin River Festival
 - i. FY2019 (Financial Report)
 - a. *See handout. \$145,000 raised. The banquet is booked for next year on Sunday, June 28th. Gallatin River Task Force's 20th anniversary next year!*
 - b. *No outdoor fair 2020, does not fit strongly with our mission.*
 - c. *Capital Campaign -> make a thank you video*
 - ii. FY2020 (Ryan)
 - a. *No comments*
- d. Gallatin River Forever Campaign Revenue/Expense Report (Ryan)
- e. Recruitment Update (Kristin/Ryan)
 - i. Finance and Operations Associate
 - a. *Stefanee Luckley, started august 19th*
 - ii. Conservation Project Manager
 - a. *Started telephone screening, in person interviews in the next couple weeks.*
 - iii. Communications Position
 - a. *Stephanie had her last day on August 29th. We are aiming to have going away party.*
 - b. *Going forward this position to be more focused on communications; education will be shared by the whole staff. Working with Rich Addicks to develop the job description.*
 - c. *Currently there's a hole.... **need board member's help with monthly newsletters and the Water Wisdom column.** Articles need to be something related to our mission. Water Wisdom is published every other week and Explore Big Sky will help with editing. Ryan will write the next one about the Middle Fork trip and how that relates to the Gallatin. **Mike R --- the rivers we don't see and how it related to the surface water? Rich – Water Wisdom about new septic tanks?** Tucker will be helping with social media*

7. Upcoming Events

- a. **September 9th**: Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Zoning advisory board meeting
- b. **September 11th to 13th**: Missouri Headwaters Watershed Tour hosted by the Montana Watershed Coordination Council Watershed Tour. More information available [here](#).
- c. **September 19th, time and location TBD**: Gallatin Canyon Engineering Analysis project public meeting.
- d. **September 26th, 5 - 7 pm**: Wine and Wildflowers to celebrate completion of the Crail Ranch garden at Crail Ranch.
- e. **October 2nd-4th**: Montana Nonprofit Association Annual Conference in Billings
- f. **October 9th-10th**: Global Sustainability Tourism Council Training at Bridger Bowl

8. Open Discussion:

- a. *Not continuing Farmers Market booth for the rest of September*

b. *As part of the SEP project, Yellowstone Club funded installation of a level 2 septic at D&H property which should relieve 200lbs of nitrogen from the Gallatin,. Next is the Corral and Riverhouse.*

c. *Yellowstone Club plans to submit snow making permit in 4-6 months*

9. Adjournment: Bill Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56PM. Mike Richter seconded; motion carried unanimously.

** Agenda Items for Board action