

**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Big Sky Park District Board of Directors
Thursday, September 10, 2015
Water & Sewer District #363 Meeting Room
9:00 AM**

**Present: Mary Wheeler, Steve Johnson, Kevin Germain
No members of the public**

Mary Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.; in the absence of Steve Young, Mary Wheeler took minutes for the meeting.

Approval of June 11, 2015 Quarterly Meeting Minutes: Steve Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented; Kevin Germain seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of July 2, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes: Steve Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented; Kevin Germain seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: Steve Johnson reported that he has created a binder of our financial documents and is accumulating more from the Resort Tax office and the counties, from past activities. Current account balance with Gallatin County is approximately \$1,513.00. Gallatin County Chris Gray is considering whether the Board is covered on County Insurance, as a new carrier is anticipated, and whether the Board may be able to cancel its separate coverage, eliminating that annual cost.

Old Business:

a) **Report from BSCC:** Steve Johnson reported that the RFP for a parks master plan is due later this month. On the BSOA ponds project status, it was suggested that the Board have input as the BSOA board contemplates decisions on the dredging and future use of this community asset. Kevin Germain moved that the Board contact the BSCC and propose that both entities have representatives attend the next BSOA meeting on October 16, 2015, proposing joint coordination on the ponds, during public comment. Steve Johnson seconded it; motion passed unanimously. Steve Johnson and Kevin Germain will connect with the BSCC on this issue.

b) **Grant Update:** Discussion was had about renewing and prioritizing efforts to get grant writing underway, by first hiring a grant writer and applying for applicable grants. It was agreed to have Steve Young pursue this action as soon as possible and to report back to Board members, requesting a special meeting should Board action be required. Steve Johnson agreed to check with Gallatin County as to whether any specific process is required to send bids out to grant writers.

c) **First Amendment to the Bylaws:** Mary Wheeler stated that the First Amendment to the Bylaws, separating the officer positions of Secretary and Treasurer, as well as changing the language for quarterly meetings, was formally approved by both counties and a fully-executed copy has been received for our records. Formal designation of the separated positions of Secretary and Treasurer, should be handled at the next meeting of the Board.

d.) **Posting of minutes, records, agendas, etc. to County website(s):** Steve Young, as Board Secretary is to compile a complete and comprehensive book of minutes and Board documents, as the official records of the Board. The Secretary is to bring this completed book to each meeting, and shall get all approved minutes, budget and Board Bylaws (with amendment), fully signed, scanned in and sent to Gallatin County to put on that website, as well as to see if Madison County is able to do the same.

e.) **Board terms: current Board member terms expire as follows:**

-Mary Wheeler: 4/1/16 (GC);

-Steve Young: 4/1/16 (MC);

-Steve Johnson: 4/1/17 (GC);

-Kevin Germain: 4/1/17 (MC); Kevin's tenure is not on record on the Gallatin County website, so this needs to be remedied (shown vacant);

-vacant: seat from either county; appointment is needed to serve remaining term, ending 4/1/17; both counties show seat appointed but ineligibility of appointee is now in question and the Counties request Board action and clarification.

New Business:

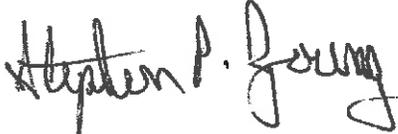
a.) **Board member residency requirements and consideration of bylaws change:** Discussion was had regarding allowing Board membership without being a property owner or resident in the district that a Board member is representing. Gallatin County currently has a qualified applicant for the vacant Board position from either county, who does not meet the bylaws' requirement to own property and live within the district boundaries of the county they are representing. The county commissions have indicated that they have a precedent for allowing appointment of someone not meeting the normal requirements, if no one else has applied for the position, and that they would consider this for our Board if the bylaws were amended to allow this. Mary Wheeler had proposed a draft amendment to the bylaws for the Board's consideration, should the Board wish to adopt such an amendment, and relayed that member Steve Young had emailed correspondence, indicating that he would not be in favor of such an amendment. For discussion purposes, Steve Johnson moved to approve the amendment as drafted; seconded by Kevin Germain. Following discussion, Motion failed unanimously. Kevin Germain will talk to Madison County Commissioner Jim Hart about Commission support for an approach to allow designees of an owner, corporation or other entity, as large landowners within the district would appreciate representation and participation on the Board, as well.

The next quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2015.

There were no announcements and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Mary Wheeler, Chair


SECRETARY