



Big Sky Trails, Recreation, & Park District Board of Directors
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023
1pm
BASE Conference Room

Board Members Present: Al Malinowski, Steve Johnson, Whitney Montgomery, Madeleine Feher

Members of the Public: Meg O'Leary, Maclaren Latta

Public Comment: none

1. Call to Order: Al Malinowski called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm.

MOTION by Steve Johnson to approve the minutes from December 28, 2022. Whitney Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Old Business:

- A. Meg O'Leary & Maclaren Latta presented their communication and outreach plan to the Board. After the presentation, the Board outlined their expectations for Meg and Maclaren. Discussion followed.
- B. Meg & Maclaren updated the Board on the plan regarding the next steps in the assessment approval process for the counties. The steps included:
 - a. Joining a workplace session to inform the commissioners.
 - b. Presenting the budget to the commissioners.
 - c. Establishing a per parcel assessment figure.
 - d. Preparing a resolution.
 - e. Publishing notices of the resolution.
 - f. Having a public hearing.
 - g. Providing Department of Revenue copies of the resolution if approved.
- C. The Board discussed which commissioner and BSRAD Board Member would best represent the Parks Districts interests.
- D. The Board discussed key stakeholders in the community to speak with prior to announcing the assessment initiative.

MOTION made by Al Malinowski to approve the amended funding maintenance agreement subject to review by the Gallatin County attorney's office. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Whitney Montgomery asked to change the language in the agreement to include: 'issue a warrant to BSCO' which best suits how the counties currently exchange funds. The Board discussed this change. Madeleine Feher and Whitney Montgomery abstained from voting. Motion carried.

- E. Maclaren summarized next steps:
 - a. Meg will update timeline for the Board and email it once completed.
 - b. Meg and Maclaren will review additional background materials.
 - c. The Board will share the budget and the BSRAD application to Meg & Maclaren.
 - d. Meg and Maclaren will find comparable assessments as related to Parks & Trails for the Board.
 - e. The Board will continue to discuss key commissioners and stakeholders.
 - f. Meg and Maclaren will develop key messages for the Board to share with the community.
- F. Next meeting was set for 11am on March 31st. Madeleine Feher will send out a Zoom link.

MOTION by Al Malinowski to adjourn the meeting at 2:45pm. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

 Al Malinowski

 Madeleine Feher