



Big Sky Trails, Recreation, & Park District Board of Directors  
Special Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2023  
8:30am  
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 8:30 am.
2. **Old Business:**
  - A. Maclaren Latta and Meg O'Leary presented several documents to the Board starting with summary information related to the Big Sky Trails, Recreation & Parks District as well as different comp sets in Montana of various assessments and levies. The Board discussed this information and decided to check tax statements to solidify if assessments could also be done on square footage to better understand how different counties were assessing their communities.
  - B. The Board discussed an estimated number for the assessment which will be solidified once the number of parcels in Madison County is confirmed. The formula for the assessment will be half of what the BSRAD ask is (\$1,123,936), based on the total number of number of parcels. It was acknowledged that the expenses that the assessment will cover will continue to increase year over year; the Board decided to show the increase in the assessment over the next three years for full transparency.
  - C. After discussion, the Board concluded that BASE would be included in the assessment but represented as a smaller percentage similar to how BASE is represented in the BSRAD ask.
  - D. Maclaren presented upcoming key dates. Most notably, public notices will go out late June and early July. In light of this, the Board decided to proceed with having Meg O'Leary and Maclaren Latta as well as a Board

representative attend the Gallatin County work session on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be followed by the community announcement of the assessment at the Chamber of Commerce's Eggs'n'Issues breakfast and then with the announcement going on public record at the Joint Commissioners Meeting on May 3d. Al Malinowski will attend the Gallatin County work session. Steve Johnson will present at Eggs'n'Issues and at the Joint Commissioners meeting.

**3. New Business:**

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**MOTION** made by Al Malinowski to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

*Al Malinowski*

*Madeline Fehner*