

- 7) Sheriff Agreement: Carol said that Madison County would only sign on for one year instead of the three that the agreement stated for fye 03. Carol approved this change and has initialed the agreement. It is finalized with both Madison and Gallatin County Commissioners signatures.
- 8) Carol Collins, Chair report: She said she was asked by the Big Sky Comm. Corp. to write a letter to the Natl. Park Assn. in support of the Ousel Falls parking lot for a grant they are writing. Jim asked that she Email each member a copy first and after discussion, Walter made a motion to approve, Heidi 2nd. All were in favor. Carol briefed the board on the Governance Committee stating that the Senate has passed it so far and currently the “non-residents” are still on the bill.
- 8) Next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2003. Open meeting adjourned

**Big Sky Resort Area District
Minutes from March 19, 2003
Board of Directors Open Meeting**

Attending:	Carol Collins, Chair	Walter Ainsworth, Director
	Renae Schumacher, Director	Sarah Ouellette, Office Administrator
	Jim Muscat, Vice Chairperson	Heidi Peacock, Treasurer-Secretary

- 1) No Public Comment
- 2) Carol called meeting to order at 12:05
- 3) Walter made motion to approve the minutes of the open meeting for Feb. 12, 2003, Jim 2nd, all in favor.
- 4) Budget: There was discussion about wages, bad debt, income, etc. changes were to be made by Sarah to present to board at next meeting.
- 5) Sales Tax: Carol briefed board on bills in Senate, the board decided they wanted to have Mona Jamison continue to go forward and represent the BSRAD by attending these legislation meetings, etc. Jim feels we should get an update or report from Mona every so often. Heidi made motion for board to agree to cap this legislation representation at \$5000.00, Walter 2nd and all were in favor.
- 6) Old Business/Governance: Carol mentioned there is a BSOA meeting on March 21 at 9 AM. She said the bill might actually be pulled from legislation.
- 7) Open Meeting adjourned at 1:00

Heidi Peacock

Carol L. Collins

**Big Sky Resort Area District
Minutes from June 4, 2003
Board of Directors Open Meeting-Allocations**

Attending: Carol Collins, Chair
Renae Schumacher, Director
Jim Muscat, Vice Chairperson
Mona Jamison, Attorney
Walter Ainsworth, Director
Sarah Ouellette, Office Administrator
Heidi Peacock, Treasurer-Secretary

- 1) Public Comment: Devon White voiced his support for the Transportation District's application, says it should be a free service, wants funded at 100%. Mike Scholz spoke in support of Transportation District and has petition with 19 business signatures for support. Marne Hayes feels board should fund Westfork road reconstruction, as does Bill Dutton, Frank Calvin- Sheriff, who feels it goes way beyond the Westfork HOA maintenance, as does Tom Owen, Laura Larocco wants BS Comm. Corp land purchase funded and all of BSOA's applications; esp. the Task Force Study on Affordable Housing. JC Knaub wants board to support Softball and Skateboard park applications, Roberta Crew supports Library request, Curly Shea asks for support of Chamber of Commerce. Meg O'Leary also supports Chamber's request.
- 2) Briefing: Carol Collins, Chairperson briefed the public on the protocol of meeting: She explained that there was not an agenda, but rather every allocation decision would be based on motions and a vote. Stated that none of the allocations were final until board voted on the resolution for the allocations amounts in its entirety at the end of the meeting. She said that all the requests here in front of the board were legal entities that the board could fund if desired. She mentioned that the American Legion Post 99 application could not be funded legally because the constitution prohibits governmental entities from allocating cash grants to individuals and corporations even if it is for a charitable organization.
(For the record, the applications total \$1,531,380.45 and the board has previously approved \$1.2 million to allocate for this fiscal year.)
- 3) Allocations: Jim Muscat made motion to fund the Gall Co Cons. Vol Fire Dept for \$252,882 for capital expenses, including the final payment on the ladder truck. Heidi 2nd, Walter said he wants to cut the total request by 15% for a total decrease of \$60,000.00. Jim said the Fire dept. has stated that they could "run on their own" with out the Resort Tax, Heidi said that they need to look into mill levy as the board has asked before. Carol wants to fund this amount of \$252,882, but suggested to board to allow Fire Dept. to spend those funds on what ever line items they see as necessary. Jim and Heidi withdrew their motions after discussion and Jim made a new motion to fund the Fire Dept for the \$252,882 and to allow them to spend it as they see fit as per their application; the BSRAD board did not define the items that the funds could be spent on. Heidi, 2nd, all were in favor, motion passes.

- 4) Walter made a motion to fund the Sheriff Dept for \$87,661.00, Renae 2nd, all were in favor, motion passes.
- 5) Walter made a motion to fund the Friends of the Library request for \$38,542.00, Heidi 2nd, All were in favor, motion passes.
- 6) Jim made a motion to fund the Big Sky Comm. Corp for \$150,000.00, Renae 2nd. Discussions: Heidi does not agree with appraisal, thinks an independent one needs to be performed, but does go along with this \$150,000.00 request because she feels that “we couldn’t lose at that amount.” After much discussion, it was agreed, that if the board should fund this entity for this request in the future, that the board would want that independent appraisal done. Resort Tax office will hold this \$150,000.00 until the BS Comm. Corp has acquired their full funding to purchase land. This condition should be in contract. All were in favor, motion passed.
- 7) Walter made a motion to fund the Skate Park Request at \$4442.95, Renae 2nd, All were in favor, motion passed.
- 8) Renae made a motion to fund the Softball Application for \$8826.50, Walter 2nd, Jim stated it was a safety issue and that they should finish what was started. All in Favor, Motion carried.
- 9) Renae made a motion to roll over \$9882.69 for Spur Rd Trail Study, Walter 2nd, All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 10) Heidi made a motion to fund the BSOA request for \$25,000.00 for Signage. Renae 2nd. All were in favor.
- 11) Renae made a motion to roll over the BSCW&S Dist. #363 request of \$15,000.00 for aerial photography, Heidi 2nd, Jim abstained from voting. Everybody else was in favor, motion carried.
- 12) Walter made a motion to fund the one-time Zoning Agent in the amount of \$20,000.00, Heidi 2nd, Heidi feels that the Gall Co. has forced us to fund this service and that they (the County) should step up to the plate. Jim concurs- doesn’t want to set a precedence. Walter feels we have a chance to solve some of our own problems. Renae agrees we have a problem but doesn’t want to fund the full amount. Carol and Renae think it’s possibly a problem to fund this under the “Gallatin County” umbrella. Vote: Walter for it and the rest of the board members voted against (Carol, Jim, Heidi & Renae). Motion failed.
- 13) Renae made a motion to fund the BSCW&S Dist. #363 request of \$74,720.00, Heidi 2nd, Walter said he is opposed because the BSCWS has the capability to fund themselves; coupled with the fact that BSCWS already receives \$500,000.00 off the top of the budget. Heidi and Jim pointed out that the Water Dept. is separate from the Sewer District. Jim is refraining from voting (Mona pointed out that he legally did not have to.) Carol agrees with Walter but said we need water storage. Vote: Carol, Heidi and Renae were in Favor, Walter opposed, motion carried.
- 14) Jim made a motion to fund the BSSR for \$11,600.00 for their final truck payment. Heidi 2nd, All were in favor. Motion passed.
- 15) Heidi made a motion to fund the BSSR request for \$7750.00 for operational expenses, Walter 2nd, Board discussed that in the future they would like more of a breakdown on the specific equipment to be purchased; although this is

not a condition of the funding. All board members were in favor, motion carried.

- 16) Walter made a motion to fund the BSOA for the \$7500.00 for Select Services. Jim 2nd, all were in favor, motion passed.
- 17) Walter made a motion to fund \$80,000.00 of the Chamber request to exclude the Photo Library line item, Renae 2nd, Jim Muscat stated that this is a necessary entity, but thinks the businesses that belong to the Chamber need to step up. Carol supports but wants request decreased to \$60,000.00 and to allow the Chamber to spend as they see fit-within the perimeters of their application. Vote: Renae, Walter and Heidi were all in favor, Jim and Carol were opposed. Motion passed.
- 18) Heidi made a motion to fund the Chamber request of \$40,000.00 and that this new motion would super cede the initial motion, this motion would exclude the Photo Library and the Public Relations hiring, Jim 2nd. After some discussion as to how they could spend it, Heidi made a substitute motion to fund \$60,000.00 of the Chambers request and to allow them to spend as they see fit within the perimeters of their application, Renae 2nd, Renae, Carol and Heidi were in Favor, Jim and Walter were opposed. Motion carries.
- 19) Walter made a motion to fund the BSAA for \$30,000.00, Renae 2nd. Renae said she would like to see the amount lowered. Jim agrees. Thinks they should be self-supporting. Walter said they are trying to improve their service. Carol is concerned with their budget and feels it's hard to read and that they should be self-supporting. Heidi said she was refraining from voting (She did not state why, however; legally Heidi did not have to refrain from voting.) Walter, and Renae were in favor, Jim and Carol were opposed. Motion denied.
- 20) Renae made a motion to approve \$20,000.00 for the BSAA, Walter 2nd, Walter, Jim, and Renae voted in favor, Carol was opposed. Heidi did not vote, (Heidi did not give a reason for refraining from voting; however, legally she did not have to refrain.) Motion passed.
- 21) Walter made a motion to fund \$335,950.00 for the Transportation District request, Heidi 2nd. Jim said they've really increased the request a lot from previous year. Said a nominal fee to charge shouldn't be such a burden. Walter mentioned that low-income employees also use buses. Renae doesn't want to fund full amount. Heidi said she received about ten emails with concern about the times the bus runs and not about the possibility of a fourth bus. Walter, Heidi, Carol and Renae were in favor, Jim was opposed. Motion passed.
- 22) Renae made a motion to fund the BSOA Ousel Falls Trail request for \$37,940.00 Heidi 2nd, Heidi opposed to the parking lot study funding in request, Walter agrees and wants to support \$20,000.00, Renae made a substitute motion to fund \$29,400.00 to exclude the parking lot cost. Walter 2nd, All were in favor.
- 23) Walter made a motion to fund the BSSEF for \$29,140.00, Heidi 2nd. Heidi mentioned that the Junior Olympics were successful and supports all but the snowmobile. Walter made a substitute motion to fund \$20,140.00 to exclude the snowmobile, Heidi 2nd and stated that the fundraiser could have been more successful. Jim agrees with Walter and wants it to be more self-sufficient.

Carol is not in favor. Voting in favor was Jim, Heidi, Walter and Renae and Carol was opposed. Motion passed.

- 24) Renae made a motion to fund Buckridge Grooming for \$13,500.00, Heidi 2nd and all were in favor.
- 25) Walter began discussing the Westfork Request of \$100,000.00 to fix Pine Drive/Westfork Entrance and thought that the businesses should pay for it.. Based on BSRAD being located in the Westfork Subdivision, Walter made a motion for the BSRAD to contribute \$10,000.00 to the Westfork Assn. for the Pine Dr. road maintenance. Carol stated if this motion were passed, this money would have to come out of BSRAD budget, not the allocations. Heidi 2nd. Carol mentioned that our budget for FYE 2003-2004 has previously been approved and if this motion passes then the BSRAD board would need to amend their budget. Bill Dutton, of BSWB stood and said their business was also willing to contribute. Carol stated that the board has spent several million dollars on the sewer district infrastructure so why couldn't the board spend a little on this to get it taken care of. She said that the development brought it on and that it is very important to take care of it. She brought up the fact that some of the businesses have offered contributions. Walter said that the stipulation of contributing the \$10,000.00 would be based on Westfork raising the balance to fix it. Vote: Walter and Heidi voted in favor. Jim, Carol and Renae were opposed. Motion failed.
- 26) Renae made a motion to fund \$35,000.00 of the Westfork application, Heidi 2nd, Walter said he doesn't want to set precedence. Jim feels this amount is fair. Carol feels this is a unique road access. Vote: Carol, Renae and Jim were in favor, Heidi and Walter were opposed, Motion carries.
- 27) Renae made a motion to fund \$10,000.00 on the BSOA 191 Trail repair request, Jim 2nd. Heidi was concerned with maintenance expenses with resort tax dollars. Carol, Jim and Renae were in favor, Heidi and Walter were opposed. The motion carries.
- 28) Renae made a motion to fund \$10,000.00 for the Gall. Co. Zoning Agent application and reduce the Transp. Dist. funding by \$3000.00 in order to fund this, Walter 2nd. It was noted that this contract would be with a Gallatin County agent only, Renae and Walter were in favor, Carol, Heidi and Jim were opposed. Motion failed.
- 29) Renae made a motion to fund the Big Sky Comm. Corp Winterfest at \$1218.00, Heidi 2nd, Walter said that the money they raise is donated to another entity, so why should the BSRAD fund. Renae and Jim concur. It was stated that this money was mainly for the purchase of tents-which other people could borrow if necessary. Jim, Carol and Renae were in favor. Heidi and Walter were opposed. Motion carries.
- 30) Renae made a motion to add the balance of the funds available, \$5867.55 to the Westfork Pine Drive previous motion/funding. Heidi 2nd. Renae, Jim and Carol were in favor, Heidi and Walter were opposed. Motion passed.
- 31) Jim Muscat made a motion to approve the resolution on the previous motions totaling \$1.2 million dollars in allocations. Heidi 2nd, All were in favor. Motion carries

Public Comment after allocations: Mike Scholz congratulated the board on their hard work, Devon White thanked the board for funding the entities that bring in more tax dollars. The following people also thanked the board: Dee Rothschilder, Laura Larocco, Debra Dietz, Marne Hayes, Bill Olson, and Marlene Fontana. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20 P.M.