

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT WORK:  
**SPRING COMMISSION/BSRAD MEETING MINUTES**

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**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 | 10:00am**

This meeting was conducted in person at the Wilson Hotel  
(145 Town Center Ave, Big Sky, MT 59716) and virtually using ZOOM.

I. Open Meeting

A. Roll Call

[00:01:57](#) Zach Brown called the meeting to order. All present: Scott MacFarlane, Gallatin County Commission; Steve Johnson, BSRAD Board; Kevin Germain, BSRAD Board; Zach Brown, Gallatin County Commission; Jennifer Boyer, Gallatin County Commission; Sarah Blechta, BSRAD Board; Bill Todd, Madison County Commission; Ciara Wolfe, BSRAD Board; Grace Young, BSRAD Board.

B. Public Comment

[00:04:01](#) Jennifer Mohler of Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance announced name change to “Grow Wild” and new logo.



C. BSRAD Consent Agenda: Action

a. Approval of Minutes: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

b. Finance Report: February, March 2023

c. FY24 Budget

d. Investment Policy

[00:06:04](#) Sarah Blechta explained the February and March 2023 Financials have been removed from the Consent Agenda. (view consent agenda:  )

[00:06:30](#) **Motion:** to approve Consent Agenda: Kevin Germain

**Second:** Steve Johnson



[00:06:46](#) **Vote:** Motion Passed Unanimously

D. Regular Agenda

1. Old Business

a. MT64 (TIGER Grant) Construction Status: Discussion

[00:09:19](#) Kristine Fife with Big Sky Public Relations, and primary point of contact for the MT64 TIGER project, gave status updates and reviewed projects and planned improvements along MT64.

[00:13:02](#) Kristine shared and gave an overview of MT64 construction schedule, though the schedule may change due to weather and unforeseen circumstances. (view construction schedule:  )

[00:15:05](#) Kristine discussed traffic control measures. During construction drivers can expect up to 20-minute delays during peak travel times.

[00:16:34](#) A project Hotline is available Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at 406-207-4484 or email Kristine at [Kristine@BigSkyPublicRelations.com](mailto:Kristine@BigSkyPublicRelations.com)

[00:18:36](#) Kevin Germain made everyone aware that a feasibility study is happening with more information to come. Additionally, pothole repairs along 191 have begun.

b. Big Sky Post Office Progress Report: Discussion

[00:20:17](#) Al Malinowski, VP of Gallatin Partners (Post Office LLC), explained the structure of the post office contract station and discussed progress happening with the US Postal Service and future facility.

c. Madison County Polling Station and Redistricting: Discussion

[00:26:19](#) Bill Todd explained a new polling place for Madison County in Big Sky is planned for future elections and discussed the redistricting which was finished in March.

d. Park and Trails District Assessment: Discussion

[00:30:18](#) Al Malinowski, Gallatin County Appointee of the Big Sky Trails, Recreation, and Parks District (BSTRIP), explained the district boundaries which closely match the Big Sky Resort Area District boundaries, representatives, and Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO) collaboration.

[00:35:38](#) Al Malinowski discussed tax assessments for BSTRIP District funding.

[00:40:12](#) Al requested a BSRAD subcommittee working session.

[00:43:01](#) Grace Young and Sarah Blechta volunteered for the subcommittee.

**Motion:** Grace Young and Sarah Blechta for BSTRIP subcommittee: Kevin Germain

**Second:** Steve Johnson

[00:43:48](#) **Vote:** Motion Passed Unanimously

2. New Business

a. 'Our Big Sky' Community Plan Data Overview: Discussion

[00:50:20](#) Ruthi Solari presented the 'Our Big Sky' data platform, a catalog and land-use tool for measurable goals.

[00:52:52](#) Ruthi reviewed data collection and engagement.

b. Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District Project Report: Discussion

[01:02:11](#) Mace Mangold explained the creation of the Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District. (*Presentation moved to [01:19:21](#)*)

c. Proposed Middle Gallatin River Algae Impairment Listing: Discussion

[01:04:39](#) Andy Ulven from MT DEQ gave an update on the Gallatin River Water Quality Monitoring Project.

[01:14:58](#) Andy shared a list of contacts.

[01:15:17](#) Sarah Blechta asked about boundary and Andy explained the national park boundary and algae blooms.

[01:16:31](#) Andy answered public questions regarding project process and progress.

[01:18:16](#) Kristin Gardner of the Gallatin River Task Force shared information and requested volunteers for monitoring.

*Continued, previously in agenda: b. Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District Project Report: Discussion*

[01:19:21](#) Mace Mangold discussed goals and reviewed Canyon Area Feasibility Study project timeline.

[01:25:48](#) Mace reviewed study findings.

[01:32:06](#) Andy Ulven and Mace Mangold answered questions from the board and commissioners.

*d. Fehr and Peers Big Sky Transportation Study: Discussion*

[01:38:24](#) Darren Brugmann discussed the future of the Big Sky Transportation District (BSTD) and the transportation study.

[01:46:19](#) Darren reviewed the community survey results; the response rate was very impressive with almost 2,000 respondents.

[01:51:01](#) Darren shared a draft of preferred scenarios with a prioritization on frequent local service with extensive coverage.

[01:57:01](#) Darren answered questions from the board and commissioners.

*e. BSCO/WTI Pedestrian Study: Discussion*

[01:59:10](#) Whitney Montgomery from Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO) reviewed traffic study focused on pedestrians and cyclist safety, traffic and connectivity, and place making.

*f. Big Sky Capital Improvement Plan: Discussion*

[02:03:47](#) Kevin Germain discussed and gave updates regarding the Big Sky Capital Improvement Plan. If anyone has a capital project for the community, please contact [Daniel@ResortTax.org](mailto:Daniel@ResortTax.org).

E. Public Comment

[02:06:50](#) Sarah Blechta invited everyone to the RiverView community housing project ground-breaking at 1:00 pm.

[02:07:43](#) Greg Megaard of the Big Sky Fire District warned drivers of current traffic delays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Johnson

Steven Johnson (Jun 12, 2023 10:15 MDT)

Steve Johnson, Secretary & Treasurer

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