

Big Sky Community Corporation

13th Annual Meeting Minutes February 12, 2010

Big Sky Community Corporation Board of Directors held the 13th Annual Meeting of the Big Sky Community Corporation on February 12, 2010 at 1PM at the BSOA office in Big Sky. Directors in attendance included: John Leeper, Clare Nixon, Trever McSpadden, Eric Ladd, Jon Ayres, Leslie Piercy, Barb Starz and Steve Johnson. Will Brunner and Al Lockwood attended via telephone. Committee Chairs in attendance were Katie Coleman (Camp Big Sky). Mary Jane McGarity and Krista Mach represented contract staff from the BSOA.

1. **Community Forum:** The community was offered the opportunity to comment during the community forum. There were no comments from the public. Roger Brislawn attended the meeting.
2. **Call to Order:** John Leeper called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.
3. **Election of Officers for 2010-2011/Board Nominations-**John Leeper opened the floor for nominations of the BSCC officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Leslie Piercy nominated Jon Ayres as Chair; Leslie Piercy nominated Steve Johnson as Vice Chair; Leslie Piercy nominated Trever McSpadden as Secretary, and Leslie Piercy nominate Clare Nixon as Treasurer.
Motion by Leslie Piercy to appoint Jon Ayres as Chair; seconded Clare Nixon. Motion by Leslie Piercy to appoint Steve Johnson as Vice-Chair; seconded by Clare Nixon. Motion by Leslie Piercy to appoint Clare Nixon as Treasurer; seconded by Trever McSpadden. Motion by Leslie Piercy to appoint Trever McSpadden as Secretary; seconded by Steve Johnson. Motion unanimously carried.
Motion made by John Leeper to accept Jim Jones nomination and appoint him to the BSCC Board, seconded by Clare Nixon. Motion unanimously carried.
4. **Review December 18, 2009 minutes-**Leslie Piercy made a motion to approve the December 18, 2009 minutes, seconded by Steve Johnson. Motion unanimously carried.
5. **Financials -**John Leeper asked what the expenses were for the Annual Appeal and the Tailgate Party in December 2009. Krista Mach responded and said that expenses included layout and printing for the annual appeal and profit sharing component of the

b. New Business

- i. **Resort Tax Grants 2010-** We need to overlay the asphalt on the Spur Road Trail. Eric Ladd made a motion that Katie Morrison proceed with writing the Public Services 2010-2011 Grant for Resort Tax and not to exceed \$100,000.00; seconded by Steve Johnson. Motion unanimously carried.

The second grant for Resort Tax discussed was for pine beetle at Ousel Falls. Motion made by Trever McSpadden to research grant proposal for the pine beetle; seconded by Clare Nixon. Motion unanimously carried.

The revised cost estimate for Phase 1 improvements at the Big Sky Community Park is being worked on by Mary Jane McGarity, Trever McSpadden, Steve Johnson and Justin Houser from Morrison-Maierle. Morrison-Maierle is working with Langlais to put together a revised bid. The bid should be complete in 2 weeks.

Katie Morrison needs to ask all the committee chairs what they need to operate this summer. Trever McSpadden said goal for the pedestrian tunnel is to obtain state and federal highway funding for tunnel design and construction.

Mary Jane McGarity said she submitted the \$50,000.00 for the resort tax and they denied payment. She met with Al Malinowski and he said that we have to have receipts for the \$50,000. Al Malinowski said that we just need to do a rollover for the \$50,000. Eric Ladd suggested we spend money improving the entrance to the park. Eric Ladd did not feel that the Resort Tax Board would do the rollover. Trever McSpadden agrees with Eric Ladd about the \$50,000 rollover. Mary Jane McGarity suggested that the BSCC board sets up a meeting with the Big Sky Resort Tax Board. Eric Ladd suggested that Jon Ayres writes a letter to the Resort Tax Board.

- ii. **MSU Business School Project-** Two BSCC projects were selected by MSU Business students. John Leeper and Mary Jane McGarity met with 2 students from MSU and they are going to work on a reserve fund and an Economic Study. They will be giving weekly reports.
Eric Ladd and Trever McSpadden were going to talk to the Chamber to work with them.

7. Reports

- a. **BSSL-** Eric Ladd said that softball will be having a meeting in a month with key people. Clare Nixon asked if they would have a determination on lights before

Tailgate Party with the Arts Council. Leslie Piercy asked why we had income in December 2009 for Camp Big Sky and Krista Mach responded that it was late accounts paying. Mary Jane McGarity reported that Tennis got the grant that they had applied for.

Motion by Clare Nixon to approve the unaudited December 2009 and January 2010 financials; seconded by Steve Johnson. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Chairman's Report

a. Old Business

- i. **Management Hire-** John Leeper said after receiving a number of applications, the Executive Committee and Mary Jane McGarity interviewed 7 people that the Executive Committee hired Katie Morrison.

Motion made by John Leeper to hire Katie Morrison; seconded by Steve Johnson. Motion unanimously carried.

Barb Starz asked about the hiring process. Mary Jane McGarity said that ads were run in the local papers including the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Belgrade News, and West Yellowstone papers. Twelve applicants responded to the ad. The Executive Committee short listed 7 candidates for interview and reference checks. Mary Jane McGarity contacted references and scheduled interviews which occurred over 2 days with the Executive Committee.

Motion made by Trever McSpadden to change the bank signatures at American Bank, Big Sky Western Bank and First Security and the new signers will be Katie Morrison, Jon Ayres, Clare Nixon and Steve Johnson; seconded by Eric Ladd. Motion unanimously carried.

- ii. **Park Lights(ratify e-vote)-** Motion made by Trever McSpadden to allow Eric Ladd to spend up to \$2,500 for the park lights; seconded by Leslie Piercy. Motion unanimously carried.
- iii. **Tennis Courts** – The current owners of the Tennis Courts are proceeding with a boundary line adjustment to include the tennis court area in the Big Sky Community Park. Mindy Nowakowski is wrapping up historical easements for utilities and drainage at the park. Tennis committee estimates it will cost at least \$165,000 to resurface the existing tennis courts.
- iv. **Review 09-10 Goals/Action Items-** This was tabled until next month.

summer. John Leeper said that they are working on shielding the lights and are working on a variance or zone text amendment.

- b. **Camp Big Sky-** Katie Coleman said her committee is starting to plan the camp next week.
 - c. **Disc Golf-**Nothing to report
 - d. **Historic Crail Ranch-**Al Lockwood reported that summer events have been planned and the website is up. Historic Crail Ranch received a grant of \$24,000 for large projects and preservation.
 - e. **Parks-**Nothing to report.
 - f. **Tennis-**Nothing to report.
 - g. **Trails-**Steve Johnson is very concerned with the Pine Beetle at Ousel Falls. The Spur Road Trail needs to have an asphalt seal coat applied and Steve Johnson and Pat Dillon will finish installing the crosswalk when the weather gets nice. The Tester Bill which may affect the McAfeeTrail is not supported by the Trails Committee. The Trails Committee is talking about putting on a Mountain Bike Event this summer. Please attend the Gallatin County Trails and Parks meeting on February 25, 2010 from 6pm to 8pm at the Chapel.
 - h. **Arts Council-** Leslie Piercy reported that Brian Hulbert is working on summer programming and sponsorship calls are being made. BSCC and the Arts Council need to sign an agreement for the Park Use. This summer the free events will be at Town Center and the paid events will be held at the Big Sky Community Park.
8. **Other-**Eric Ladd said that this year fundraiser should be a joint event with other non-profits. He also said the park should use green energy sources and that there is grant money available.

9. **Adjourn**

Trever McSpadden made a motion, seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52pm. Next meeting is March 26, 2010 at 1:00pm.



Trever McSpadden, Secretary