# Beaverhead Trails Coalition Board of Directors Meeting

# April 20rd, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00pm

**BTC Board Members Present:** Dan Downey, Ed Mooney, Joyce Connors, Pam Laursen, Dan Pence

**BTC Guests Present:** Larry Skiles, Bill Laursen, Zach Owen, Heidi Anderson, Steve Sievert, Pat Carrick

**BTC Executive Director:** Brandon Parker

1. Dan Downey called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
2. Minutes from March 2023 meeting approved. Ed moved, Larry second, motion passed
3. Zach Owen with watershed committee and Heidi Anderson with the Southwest Montana Sagebrush Partnership
   1. Discussed location for the “Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem” sign.
      1. Suggested sign be placed at the top of Jackrabbit Junction, near the bench. Sign should face North.
4. Treasurer’s Report

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|  | MARCH | 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT | | | |  |
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| BALANCE SHEET | |  | | |  |  |
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|  | General Funds | Unrestricted | | | 38,112.81 |  |
|  |  | Sponsorships | | | 2,200.00 |  |
|  |  | Sponsorships - HT | | | 185.65 |  |
|  |  |  | | | 40,498.46 |  |
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|  | Restricted Funds | | | | 14,084.71 |  |
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|  |  | Current Assets | | |  | 54,583.17 |
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|  | Land: | High Trails | | | 676,367.00 |  |
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|  |  | Total Land | | |  | 676,367.00 |
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| MONTHLY PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT: | | | | |  |  |
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|  | Income | Memberships | | |  | 220.00 |
|  |  | Map Sponsors | | |  | 300.00 |
|  |  | United Way 2022 | | |  | 750.00 |
|  |  | Sponsorships | | |  | 550.00 |
|  |  | Donations | | |  | 2,166.34 |
|  |  |  | | |  | 3,986.34 |
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|  | Expenses | Supplies - Operations | | | 2 Benches | 657.26 |
|  |  | Office | | |  | 26.47 |
|  |  | Printing | | |  | 15.00 |
|  |  | Payroll Expenses | | |  | 977.03 |
|  |  |  | | |  | 1,675.76 |
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1. Grants Update
   1. The Wilderness Society has given us $5,000 for the Brown Fence.
   2. Applied to high stakes- pending. Will support 10% of the operating budget. We asked for $2900 for 3 consecutive years.
   3. Treacy foundation: No on the Browns Fence but may be able to do a matching grant for Normal Street Bridge once we know more from the city and the MDTA grant.
   4. MDTA grant: submitted on April 10th. Will know in July/August if we make the cut.
   5. Union Pacific Grant: Ask Kathleen to prepare this for the Normal Street Bridge matching.
2. Committee Reports
   1. High Trails
      1. The Committee has not met recently. Needs a chair. Will meet on a as needed basis.
         1. Fence: We have $5,000 for the fence, need another $10,000. Wildlife friendly fence is recommended. The BLM will help build trails and possibly a campsite once the fence is installed. Heidi from the Wilderness Society may have access to potential funders for fence building.
         2. Brandon brought up Elks Dinner to support fence funding. BTC would receive %50 of the profits, we would just need to have 5-6 volunteers. Decided to wait until the fall, keep on the agenda to discuss further.
   2. Bench committee
      1. Andreas bench installation postponed till dry, planned for May 6th
      2. The Wilderness Society is having a big meeting first week of June and need a project for June 6 between the hours of 2-5. Joyce is thinking installation of a bench is a good project. Bill will ask for MYCA youth assistance that day.
   3. In Town trail
      1. Ed supposed to meet with Philips for the concrete work for the Skihi Bike Lane. Need some concrete work to connect Beaver Pride Trail to the Noble Trail.
      2. Need to plan a quick workday in to trim willows on Skihi
         1. Set a date (May 5th)
      3. Park Street will be resurfaced soon. A bike lane will be delineated. Ed asked about signage for hiking and biking. BTC has funds for signage. The county is involved in the project. Signage will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
      4. Traffic on Atlantic and Chapman: Steve reported the issue. When they put in the football stadium next the LDS church there are 2 entrances but not a well-defined egress. There will be a traffic congestion issue. There is a plan, but it congests the traffic. One idea is to turn Atlantic and Chapman into a 4 way stop. A traffic study needs to be conducted.
3. Discussion
4. Board Actions
   1. Motion to approve SWM Sagebrush Partnership sign installation: Joyce made motion, Dan Pence seconds, motion passed.
   2. Motion to authorize a work afternoon to clean willows on Skihi St.: Ed made motion, Joyce seconds, motion passed.
   3. Ed would like to spend $8000 on Noble/Beaver Pride/Skihi connector to finish it. Joyce motioned to run a negative balance, Dan seconded, motion passed.
5. Other items not on the agenda.
   1. Brandon Discussed Earth Day Cleanup. Scheduled for April 22nd. 31 People already signed up to volunteer. MYCA to provide a platoon of 30 to help as well.

Next meeting scheduled for May 25th.

1. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.