

Gardiner Resort Area District  
Minutes of Regular Meeting – April 11, 2017

Chair Demaree called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All members present, including the administrative manager; no members of the public were present.

Treasurer Parks presented the Treasurer's Report and year-to-date budget. He noted that a positive amount of interest was being earned due to the balance in the savings account. He proposed opening another savings account at another bank, possibly American Bank. This would better secure the money and possibly earn the account more interest. He will continue to research this idea for future discussion.

Treasurer Parks moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Director Laubach seconded the motion. No discussion was needed; all voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Director Laubach updated the board on his trip to Helena to speak on behalf of the Big Sky Penny-Tax bill. Several people spoke in favor of the bill even though the bill failed this legislative session.

Chair Demaree updated the board regarding the upcoming audit. The audit will be performed by Rosalie Barndt on May 25<sup>th</sup>. She will have a contract for the board on May 1<sup>st</sup> when her business officially opens. She will meet with Chair Demaree, Treasurer Parks and the administrative manager on that date. She will present her findings to the board at the June meeting and file the applicable documents to the state by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Demaree updated the board on the continuing lawsuit. Payment of taxes only has been made by Jim Kemp to the District and the money has been allocated into a "court-ordered" fund and will not be spent at this time. Payment of 2015 taxes only has been made by Kovash to Park County; Kovash has not paid 2016 taxes at this time. Park County has filed a motion with the court for the late fees, interest and attorney fees that are due. Updates will continue as they become available.

Chair Demaree informed the board that the Livingston Rotary Club has requested that representatives from our District speak at their upcoming June meeting. Director Laubach and Treasurer Parks agreed to coordinate this and arrange to be at their meeting if possible.

The Welcoming Committee (Directors Dawson and Laubach) updated the board on their efforts to reach out to new businesses in the area. A list of six potential businesses were discussed and will be contacted.

In New Business, Director Laubach clarified when elections for board positions would be – Spring of 2018. There was no public comment. It was decided that a May meeting was not needed. The next regular meeting will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Chamber office. Treasurer Parks made a motion to adjourn; Vice-Chair Dalling seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.