

Gardiner Resort Area District
Minutes of Regular Meeting – 10/11/16

Chair Demaree called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All members present, including the administrative manager and the following members of the public: Joe Gross and Jessi Gerdes.

Secretary Parks presented the minutes for the September 13th meeting and moved for approval; seconded by Director Laubach. All voted in favor.

Treasurer Parks presented the profit/loss statement on the District's status as of October 10, 2016. This was prepared in anticipation of money owed to Park County for tax relief based on the resort taxes collected so far for 2016. The administrative manager estimates that approximately 30% of the September taxes have been received to date. Treasurer Parks cautioned that two large appropriations from 2015 have still not been invoiced. He stated that he, together with Chair Demaree will be reviewing the general operating budget for the District with a possible request for additional operating funds for the upcoming year.

Chair Demaree recapped the fall meeting dates. October 31st is the deadline for appropriation applications. All applications must be *received* by this date. The November 14th meeting will be the question/answer session for everyone requesting fund appropriations. December 13th will be meeting when all money is appropriated.

Directors Dawson and Laubach of the Welcoming Committee stated that 5 letters have been sent out to businesses not registered with the District. Chair Demaree stated that two of those businesses have responded with questions. Per administrative manager, no funds from these entities received to date.

Chair Demaree reported on Old Business regarding her communications with the attorney on wording changes for the ordinance. It was decided to table any further discussion until after the appropriation cycle has been completed. Chair Demaree did contact Roger Keaton, the member of the public, who expressed interest in this at the September meeting.

Continuing with Old Business, Chair Demaree reported on some changes and clarifications that have been made to the Application for Funds packet, due to comments/requests from the public. A “detailed budget” for the project and an “executive summary” has been added to the application, as well as some budgeting information/clarification pages. Assistant Chair Dalling moved to approve the application packet; seconded by Director Dawson. All voted in favor.

Chair Demaree reviewed how the application process will take place. All applications are due to be received by October 31st. The district should receive 7 paper copies and an emailed copy of each application. The administrative manager will compile all applications and create a summary page; as well as, distribute a packet containing all applications to each board member by November 4th for their review prior to the November 14th meeting. Late applications will be shared with the board members, but marked as late.

To conclude Old Business, Chair Demaree shared an update on the ongoing lawsuit regarding the Resort Tax. A date has come and passed for motions to be filed. The county presented a motion, while the plaintiffs did not. The matter currently rests with the Judge.

In New Business, Chair Demaree shared that the District has been invited to attend the Big Sky Summit on December 11/12 over in Big Sky. All resort districts from around the state have been invited. A discussion was had concerning the funds for two members to travel to Big Sky to attend this meeting. Director Dawson moved that two members attend, with an estimated cost to the District of \$500; Director Laubach seconded. All voted in favor.

Chair Demaree opened the meeting to public comment. Joe Gross confirmed the date for applications to be filed for appropriations. Jessi Gerdes mentioned she only just discovered her business was required to register and pay resort taxes.

Director Laubach motioned to adjourn the meeting; Secretary Parks seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 7:00 PM at the Gardiner Chamber office.

