



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday September 17th 2021, 8 am

Big Sky County Water Sewer District Board Room | 561 Little Coyote Rd, Big Sky

I. Regular Board Meeting Public Forum

- A. Call to Order
- B. Revise and Approve July Meeting Minutes - *Action*
- C. Public comment on relevant non-agenda items – *Discuss*

II. New Business

- A. Funding updates (ARPA Applications, SRF Priority List, lobbying efforts) – *Discuss*
- B. Next Steps towards a Sewer – *Discuss*
- C. Board Bylaws review, discussion, and possible vote for adoption – *Discuss, maybe Action*
- D. District website design - *Discuss*
- E. Schedule on Working Session with WGM Group – *discuss and make plan to address:*
 - Board training and resources
 - Certificate of Incorporation
 - Tax Exemption
 - Insurance
 - Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Public information storage
 - Opening a bank account

III. Any Other Business Which May Properly Come Before the Board - *Discuss*

IV. Next Meeting Planning

- A. Date & Draft Agenda – *Discuss*

V. Adjourn

Public comment will be encouraged before all non-emergency non-ministerial Actions.

GCCWSD MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET

8 AM; 9/13/2021; BSCWSD Board Room



#	Name	Affiliation	Contact	Remote Attendance?
1	Jon Olson	GCCWSD		
2	Scott Altman	BSCWSD		
3	STEVE JOHNSON	BBERAD		
4	Renae Schumacher	GCSWSD		
5	Maee Munsod	USCWA		
6	Michelle Pons	WGR		
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MEETING MINUTES

8 AM; 9/17/021; BSCWSD Board Room

I. Regular Board Meeting Public Forum and First Board Meeting Logistics

A. Call to Order – 8:05

- Board members in Attendance: Scott Altman, Jon Olsen, Renae Schumacher
- Quorum? Yes
- An attendance sheet is attached.

B. Revise and Approve July Meeting Minutes – *Action* – Deferred to next meeting to give more time for review.

C. Public comment on relevant non-agenda items – *Discuss* -None

II. New Business

- #### A. Funding updates (ARPA Applications, SRF Priority List, lobbying efforts) – *Discuss*
- Mace Mangold of WGM Group presented update: The GCCWSD sewer project was ranked 61 of 241 competitive APRA grant applications and will be awarded \$2million. This is the maximum award with the updated ARPA funding structure. (When the application was submitted there was a \$25 million per project max. The funding was restructured to award up to \$2 million for the 73 highest ranked projects. The board should receive an award letter soon with more details. Additional funding sources will be needed, and the funding strategy laid out in the PER and ARPA application will need to be updated. It will probably be best to fund and create the proposed project in phases. There will be at least one more round of competitive ARPA funding. The structure and timeline of this is unknown currently. GCCWSD would apply through Gallatin County for ARPA minimum allocation funds once a process is established. A funding summary is attached.

BSWSD WRRF Phase 1, which is required for the proposed GCCWSD project, was ranked 39/24 and will also be awarded \$2 million dollars.

An excerpt of the ARPA project ranking list and letters of support received so far were provided to board members (see attached).

Group Discussion: Possibility of challenging the new \$2million allocation doesn't seem realistic. There is a perception of "Big Sky doesn't need more money" and this will affect

funding. For future lobbying, the board has been advised to break funding asks into categories focused on environmental issues. There may be benefits to breaking the planning and site assessment work into smaller projects to maximize funding. Breaking the actual sewer design and construction into phases will also help funding.

Projects around Montana may struggle to spend ARPA money on time – both Big Sky projects are in a good spot to be able to proceed.

Next steps of ARPA are unknown but the District should be following this closely.

- B. **Next Steps – Discuss** – Mace Mangold of WGM Group presented update: Engineers have a draft discharge report for permitting but are waiting on more detailed data from the current MBMG (Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology) groundwater study in the Canyon.

There may be a few wells that would be in the path of proposed wastewater discharge – it needs to be evaluated whether the project would affect public health through drinking water. It could be positive, negative, or neutral. Eventually, a public water system will likely be the best option for this community. There are water rights constraints, but possible ways to mitigate. Prioritize sub-projects and funding asks for future funding asks.

Some canyon sewer planning prioritization was done with the Resort Tax Board and BSCWSD before the GCCWSD was created which can be translated into a phasing plan. The District should try to capture the red flag areas (from a health and environment perspective) in earlier phases. Engineering updates will be needed.

Group Discussion: The District will need to prioritize phasing and sub-projects.

Getting interest to join the District is an important next step. There are community members who have failing or soon-to-fail septic tanks that are asking board members when the sewer will be coming. There tends to be interest in adding extra units on the property once the sewer is there and provides the opportunity. The board hasn't heard concern about costs yet. This is promising for the district expansion which will be needed to make a cost-effective system that meaningfully addresses health and environmental concerns.

There is an opportunity to have a 4:30- 9 booth at the community meeting run by the Big Sky CommUNITY Forum Oct 26th. WGM Group will man the booth to tell the District's story, gauge interest in joining, and ask permission to inspect existing septic conditions. WGM Group was tasked with making a survey that can be distributed at this and on the District's website once it is operational. This could be used to keep interested parties informed and also help prioritize connection/annexation/construction phasing planning.

There is also an upcoming joint Gallatin and Madison County commission meeting – GCCWSD should be a presence.

The ground water study is currently scoped as a desktop assessment of potential discharge sites. This will need review by DEQ and then can be advanced to field verification and actual discharge permit submittal. These next steps have not been contracted.

BSCWSD is expecting 2x disposal for 1x canyon treatment. A formal agreement is still needed.

Development will be limited by water rights.

The board requested price estimates and scope proposals for next steps of the Disposal permitting effort and for water rights services.

Get a Big Sky ARPA call should be planned. Engineers or Tax board can lead this.

The Gallatin County Minimum Allocation pot of ARPA funding is promising. Can highlight the strong environmental, economic development and workforce housing benefits.

- C. **Board Bylaws review, discussion, and possible vote for adoption – *Discuss, maybe Action*** – The District’s lawyer has prepared a draft. Further discussion and possible adoption was pushed to the next meeting to allow more time for review.
 - D. **District website design – *Discuss*** – WGM Group is creating a website to organize, store, and share District information. This can be showcased at the October 26th COMMUNITY Forum. Detailed review will be done during the working session between WGM Group and Altman.
 - E. **Working Session with WGM Group – *discuss and make plan to address:*** - A bank account is high priority. Further discussion was pushed to working session. Altman will meet with WGM Group to take care of these tasks before the next regular board meeting, scheduled for October 18th, 10 am.
 - **Board training and resources**
 - **Certificate of Incorporation**
 - **Tax Exemption**
 - **Insurance**
 - **Bylaws**
 - **Conflict of Interest Policy**
 - **Public information storage**
 - **Opening a bank account**
- III. **Any Other Business Which May Properly Come Before the Board – *Discuss*** – None
- IV. **Next Meeting Planning –**
- A. **Date & Draft Agenda – *Discuss*** – Penciled in for December 1st, 8am. Will include updates from public outreach efforts and working session and other topics as needed.

V. **Adjourn** – 8:45am – Olsen Motioned to Adjourn – unanimously passed.

GCCWSD SEWER PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

9/17/2021 | WGM Group

GCCWSD was ranked 61 out of 241 competitive grant applications and will be awarded \$2 million for the proposed project. This is the maximum award with the updated ARPA funding structure. (When we applied there was a \$25 million per project max. The funding was restructured to award up to \$2 million for the 73 highest ranked projects, for a total of \$121,102,556). An award letter should be arriving soon.

BSWSD WRRF Phase 1, which is required for the proposed GCCWSD project, was ranked 39/24 and will also be awarded \$2 million dollars.

Current GCCWSD Sewer Project Funding Status:

Resort Tax	\$12M
ARPA 2021 Competitive Grant	\$2M
Other Sources (Not applied for)	\$37.4M
Project Total Preliminary Estimated Cost	\$51.4M

Additional funding sources will be needed, and the funding strategy laid out in the PER and ARPA application will need to be updated. It will probably be best to fund and create the proposed project in phases. CWSRF loans and ARPA grants from Gallatin County’s Minimum Allocations and future rounds of competitive grants will likely be major contributors. Other funding options will be explored as well.

There will be at least one more round of competitive ARPA funding. The structure and timeline of this is unknown at this time. Applications for minimum allocation grants are being accepted on an ongoing basis until January 1, 2023 – GCCWSD would apply through Gallatin County. This process is not yet established. The project is on the CWSRF Priority Project List and Intended Use Plan and eligible to apply anytime now.

This ARPA award is contingent on DNRC approval of final scope, schedule, and budget including verification of all matching fund sources. Recipient of this award is responsible for all cost overruns beyond the total of the award and costs of the audit, if not included in the ARPA budget. DNRC requires compliance with Montana Water Use Act Title 85, Chapter 2, MCA.

**ARPA Water Sewer Grants
Competitive Grant Applications - Ranked List**

Rank	Final Score	Applicant	Project Title	Application Type	Local Government Definition	Project Location (County)	Project Type	Minimum Allocation Grant Request	Competitive Grant Requested	Total Match	Total Project Cost	DWSRF or CWSRF Points	Affordability Points or State Capital Condition	Match Points or State Capital Risk	Competitive Grant - CUMULATIVE	Minimum Allocation Grant - CUMULATIVE
1	476	Montana City School District #27	Montana City School New Well Pump and Treatment	Competitive Grant	SCHOOL DISTRICT	Jefferson	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 235,350	\$ 235,350	\$ 470,700	425	1	50	\$ 235,350	\$ -
2	450	Darby	Darby Wastewater System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Ravalli	Clean Water	\$ 141,728	\$ 1,896,514	\$ 986,840	\$ 3,025,083	375	25	50	\$ 2,131,864	\$ 141,728
2	450	Worden-Ballantine Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District	Worden-Ballantine Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District Water Project	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Yellowstone	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 6,645,809	\$ 7,681,191	\$ 14,327,000	385	15	50	\$ 8,777,673	\$ 141,728
4	449	City and County of Butte-Silver Bow	Rocker Sanitary Sewer System Lift Station and Connection to Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant	Competitive Grant	CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY	Silver Bow	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 937,476	\$ 675,000	\$ 1,612,476	393	15	42	\$ 9,715,149	\$ 141,728
5	433	Philipsburg	Town of Philipsburg Sewer Lagoons Wastewater Treatment System and Capacity Increase	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Granite	Clean Water	\$ 60,579	\$ 4,314,595	\$ 1,379,000	\$ 5,754,174	358	25	50	\$ 14,029,744	\$ 202,307
6	410	Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District	Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvement Project	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Cascade	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 1,286,000	\$ 1,286,000	\$ 2,572,000	345	15	50	\$ 15,315,744	\$ 202,307
7	405	Hobson	Hobson Wastewater System Rehabilitation	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Judith Basin	Clean Water	\$ 84,971	\$ 2,560,000	\$ 453,429	\$ 3,098,400	340	15	50	\$ 17,875,744	\$ 287,278
8	400	Wilsall Water District	Wilsall Water System Improvements	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Park	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 3,071,656	\$ 3,520,000	\$ 6,591,656	325	25	50	\$ 20,947,400	\$ 287,278
8	400	Winifred	Winifred Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Fergus	Clean Water	\$ 76,296	\$ 3,102,122	\$ 1,047,213	\$ 4,225,631	335	15	50	\$ 24,049,522	\$ 363,574
10	395	Harlowton	Harlowton Wastewater System Improvements Project	Competitive Grant	CITY	Wheatland	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 1,436,300	\$ 2,256,000	\$ 3,692,300	330	15	50	\$ 25,485,822	\$ 363,574
11	380	Kalispell	Kalispell Stormwater Quality Treatment Facility- Main and Wyoming Street Outfall to the Stillwater River	Competitive Grant	CITY	Flathead	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 377,766	\$ 377,766	\$ 755,532	315	15	50	\$ 25,863,588	\$ 363,574
11	380	Red Lodge	Red Lodge Stormwater Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Carbon	Clean Water	\$ 529,811	\$ 2,902,120	\$ 2,888,772	\$ 6,320,703	315	15	50	\$ 28,765,708	\$ 893,385
13	375	Choteau	Choteau Water Distribution, Supply, and Storage Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Teton	Drinking Water	\$ 447,500	\$ 5,800,000	\$ 5,352,500	\$ 11,600,000	300	25	50	\$ 34,565,708	\$ 1,340,885
13	375	Manhattan	Town of Manhattan Water Resource Recovery Facility	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Gallatin	Clean Water	\$ 400,714	\$ 20,019,419	\$ 8,279,867	\$ 28,700,000	310	15	50	\$ 54,585,127	\$ 1,741,599
13	375	Kalispell	Kalispell Stormwater Treatment Facilities -Priority Ashley Creek Drainage Basins from TMDL Action Plan	Competitive Grant	CITY	Flathead	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 528,264	\$ 528,264	\$ 1,056,528	310	15	50	\$ 55,113,391	\$ 1,741,599

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13	375	Lakeside Water and Sewer District	Lakeside Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements Project	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Flathead	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 3,678,400	\$ 7,328,400	275	50	50	\$ 58,763,391	\$ 1,741,599
13	375	Thompson Falls	Thompson Falls Wastewater Improvements Projects	Competitive Grant	CITY	Sanders	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 12,515,000	\$ 22,456,685	\$ 34,971,685	275	50	50	\$ 71,278,391	\$ 1,741,599
18	370	Whitehall	Whitehall Treatment Facility	Competitive Grant	TOWN	Jefferson	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 5,609,879	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 8,009,879	295	25	50	\$ 76,888,270	\$ 1,741,599
18	370	Drummond	Drummond Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Granite	Clean Water	\$ 70,090	\$ 3,392,808	\$ 85,572	\$ 3,548,470	305	15	50	\$ 80,281,078	\$ 1,811,689
18	370	Lodge Grass	Lodge Grass Phase 2 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Big Horn	Clean Water	\$ 100,138	\$ 1,437,984	\$ 2,852,378	\$ 4,390,500	295	25	50	\$ 81,719,062	\$ 1,911,827
21	368	Winnett	Winnett Wastewater System Retrofit	Competitive Grant	TOWN	Petroleum	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 2,075,000	303	15	50	\$ 82,719,062	\$ 1,911,827
22	365	Roundup	City of Roundup Phase 6 Water System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Musselshell	Drinking Water	\$ 447,329	\$ 2,025,999	\$ 2,067,672	\$ 4,541,000	290	25	50	\$ 84,745,061	\$ 2,359,156
22	365	Columbia Falls	Columbia Falls Wastewater System Upgrades	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Flathead	Clean Water	\$ 857,186	\$ 2,241,853	\$ 2,405,961	\$ 5,505,000	290	25	50	\$ 86,986,914	\$ 3,216,342
22	365	Lewis and Clark County	Lewis and Clark County - Elk Creek Colony Water System Upgrades	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	COUNTY	Lewis and Clark	Drinking Water	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 180,000	300	15	50	\$ 87,046,914	\$ 3,276,342
22	365	Apsaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority	Apsaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority Phase 3C Sewer Project	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Big Horn	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 1,157,138	\$ 6,505,550	\$ 7,662,688	265	50	50	\$ 88,204,052	\$ 3,276,342
26	360	Hamilton	Hamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Ravalli	Clean Water	\$ 398,375	\$ 1,701,754	\$ 1,438,071	\$ 3,538,200	260	50	50	\$ 89,905,805	\$ 3,674,718
27	357	Fort Smith Water and Sewer District	Fort Smith Wastewater System Improvements Project	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Big Horn	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 5,352,400	\$ 750,000	\$ 6,102,400	323	15	20	\$ 95,258,205	\$ 3,674,718
28	355	Joliet	Joliet Wastewater System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Carbon	Clean Water	\$ 109,301	\$ 2,226,702	\$ 467,312	\$ 2,803,315	280	25	50	\$ 97,484,907	\$ 3,784,019
28	355	Clancy Water and Sewer District	Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Jefferson	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 5,476,000	\$ 2,273,000	\$ 7,749,000	290	15	50	\$ 102,960,907	\$ 3,784,019
30	350	Lewistown	Lewistown Wastewater System Improvements Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Fergus	Clean Water	\$ 1,135,907	\$ 947,889	\$ 1,481,804	\$ 3,565,600	285	15	50	\$ 103,908,796	\$ 4,919,926

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30	350	Superior	Superior Wastewater System Improvements Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Mineral	Clean Water	\$ 197,163	\$ 4,238,647	\$ 651,466	\$ 5,087,276	250	50	50	\$ 108,147,443	\$ 5,117,089
30	350	Harlem	Harlem Water System Improvements Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Blaine	Drinking Water	\$ 174,762	\$ 3,224,938	\$ 3,630,000	\$ 7,029,700	285	15	50	\$ 111,372,381	\$ 5,291,851
30	350	Simms County Sewer District	Simms Phase II Wastewater System Improvements - Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Cascade	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 1,400,660	\$ 1,833,000	\$ 3,233,660	285	15	50	\$ 112,773,041	\$ 5,291,851
34	345	Central Montana Regional Water Authority	Musselshell Judith Rural Water - Phase 2 project	Competitive Grant	REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY	Musselshell	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 19,700,000	\$ 30,558,700	\$ 50,258,700	245	50	50	\$ 132,473,041	\$ 5,291,851
34	345	Jordan	Jordan Wastewater System Upgrades	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Garfield	Clean Water	\$ 123,728	\$ 1,798,900	\$ 976,602	\$ 2,899,230	280	15	50	\$ 134,271,941	\$ 5,415,579
34	345	East Helena	East Helena Wastewater System Improvements Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Lewis and Clark	Clean Water	\$ 210,886	\$ 1,738,695	\$ 1,664,129	\$ 3,613,710	270	25	50	\$ 136,010,636	\$ 5,626,465
34	345	Lincoln County	Lincoln County Solid Waste Groundwater Protection and Closure Cap System Excavation	Competitive Grant	COUNTY	Lincoln	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 2,901,988	\$ 2,885,262	\$ 5,787,250	245	50	50	\$ 138,912,624	\$ 5,626,465
38	343	Power-Teton County Water and Sewer District	Power Sewer Collection System Improvements	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Teton	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 1,977,000	\$ 678,000	\$ 2,655,000	260	50	33	\$ 140,889,624	\$ 5,626,465
39	340	Missoula County Lolo Water and Sewer District	Missoula County, Lolo Sewer (Rural Special Improvements District (RSID) #8901 Wastewater System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	COUNTY	Missoula	Clean Water	\$ 1,930,000	\$ 1,930,000	\$ 1,930,000	\$ 5,790,000	275	15	50	\$ 142,819,624	\$ 7,556,465
39	340	Valier	Town of Valier Wastewater System Improvement Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Pondera	Clean Water	\$ 224,916	\$ 1,312,500	\$ 1,087,584	\$ 2,625,000	265	25	50	\$ 144,132,124	\$ 7,781,381
39	340	Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No.363	Big Sky Water Resource Recovery Facility Improvements Phase 1	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Gallatin	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 35,255,148	\$ 60,255,148	275	15	50	\$ 169,132,124	\$ 7,781,381
42	338	Terry	Town of Terry Wastewater Treatment Upgrades	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Prairie	Clean Water	\$ 255,544	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,528,639	\$ 3,084,183	273	15	50	\$ 170,432,124	\$ 8,036,925
43	335	Wolf Point	Wolf Point Wastewater System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Roosevelt	Clean Water	\$ 478,789	\$ 2,551,211	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 4,630,000	270	15	50	\$ 172,983,335	\$ 8,515,714
44	333	Belgrade	City of Belgrade Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion	Competitive Grant	CITY	Gallatin	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 32,077,918	\$ 43,077,918	268	15	50	\$ 183,983,335	\$ 8,515,714
45	330	Missoula	Missoula South Hills Storm Water System Upgrades	Competitive Grant	CITY	Missoula	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 3,574,620	\$ 412,180	\$ 3,986,800	305	15	10	\$ 187,557,955	\$ 8,515,714

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46	330	Chester	Chester Wastewater System Improvements Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Liberty	Clean Water	\$ 110,398	\$ 5,844,757	\$ 108,945	\$ 6,064,100	265	15	50	\$ 193,402,712	\$ 8,626,112
47	330	Shelby	Shelby Water System Improvements	Competitive Grant	CITY	Toole	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 3,968,500	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 5,393,500	255	25	50	\$ 197,371,212	\$ 8,626,112
47	330	Power-Teton County Water and Sewer District	Power Water System Improvements - Phase 4	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Teton	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 7,924,700	\$ 3,370,300	\$ 11,295,000	230	50	50	\$ 205,295,912	\$ 8,626,112
47	330	West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone Wastewater Treatment Plant	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Gallatin	Clean Water	\$ 262,483	\$ 20,242,619	\$ 6,750,871	\$ 27,255,973	265	15	50	\$ 225,538,531	\$ 8,888,595
50	325	Richey	Richey Water System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Dawson	Drinking Water	\$ 74,237	\$ 2,280,361	\$ 666,402	\$ 3,021,000	260	15	50	\$ 227,818,892	\$ 8,962,832
50	325	Saco	Town of Saco Wastewater System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Phillips	Clean Water	\$ 84,703	\$ 1,490,530	\$ 1,122,767	\$ 2,698,000	260	15	50	\$ 229,309,422	\$ 9,047,535
50	325	Miles City	Miles City North 7th St./MT 59 Water, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project	Competitive Grant	CITY	Custer	Drinking Water and Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,594,315	\$ 5,094,315	260	15	50	\$ 231,809,422	\$ 9,047,535
50	325	Plains	Plains Water Source Replacement	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Sanders	Drinking Water	\$ 213,436	\$ 1,807,619	\$ 572,445	\$ 2,593,500	250	25	50	\$ 233,617,041	\$ 9,260,971
54	323	Sunny Meadows Missoula County Water and Sewer District	Sunny Meadows Missoula County Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Missoula	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 598,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 648,000	290	25	8	\$ 234,215,041	\$ 9,260,971
55	320	Broadview	Broadview Phase 2 Water System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Yellowstone	Drinking Water	\$ 21,446	\$ 1,115,529	\$ 2,104,745	\$ 3,241,720	245	25	50	\$ 235,330,570	\$ 9,282,417
55	320	Circle	Circle Water System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	McCone	Drinking Water	\$ 188,046	\$ 1,387,472	\$ 1,646,482	\$ 3,222,000	245	25	50	\$ 236,718,042	\$ 9,470,463
55	320	Missoula County	Missoula County - Buena Vista Community Wastewater Improvement Project	Competitive Grant	COUNTY	Missoula	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,345,000	\$ 1,645,000	255	15	50	\$ 237,018,042	\$ 9,470,463
55	320	Shelby	Shelby Stormwater System Improvements and Wastewater Sludge Dewatering	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Toole	Clean Water	\$ 790,045	\$ 1,871,969	\$ 1,081,924	\$ 3,743,938	245	25	50	\$ 238,890,011	\$ 10,260,508
59	318	Billings	Billings 2021 Water Main Replacements	Competitive Grant	CITY	Yellowstone	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 2,833,162	\$ 1,126,096	\$ 3,959,258	275	15	28	\$ 241,723,173	\$ 10,260,508
60	318	Montana Department of Corrections	Montana Department of Corrections of Public Water System Upgrades	Competitive Grant	STATE AGENCY	Powell	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 10,602,269	\$ 65,414	\$ 10,667,683	230	38	50	\$ 252,325,442	\$ 10,260,508

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61	316	Gallatin Canyon County Water and Sewer District	Gallatin Canyon Sewer	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Gallatin	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 26,400,000	\$ 51,400,000	265	1	50	\$ 277,325,442	\$ 10,260,508
62	315	Kalispell	Kalispell Replacement of Original 1920's Era Water and Sewer Mains in Downtown Kalispell	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Flathead	Drinking Water and Clean Water	\$ 3,460,715	\$ 5,029,432	\$ 1,568,717	\$ 10,058,864	250	15	50	\$ 282,354,874	\$ 13,721,223
62	315	Wibaux	Wibaux Water Main Replacement	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Wibaux	Drinking Water	\$ 169,195	\$ 543,481	\$ 431,625	\$ 1,145,021	250	15	50	\$ 282,898,355	\$ 13,890,418
62	315	Billings	Billings Influent Lift Station	Competitive Grant	CITY	Yellowstone	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 3,075,974	\$ 3,075,974	\$ 6,151,948	250	15	50	\$ 285,974,329	\$ 13,890,418
62	315	Dillon	City of Dillon Main Waterline Transmission and Distribution Replacement	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Beaverhead	Drinking Water	\$ 723,832	\$ 1,179,589	\$ 2,497,579	\$ 4,401,000	250	15	50	\$ 287,153,918	\$ 14,614,250
62	315	Flathead County	Flathead County Septage Treatment and Biosolids Composting Facility	Competitive Grant	COUNTY	Flathead	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 21,000,000	250	15	50	\$ 297,653,918	\$ 14,614,250
62	315	Billings	Billings West End Plant and Raw Water Delivery	Competitive Grant	CITY	Yellowstone	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 66,823,367	\$ 91,823,367	250	15	50	\$ 322,653,918	\$ 14,614,250
62	315	Great Falls	City of Great Falls Lift Station No. 1 Facility Improvements and Supplemental Forcemain	Competitive Grant	CITY	Cascade	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 5,587,825	\$ 5,587,825	\$ 11,175,650	250	15	50	\$ 328,241,743	\$ 14,614,250
62	315	Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise	Paradise Wastewater System Improvements	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Sanders	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 1,437,881	\$ 5,265,005	\$ 6,702,886	250	15	50	\$ 329,679,624	\$ 14,614,250
70	315	Missoula	Missoula Department of Public Works and Mobility - Grant Creek Realignment	Competitive Grant	CITY	Missoula	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 910,296	\$ 900,296	\$ 1,810,592	250	15	50	\$ 330,589,920	\$ 14,614,250
71	310	Plentywood	City of Plentywood Phase 2 Sewer Project	Competitive Grant	CITY	Sheridan	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,855,680	\$ 5,855,680	235	25	50	\$ 332,589,920	\$ 14,614,250
71	310	Columbus	Columbus - Water Main Replacement Projects	Competitive Grant	CITY	Stillwater	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 2,242,457	\$ 1,273,917	\$ 3,516,375	250	10	50	\$ 334,832,377	\$ 14,614,250
71	310	Ronan	Ronan Water System Improvement	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Lake	Drinking Water	\$ 372,955	\$ 11,361,535	\$ 540,510	\$ 12,275,000	210	50	50	\$ 346,193,912	\$ 14,987,205
71	310	Helena	City of Helena Water System Improvements Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Lewis and Clark	Drinking Water	\$ 5,193,903	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 7,806,097	\$ 26,000,000	245	15	50	\$ 359,193,912	\$ 20,181,108
75	305	Dawson County West Glendive	Dawson County West Glendive Phase 1 and 2 Collection System Rehabilitation	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	COUNTY	Dawson	Clean Water	\$ 746,961	\$ 2,253,000	\$ 1,476,039	\$ 4,476,000	240	15	50	\$ 361,446,912	\$ 20,928,069

**ARPA Water Sewer Grants
Competitive Grant Applications - Ranked List**

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75	305	St. Ignatius	St. Ignatius Sewer Replacement	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Lake	Clean Water	\$ 157,859	\$ 3,738,638	\$ 211,504	\$ 4,108,000	205	50	50	\$ 365,185,550	\$ 21,085,928
75	305	Sheridan	Town of Sheridan Wastewater System Rehabilitation	Competitive Grant	TOWN	Madison	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 349,682	\$ 349,682	\$ 699,364	230	25	50	\$ 365,535,232	\$ 21,085,928
75	305	Harlowton	City of Harlowton Water Main Replacement	Competitive Grant	CITY	Wheatland	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 2,109,000	\$ 2,353,884	\$ 4,462,884	230	25	50	\$ 367,644,232	\$ 21,085,928
79	300	Troy	Troy Water System Improvements Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Lincoln	Drinking Water	\$ 187,116	\$ 4,713,540	\$ 246,244	\$ 5,146,900	225	25	50	\$ 372,357,772	\$ 21,273,044
80	298	Livingston	Livingston Sewer Collection System Upgrades	Competitive Grant	CITY	Park	Clean Water	\$ -	\$ 3,202,500	\$ 3,202,500	\$ 6,405,000	223	25	50	\$ 375,560,272	\$ 21,273,044
80	298	Lockwood Water and Sewer District	Lockwood Water and Sewer District Water Treatment Plant Improvements	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Yellowstone	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 4,792,498	\$ 4,792,498	\$ 9,584,996	233	15	50	\$ 380,352,770	\$ 21,273,044
82	295	Fort Peck	Town of Fort Peck Wastewater Discharge Irrigation Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Valley	Clean Water	\$ 74,350	\$ 315,737	\$ 15,263	\$ 405,350	230	15	50	\$ 380,668,507	\$ 21,347,394
83	295	Glendive	City of Glendive Yellowstone River and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad Boring project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Dawson	Drinking Water	\$ 440,000	\$ 812,750	\$ 1,267,150	\$ 2,519,900	220	25	50	\$ 381,481,257	\$ 21,787,394
83	295	Poplar	City of Poplar Sewer Replacement	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	CITY	Roosevelt	Clean Water	\$ 159,000	\$ 4,302,744	\$ 3,345,039	\$ 7,806,783	230	15	50	\$ 385,784,001	\$ 21,946,394
83	295	North Valley County St. Marie Water and Sewer District	North Valley County St. Marie Water and System District Water System Improvements	Competitive Grant	WATER AND/OR SEWER DISTRICT	Valley	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,700,000	230	15	50	\$ 387,984,001	\$ 21,946,394
83	295	Missoula County	Missoula County El Mar Estates Water District Well Replacement and Sunset West Water District Vault and Meter Replacement	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	COUNTY	Missoula	Drinking Water	\$ 127,975	\$ 127,975	\$ 127,975	\$ 383,925	230	15	50	\$ 388,111,976	\$ 22,074,369
83	295	Stevensville	Stevensville Water System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Ravalli	Drinking Water	\$ 327,806	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,264,635	\$ 3,192,441	230	15	50	\$ 389,711,976	\$ 22,402,175
83	295	Stanford	Stanford Water System Improvements Project	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Judith Basin	Drinking Water	\$ 129,476	\$ 2,809,764	\$ 99,877	\$ 3,039,117	220	25	50	\$ 392,521,740	\$ 22,531,651
83	295	Belt	Belt Water System Improvements	Minimum AND Competitive Grant	TOWN	Cascade	Drinking Water	\$ 113,344	\$ 870,000	\$ 1,064,068	\$ 2,047,412	220	25	50	\$ 393,391,740	\$ 22,644,995
83	295	Cut Bank	City of Cut Bank Water System Improvements	Competitive Grant	CITY	Glacier	Drinking Water	\$ -	\$ 3,228,100	\$ 3,228,100	\$ 6,456,200	220	25	50	\$ 396,619,840	\$ 22,644,995

F.1 INTEREST IN CONNECTION



July 14th, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as an initial indicator that the Big Sky School District #72 would be interested in potentially participating in the Canyon Water and Sewer District. While the District would need to hear more about the project and our role in said project, we are aware of the benefits that participation in a Canyon Water and Sewer District would bring for us as a public entity. Please let me know what else you may need for us at this time and juncture in the project.

Respectfully,

Dustin Shipman - electronic

Dr. Dustin Shipman

Superintendent

July 12, 2021

To: Scott Altman
From: John Romney, Managing Member, BFH Holdings, LLC
Re: Support of Canyon Sewer District

Dear Mr. Altman:

Thank you for the information provided and all the work you have done to date with regard to the Canyon Sewer District project. This project is extremely important for the Big Sky and greater Gallatin river communities.

BFH Holdings, LLC currently owns approximately 180 acres of largely undeveloped commercial and residential property in the Big Sky canyon area and is a potential significant user of and beneficiary of the Canyon Sewer District Project. At full build out the property owned by BFH Holdings could contain over 70 residences and over 120,000 sqf of commercial development.

We are interested in learning more about the project, supporting the implementation of the project and one day becoming customers/users of the project.

Please keep me informed and let me know how we can be supportive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JR', is written over the typed name.

John Romney
Managing Member, BFH Holdings, LLC



August 26, 2021

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
1539 115h Avenue, P.O. Box 201601
Helena, MT 59620

To the Infrastructure Advisory Commission,

The Gallatin Watershed Council (GWC) strongly supports the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District's (BSCWSD) proposals for American Rescue Plan Act funding.

The Gallatin Watershed Council guides collaborative water stewardship in the Gallatin Valley for a healthy and productive landscape. Because the health of the Lower Gallatin Watershed is reliant on clean water in the Upper Gallatin Watershed, GWC is invested in partnering with our upstream neighbors to support projects and infrastructure that will benefit the health of the entire Gallatin River.

The proposed sewerage of the Gallatin Canyon and expansion of the BSCWSD's existing water resource recovery facility will both reduce nutrients from individual septic systems to the watershed as well as pave the way for wastewater reuse options in the canyon, furthering common goals for protection of the Gallatin County's most important resources. We encourage your broad support of these proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly Hill".

Holly Hill
Executive Director
Gallatin Watershed Council

July 12, 2021

To: Scott Altman
From: John Romney, President, Lazy J Utility Association
Re: Support of Canyon Sewer District

Dear Mr. Altman:

Thank you for the information provided and all the work you have done to date with regard to the Canyon Sewer District project. This project is extremely important for the Big Sky and greater Gallatin river communities.

The Lazy J Utility Association currently provides wastewater and sewer treatment services to commercial and residential users in the Gallatin Canyon through an existing, MT DEQ approved 20,000 gallon per day drain field. As the LJUA continues to grow, we believe we would be an important user and customer of a future Canyon Sewer District.

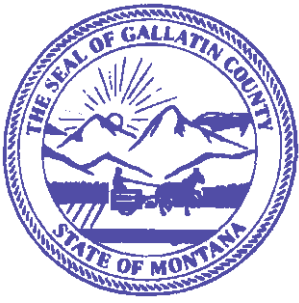
We are interested in learning more about the project, supporting the implementation of the project and one day becoming customers/users of the project.

Please keep me informed and let me know how we can be supportive.

Sincerely,



John Romney
President, Lazy J Utility Association



GALLATIN COUNTY

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County Commission

Scott MacFarlane
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July 14, 2021

Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation
1539 11th Ave., P.O. Box 201601
Helena, MT 59620-1601

To the Infrastructure Advisory Commission,

The Big Sky County Water and Sewer District (BSCWSD) and recently formed Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District (GCWSD) are collectively working on two infrastructure project applications for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding:

1. Sewering the Gallatin Canyon and pumping wastewater to the BSCWSD's Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF), and
2. Expanding and upgrading the BSCWSD's existing WRRF to enable it to accept Gallatin Canyon wastewater along with existing and future development within the District's own boundary while treating the wastewater to Montana DEQ Class A-1 standards to minimize nutrient loading in the Gallatin River watershed.

The infrastructure necessary to sewer the Gallatin Canyon corridor and pump the wastewater to the BSCWSD WRRF will cost an estimated \$25 to \$35M to design and construct, but will eventually eliminate septic systems in the corridor, protect the main stem Gallatin River as well groundwater potable wells in the area. Expanding and upgrading the BSCWSD is costing \$41.4M for construction, and an additional approximately \$10M for engineering, financing, and construction administration. Three bid alternates that would be needed with inclusion of Gallatin Canyon wastewater could not be accepted upon bidding, due to BSCWSD ratepayer affordability. Together, if added to the project, these bid alternatives would add another approximately \$8.5M to the project.

Due to the high costs for this infrastructure the Districts are pursuing ARPA grant monies. Together, these projects provide improved protection of our region's environment and drinking water supply, while enabling development of affordable housing for the area's stressed workforce.

There will be two applications aligning with the infrastructure projects described above. The first application, for sewerage the Gallatin Canyon and pumping the wastewater to BSCWSD's Big Sky WRRF, will be led by the newly formed Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District, and will be for the maximum funding amount of \$25 million.

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The second application, for the Big Sky WRRF Phase 1 three bid alternates that were not awardable upon bidding, will be led by BSCWSD for \$8.5 million. The BSCWSD will also ask for an additional \$16.5 million for the WRRF Phase 1 project which is under contract. This will make our request 25 million dollars.

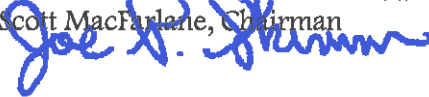
The Commissioners believe that these projects require and benefit the County taxpayers. The County also endorses these projects to be given serious consideration.

Thank you,

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Scott MacFarlane, Chairman



Joe P. Skinner, Member



Zach Brown, Member

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TO: Montana ARPA Infrastructure Advisory Commission
c/o Ms. Anna Miller
1539 11th Ave
P.O. Box 201601, Helena, MT 59620-1601

FROM: Madison County Commission

DATE: July 13, 2021

RE: Federal American Rescue Plan Act and funding for infrastructure projects.

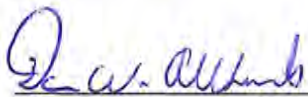
The Madison County Commission is writing this letter in support of the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District (BSCWSD) and Gallatin Canyon Water and Sewer District (GCWSD) project applications for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding including:

1. Request for the maximum funding amount of \$25 million for GCWSD to sewer the Gallatin Canyon and pump wastewater to the BSCWSD's Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF)
2. Request for \$25 million in funding for the Big Sky WRRF Phase 1 and bid alternates to expand and upgrade the BSCWSD's WRRF to enable it to accept Gallatin Canyon wastewater along with existing and future development within its own boundary while treating the wastewater to Montana DEQ Class A-1 standards to minimize nutrient loading in the Gallatin River watershed.

The BSCWSD serves a portion of Madison County, and these projects will benefit the Madison County portion of the Big Sky Area.

Together, these projects provide improved protection of our region's environment and drinking water supply, while enabling development of affordable housing for the area's stressed workforce.

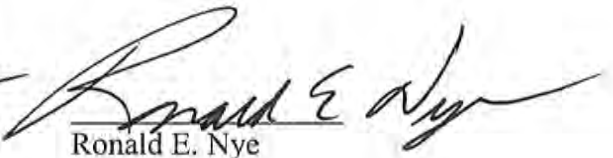
Respectfully,



Dan W. Allhands, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Madison County



James P. Hart



Ronald E. Nye



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August 23, 2021

Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation
1539 11th Ave., P.O. Box 201601
Helena, MT 59620-1601

To the Infrastructure Advisory Commission,

The Gallatin Canyon County Water and Sewer District (GCCWSD), Big Sky County Water and Sewer District (BSCWSD), and Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD) are currently working towards a centralized sewer system in the “canyon area” below Big Sky. The project addresses fundamental community needs and environmental sustainability including:

1. Infrastructure to support workforce housing that is currently extremely lacking;
2. Retiring septic systems that present notable human health risks and detrimental nutrient loading to the Gallatin River;
3. Address current disposal limitations and operational risks associated with lack of disposal redundancy; and
4. Improve long-term sustainability by promoting water conservation through treated effluent reuse, groundwater recharge, and mitigating resource intensive development sprawl.

The Gallatin Conservation District would like to endorse these efforts. Such a project has been needed for years, and from an environmental standpoint, the benefits to our natural resources are many. Due to the heavy financial lift of the project, Gallatin Conservation District writes this letter in support of funding, in part, being provided through the ARPA infrastructure bill.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hansen", written over a white background.

Michael Hansen
Chairman of the Board
Gallatin Conservation District
p: 406-282-4350 • e: becky@gallatincd.org