

## MEETING SCHEDULE

The District generally meets the third Tuesday of each month at the District office located at 561 Little Coyote Road. The public is invited to all Board meetings and your input is welcomed. Please call the District office at 406-995-2660 to confirm meeting times and dates.

## MOVED LATELY?

If you have had a change in your mailing address, please let us know. You may update our mailing information by writing, emailing, or by calling our office at 406-995-2660.

### GALLATIN COUNTY ELECTION DEPT.

311 W. Main, Room 210  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
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### BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

561 Little Coyote Road  
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## BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT No. 363

P.O. Box 160670, Big Sky, MT 59716

### NOVEMBER 3RD DIRECTOR ELECTION & VOTING INFORMATION

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#### Staff:

*Ron Edwards, General Manager*  
*Marlene Kennedy, Assist. Administrator*  
*Terry Smith, Financial Officer*  
*Denny Black, Operator*  
*Grant Burroughs, Engineer/Operator*  
*Eric Daniels, Assistant Operator*  
*Jim Muscat, Operator*  
*Nic Wellenstein, Operator*

#### Board of Directors:

*Paul "Packy" Cronin, President*  
*Gary McRae, Vice-President*  
*Dick Fast, Secretary*  
*Dick Allgood, Director*  
*Dr. Jeffery Daniels, Director*  
*Bill Olson, Director*  
*Bill Shropshire, Director*

FIRST CLASS MAIL



October 2009

DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION

406-995-2660

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The Big Sky County Water and Sewer District has two Board of Director positions up for election on November 3rd. The elected terms for Bill Shrophshire and Dr. Jeffrey Daniels expire in November.

DIRECTOR  
ELECTION

NOVEMBER  
3rd

MAIL BALLOT  
ELECTION

In accordance with Montana law, the Gallatin County Election Department administers this election on behalf of the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363. The county will conduct this election as a "Mail Ballot Election."

Three candidates have filed petitions with the Gallatin County Elections Department to be on the ballot for the election. The candidates are Dr. Jeff Daniels, Bill Shropshire, and Betsey Weltner. For more information about the candidates, please refer to page 2.

CANDIDATE  
PROFILES

SEE PAGE 2

### ELECTION & VOTING INFORMATION

This year, the election for District Board of Directors is being conducted as a "Mail Ballot Election". Registered voters who are allowed to vote in the November election fall into two categories:

1. Registered electors who reside in the District; or
2. Nonresident property owners who are registered to vote some other place within the United States and show proof of their registration.

#### Registered Electors Residing in the District

The Gallatin County Election Department will mail a ballot on October 9, 2009 to all residents within the District who are active registered voters. If you have not received your ballot by October 16th, please call the Gallatin County Election office at 406-582-3060.

#### Nonresident Property Owners Registered to Vote Within the United States

For all nonresident property owners, the only way to vote is to request a ballot. To qualify to vote, owners **must submit to Gallatin County individual proof of voter registration** in the jurisdiction where they are currently registered to vote in addition to their ballot application. The proof of registration form is provided on page 3. Please mail or fax the completed form to the Gallatin County Election Department.

After it has been approved, the election department will mail out a ballot. If you intend to vote, please send in your "Proof of Voter Registration Form" as soon as possible to allow enough time for the ballot to be mailed back to you, and then mailed back to the election department before November 3rd.

The county will accept completed application forms for absentee ballots via fax at 406-582-3068, or by regular mail until noon, **November 2, 2009**. **Faxed in ballots will not be accepted.**

#### Corporate Voting

The president, vice-president, or secretary of any corporation owning property within the District may vote on behalf of the corporation. Contact the Gallatin County Election Department for further information at (406) 582-3060.

#### Website

The District has a website where you can download the form to request a ballot at:  
[www.bigskywatersewer.com/elections.htm](http://www.bigskywatersewer.com/elections.htm)

#### Contact Information

If you have questions about the voting procedure, or the polling place election please contact:

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**CANDIDATE PROFILES...**

**JEFFREY A. DANIELS**

100 Beaverhead Trail  
PO Box 160609  
Big Sky, MT 59716



**Ownership Interest:** Owner of commercial property, Medical Clinic of Big Sky, within the District.

**Occupation:** Physician

**Personal Profile:** I have lived and worked in Big Sky for 16 years. I know most of the residents of Big Sky and feel that I have a good understanding of the needs of our community. I have served on the Sewer District Board since 2005 and on the Volunteer Fire Department. I am currently the medical director for Big Sky Search and Rescue. My medical clinic is located within the sewer district in the Town Center area of the Meadow Village.

**Position Statement:** The growth of Big Sky is important to many of us, but we have to understand that there is a limit to how fast and wide we can grow. We have to understand the limits of our infrastructure. We have to understand the wide range of factors that contribute to our thriving community, and plan to do things right, the first time, in order to insure Big Sky's success. I promise to dedicate myself to those goals.

**Description of Business Relationships & Ownerships in Big Sky:** Most people know that I was the first doctor to establish a practice in this community, and have been providing care since 1994. My wife, Evie, and I have dedicated ourselves to serve this community and will continue to do so.

**BILL SHROPSHIRE**

1519 Hinman Ave, Apt 2N  
Evanston, IL 60201

**Ownership Interest:** Owner of residential property in Sweetgrass Hills.

**Occupation:** I am a Metallurgical Engineer by education and have worked in that industry since 1961. I have been employed by American Chemet Corporation as its president since 1976. We manufacture and market powdered metal products at our East Helena, Montana, plant. Prior to joining American Chemet I served in the US Army and worked for International Nickel Company.



**Personal Profile:** I have been a member of the Big Sky Water & Sewer Board for eight years. I have enjoyed the challenge of its work. Although not a full time resident of Big Sky, I have attended over 75% of the meetings during my two terms either in person or by telephone.

I am a member of the Boards of Directors at American Chemet, Carus Chemicals Corporation and Magneco/Metrel and am Chairman of the Board at Peninsula Copper Industries. I serve on the Advisory Board for Materials Engineering at Purdue University and for Civil Engineering at Carroll College. I also serve as a Materials Engineering Program Evaluator for ABET's Engineering Accreditation Commission. Purdue named me a Distinguished Engineering Alumnus in 2000.

**Position Statement:** I believe the Water & Sewer District has done an outstanding job in providing increased sewage treatment and water storage to support Big Sky's growth well into the future. During the past four years it initiated and completed a major capital project aimed at increasing water availability to the Meadow Village by the integration of all four water systems within the district. Radio telemetry was installed on the mountain system to allow the District to move water around the Mountain Village and deliver it through a new Mountain to Meadow pipeline to systems in the district's lower elevations as needed. Additionally, two new wells have been proven and drilled in the Meadow system and are now awaiting state approval. New water service lines and mains have been installed at Silver Bow and Hidden Village and the clarity problem which had been an issue at Aspen Groves has been eliminated. The major issues now confronting the District are to insure appropriate use of vacant district land sought by other Big Sky agencies and utilities, participate in the work of the Blue Water Initiative, and complete the work required to improve the appearance of its facilities by installing rock liners on ponds 1 and 3. I'm dedicated to seeing these efforts through to conclusion.

**Description of Business Relationships & Ownerships in Big Sky:** My wife and I have been property owners in Big Sky since 1981. We currently have a house in Sweetgrass Hills which we built in 1997. We are part time residents and have no business interests, or relationships, at Big Sky. We are committed to Big Sky and its future and want to continue to work for its sustainable development.

**ELIZABETH (BETSEY) WELTNER**  
PO Box 161746  
Big Sky, MT 59716



**Ownership Interest:** Owner of an Alpenglow condo, Mountain Village. Full-time resident.

**Occupation:** President, Weltner Communications, a public affairs consulting firm based in Big Sky.

**Personal Profile:** Extensive professional experience in areas vital to the future success of the District:

Managing water, sewer, infrastructure and environmental issues

- Environmental legislative aide to a U.S. congressman in Washington, D.C.; worked on obtaining federal grants for municipalities and water and sewer systems

- Worked in staff positions for city and state governments

- Consultant on water and sewer issues to: city and county governments and public utilities; Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper; three Fortune 500 corporations.

Communications and public participation

- Managed many public meetings and public presentations on technical infrastructure issues

- Creative abilities that will be applied to improving the District's communications with the public, including public meetings and presentations, sharing information and news of public interest

- Commitment to public participation and planning

Proven business expertise

- Started and have managed my own business for over a decade
- Know how to achieve efficiencies and cost-savings, while aiming for innovation and creativity

Community involvement

- Big Sky LIFT (Lifting Families and Individuals with Financial Trouble) Community Advisory Board
- Montana Community Foundation board member

**Position Statement:** The Big Sky County Water & Sewer District is a key utility with the potential to make Big Sky an even better place in which to live, work and visit. The District's Board should reflect the **DIVERSITY, CREATIVITY, ENTHUSIASM** and innovative spirit of the people in this community. It needs to do more than set rates and manage the status quo. It needs to envision the quality future Big Sky residents and visitors deserve, and begin to work **TODAY** to achieve that vision – by engaging the ideas and expertise of Big Sky's people. This means taking on some tough issues such as water conservation and revisiting the boundaries of the District. It's the right thing to do and the time to do it. The Board should be working aggressively **NOW** to involve the community in long-term **PLANNING** to anticipate and deal with future challenges related to growth and resources. Our community needs and deserves **LEADERSHIP** in important areas such as water conservation and the future direction of our District. The Board

should work with the community to develop and promote voluntary water conservation guidelines. **ALIGNMENT** and **COOPERATION** with zoning and planning and other community organizations and businesses should be driven by the Board. We all share the same goal: a better Big Sky for businesses, families, full-time residents and visitors. **COST EFFICIENCIES** should be identified and adopted during this time of belt-tightening. Better **COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC** should be a priority, through publicized meetings and planning sessions and enhanced web-based communications.

**Description of Business Relationships & Ownerships in Big Sky:** President and sole owner, Weltner Communications, a public affairs consulting firm based in Big Sky.

**NONRESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS BALLOT APPLICATION  
GALLATIN COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT - GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA**

**NOTICE**

7-13-2255. Provision for vote by nonresident property owners. An elector owning real property within the district need not reside within the district in order to vote. 7-13-2212 (2) An individual who is the owner of such real property need not possess the qualifications required of an elector in 13-1-111(1)(c), provided that such elector is qualified if he is registered to vote in any state of the United States and files proof of such registration with the election administrator.

**VERIFICATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION**

**Nonresidents-** If you would like a ballot to vote on this election, please complete the applicable sections below and take this form to your local Election Official to be certified. Please return **COMPLETED** and **CERTIFIED** election forms to the Gallatin County Election Department to receive an absentee ballot form in time to vote on this election. The County election Department will not accept faxed or emailed absentee ballots.

**ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE GALLATIN COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT OFFICE BY  
8:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

**PART A TO BE COMPLETED BY ELECTION OFFICIAL**

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

County/City \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of said County/City do hereby certify that I am the lawful custodian of the voting records of said County/City. I further certify that \_\_\_\_\_ registered to vote in this County/City on \_\_\_\_\_ and is currently registered.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the SEAL of said County/City, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

**SEAL**

[ SIGNATURE OF ELECTION OFFICIAL ]

**PART B BALLOT REQUEST FORM: TO BE COMPLETED BY ELECTOR**

I \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, as owner of real property within the Big Sky County Water & Sewer District No. 363 do hereby make application for an Official Ballot for the election to be held **November 3, 2009**. The legal description of my real property within the district is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR ]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ DATE ]

**PART C MAILING INFORMATION**

Mail ballot to me at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail or Fax Completed Request To:

**Gallatin County Election Department  
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Fax (406) 582-3068**