

Until May 7, voters in the Big Sky community will submit mail-in ballots to decide numerous volunteer leadership positions for local special purpose districts. The various local districts across Gallatin and Madison counties include school, fire, water and sewer, and the Big Sky Resort Area District (Resort Tax).

On Tuesday, April 23, BSRAD organized a candidate forum event at The Waypoint. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with a meet and greet, followed by a moderated forum from 6 to 7:30.

Big Sky County Water and Sewer District

Four candidates for three seats—four-year term

Jerad Biggerstaff



Relevant involvement(s) in Big Sky community: Local builder and owner of Biggerstaff Construction, licensed realtor, serves on the Gallatin Gateway/Big Sky Zoning Advisory Committee, grew up in Big Sky and has been a community member for over 40 years.

Reason for running for this position: I am proud to be from Big Sky and want to support its healthy growth. I believe that the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District Board is a vital part of the future of this community.

Richard (Dick) Fast



Relevant involvement(s) in Big Sky community: Veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired from active duty as a Colonel, moved to Big Sky in May 2000 and has lived here since, taught skiing with Big Sky Snowsports School through March 2020, organized and was President of Aspen Groves Owners Association for 12 years, elected member of Big Sky County Water and Sewer District Board for last 20 years.

Reason for running for this position: I have served on the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District Board of Directors for the last 20 years, both as Secretary and Treasurer. My focus on the Board has been to represent our customers and ratepayers and to ensure that development in Big Sky reflects and respects our water resources and disposal capabilities. Protecting the environment, we enjoy here is paramount and will continue to be my primary goal if reelected this year.

Kent Volosin, MD



Relevant involvement(s) in the Big Sky community: Currently on the board of Aspen Groves Owners Association and a member of Big Sky Search and Rescue, has spent years on the board of BSOA, and the Shoshone Owners Association and still active on the BSOA advisory board.

Reason for running for this position: I have been a Big Sky owner since 2003. I currently live in Aspen Groves with my wife. In a previous life I was a marine biologist studying the effects of discharge effluent on freshwater marine life. I also care significantly about proper and fair use of our freshwater resources. I firmly believe that strategic planning will allow for appropriate resource conservation management. We should manage capital improvements with fiducial responsibility and community involvement.

Mike Wilcynski



Relevant involvement(s) in Big Sky community: Currently serves on the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District Board and works as general manager of Moonlight Basin. Mike's wife Jenny, daughters Josie and Maddie, have been full-time residents of the Big Sky community for 20-plus years.

Reason for running for this position: I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the BSCWSD board. The district is constantly evolving new leadership, new treatment facility, we have more tools in our arsenal for water and wastewater management, and talent that can position us as a regional leader in this space. I believe my background and institutional knowledge can benefit the district as we

Ballot item: Formation of the Firelight Meadows County Water and Sewer District

Registered residents and owners in Firelight Meadows may vote to create a water and sewer district. State law requires 40% of qualified electors to vote in favor of creating a district, meaning that voters who don't participate effectively vote no. Concerned owners drive this effort to address Firelight's sewer system, which does not meet DEQ treatment requirements. Treating wastewater to the new standard will require substantial capital improvements. Establishing this district comes at no cost, offers the chance to apply for grants to cover expenses, and presents a solution for enhanced wastewater treatment that will benefit the Big Sky community. – *Karen Macklin, Firelight owner*