

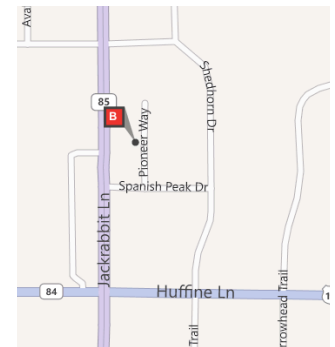
Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 11th, 2012 4 PM
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Also in attendance were directors Ron Edwards, Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, Eric Becker, and San Schwalbe. Absent was director Mike Richter.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack moved and Sue seconded to approve the minutes from 11-16-12. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Ron moved and Jack seconded to approve the financial report from 01-11-11. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Budget (Kristin): Kristin presented the board with a proposed budget for 2012-2013. The financial outlook will greatly depend on Big Sky Resort Area District funding. Jon encouraged the board to promote the work of the BWTF to new BSRAD board members. Kristin will be working on a fundraising plan to diversify funding sources. Eric suggested a summer fundraising event similar to the fly fishing tournament in Jackson Hole. Jon will meet with the organizers of the Jackson fly-fishing tournament when he goes to Jackson in a couple of weeks.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Water quality sampling event (Kristin, Alicia, Jon): Kristin, Jon, Alicia, and Wynnie conducted a water quality sampling event on December 13th. There were no red flags observed in the data.
 - b. Alicia's work (Alicia)
 - i. Snowfluent sampling (Alicia): Alicia is collecting snow cores for snowfluent study. Snow chemistry showed a decrease in total coliform after snowspraying in 3 out of 3 samples. Approximately a month after spraying was completed, there was a decrease in total nitrogen in 2 out of 3 samples.
 - a. Recent Snowfluent Press Release (Kristin):
<http://www.explorebigsky.com/newspost/effluent-snowmaking-pilot-project-on-track>
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 - a. Rain Garden (4th grade): Alicia has been working with the 4th graders on ground water and water quality curriculum to coincide with the rain garden project.
 - b. Septic Outreach (6th grade): Alicia has been working with the 6th graders on the septic outreach project and coinciding curriculum (e.g. wastewater disposal and groundwater contamination)

- iii. Sampling Analysis Plan for Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring: Alicia and Kristin are working on a Sampling Analysis Plan for the BWTF volunteer water quality monitoring program to be approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MTDEQ). MTDEQ approval will add credibility to the BWTF water quality data.
- iv. Data entry and analysis: Alicia has been working on data entry and analyzing data for the West Fork Nitrogen Monitoring Project.
- c. Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) sampling (Kristin): Kristin received notice from Alan English at the Gallatin Local Water Quality District that the MDOT is sampling for Total Suspended Solids, Magnesium, and Chloride on the Upper Gallatin. Kristin will call the MDOT to find out more about this study.
- d. Gallatin Conservation District Meeting (Kristin)
 - i. Memorandum of Understanding (Kristin): The GCD agreed to sponsor a grant from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to partially support the cash match required for the Big Sky Watershed Corps program. Kristin will be working with the GCD to develop a MOU and a Scope of Work for Alicia.
- e. Fundraising Training (Kristin): The fundraising training is set for Wednesday, January 25th in Four Corners at the Interactive Water Use Resource and Conservation Center.
- f. Wastewater Solutions Forum Update (Jon/Ron): No update from the Wastewater Solutions Forum.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. TBD: Gallatin Health Department meeting to assess future priorities/vision.
- b. January 19th: AM snowfluent sampling event
- c. January 25th: Fundraising Training in Four Corners at the Interactive Water Use Resource Conservation Center (IWURC): 7539 Pioneer Way, Suite B, Four Corners
- d. January 26th Greater Gallatin Watershed Council Annual Meeting at Holiday Inn in Bozeman @ 5:30 pm.
- e. January 31st at noon: Meeting at MBMG in Butte to discuss West Fork Nitrogen Monitoring data.
- f. Next board meeting date: February 8th, 2012 at Big Sky Water and Sewer District at 4 pm.



7. Open Discussion

Kristin will work with San to write the final article from the board on water issues for the Lone Peak Lookout.

Jon, Kristin, and Alicia attended the Annual Meeting of the Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators on December 8th. The meeting had interesting discussion on the exempt well issue.

- 8. **Adjournment:** The board adjourned the meeting at 5:05.