

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Holtzman at 6:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Directors Mindy Nowakowski, Mary Jane McGarity, and Caroline Henley, and Coordinator Katie Alvin.
 2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Board reviewed the minutes and Mary Jane noted that she did not make the comments about the Ramshorn subdivision water issue. Katie will change the minutes to read that Mindy made those comments. Caroline moved and Mary Jane seconded to approve the minutes with the change. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. **Organizational Issues**
 - a. Follow-up on strategic planning meeting. The group reviewed the notes from the last meeting on October 1. It was suggested that Katie email Ron, Meg, and Eric and review our latest steps, since they have not been at the last two meetings.
 - b. Next steps for strategic planning? Jon suggested we review the goals and mission that we came up with at the last meeting to see if they fit with our ongoing discussion. Is there anything that isn't right? Anything we don't feel good about? How will the public view this effort? Mary Jane mentioned that we should have the definition of a watershed included in our talking points. Katie suggested outlining the difference between the BWTF effort and other watershed efforts in the area. Jon would like to formally adopt the mission statement at the next meeting. Logical next steps would include developing a work plan. But if we are going to be tackling the TMDL plan, the work plan will have to include the tasks involved with that project. The Board is in agreement that the sampling program is very important, but that we need input about the best parameters to keep tabs on. Pete Schade (from DEQ) will be invited to the next meeting to help us with how to design a sampling strategy that meets the needs of the TMDL plan as well as the needs of our watershed.
 - c. Discuss job description & title for Katie's position (see attached). Mindy moved and Caroline seconded to approve the job description for Executive Director. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Discuss contract for Katie's position (see attached). Mindy moved and Caroline seconded to approve the contract for Katie's position with the following changes: in Section 2, include a termination date of June 30, 2005 or pursuant to Section 15; and in Section 8, add auto insurance to the list of insurance required by the subcontractor. Motion carried unanimously. An edited copy of the contract will be signed next meeting.
 - e. The next meeting date was tentatively set for December 10 at 6 p.m. but may be changed to accommodate other board members or Pete.
 4. **Financial Report (See Account Report):**
 - a. Checks Received: None
 - b. Invoices:
 - i. Katie's Coordinator Invoice: \$775.18
 - c. Expenses to approve:
 - i. None
- Mary Jane moved and Mindy seconded to pay the invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Scientific Report:

- a. Ophir Bug Rodeo re-cap. Katie said the Bug Rodeo was a big success and there should be a favorable article in the Lookout about it.

6. Public Relations Report:

- a. Look for a Lone Peak Lookout article regarding the Bug Rodeo
- b. Rotary Club presentation was successful. Jon suggested we try to do some sort of joint project with the Rotary Club.

7. Open Discussion:

- a. Mindy went to the MT state water law conference last week. There are some interesting proposed changes to the statutes which would allow the DNRC to put a fee on all water right owners in order to pay for the adjudication process. There was also a lot of discussion about new wells.

8. Adjournment