

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
February 23, 2005, 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Holtzman. Also in attendance were Directors Mary Jane McGarity, Mindy Nowakowski, Brad Parsch, and Caroline Henley; and Executive Director Katie Alvin.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mary Jane corrected the reference to “E&O” (Errors and Omissions) insurance to “D&O” (Directors and Officers) insurance. Mindy moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mary Jane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report: (account summary attached)

- a. Checks Received: None
- b. Invoices:
 - i. Katie’s Coordinator Invoice (attached): \$485.00
****VOTE: Acknowledge checks and pay invoices*
- c. Expenses to approve:
 - i. Montana Corporation Annual Report: \$15.00
 - ii. Application fee for 501c3: \$500.00
****VOTE: Approve expenses*

The board acknowledged all checks and invoices, and approved the expenses.

4. Old Business

- a. TMDL update: Pete will be turning in an official proposal next week. There is a public information/education component implied in our coordination of the efforts. The Board discussed how to approach raising money to meet the 40% in-kind match required for the TMDL project. We need to raise \$53,333. Caroline suggested we approach each of the “big players” in the area and ask for donations. We could ask for a letter of commitment that would provide for payment of a “pledge” upon BWTF’s granting of IRS tax-exemption. Katie will work on a prospectus and a letter that mentions a follow-up call. The Board would like to do face-to-face contacts.
- b. Kristin Gardner: Discussion of her nutrient study and cooperation with BWTF. Please note she will be co-presenting the next BSI Mountains and Minds Lecture scheduled for Thursday, March 3 at 7PM at the Lone Mountain Ranch. Kristin described her project. There are three components: water quality sampling, land use mapping, and an analysis of how the land use might be linked to water quality measures. The sampling part of the program will include four “synoptic” sampling events where 50 sites will be sampled all at the same time. She hopes that BWTF can help with the volunteer effort that will be required. She is also trying to find money to put a stream gauge on the West Fork. A monitored USGS gauge could cost up to \$13,000. A volunteer monitored gauge could cost as little as \$5,000.
- c. FYI: The Upper Gallatin River ORW EIS Bill passed the Senate. It will be heard in front of the House on March 30 at 3 pm.

5. New Business

- a. The Board acknowledged Meg O’Leary’s resignation (attached).

- b. Resort Tax Application: Jon will help Katie with the application.
 - i. Need to meet with Sarah/Board re: last year's request being used completely differently than we thought...who would like to help with this?
 - ii. Will need to do rollover on top of regular request
- c. Update on sampling strategy: Need to start working on an official work plan ASAP. Would like to include/incorporate into resort tax app. Mary Jane will help Katie with the work plan.
- d. Montana Watercourse Gallatin River Tour: June 27, 2005. They would like BWTF to present on community involvement in watershed efforts. The Board would like to be involved.
- e. Directors & Officers insurance update. Mary Jane will pursue getting insurance quotes.
- f. The next meeting will take place on March 29, time to be announced.

6. Open Discussion:

- a. Katie mentioned that we have the web site domain, but no content. Mary Jane talked about the BSOA expanded web site that is being developed. They hope to have a community pages section that would allow for groups like BWTF to have representation. Since BWTF has all the content prepared but just needs help with editing, Mary Jane thought their web designer may be able to help.

7. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Alvin

Attachments:

- 1. Bank account report
- 2. Invoice: Carto-Logic GIS, Inc.
- 3. Meg O'Leary resignation

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Account Transactions

BWTF

12/22/2004 Through 1/27/2005

Opening Balance as of 12/22/2004 2,059.76

Num	Date	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount	Running Balance
	12/29/2004	Go Daddy	BWTF : Web Site		(9.95)	2,049.81
1158	1/27/2005	Carto-Logic GIS	BWTF : coordination fees		(250.00)	1,799.81
Grand Total					(259.95)	1,799.81



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PAID DATE: _____ CHECK #.

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INVOICE

Invoice Number: BWTF-0502

Date: November 15, 2005

Client: Blue Water Task Force

Contact Information: Mindy Nowakowski 995-7598

Project: Blue Water Task Force coordination

DESCRIPTION OF WORK		HOURS/RATE
1-31-05	Meeting follow-up	0.5
2-1-05	SWCS Conference Day 1 (9:00 to 10:00, 10:30 to 11:30, 1:00 to 3:00, 3:30 to 5:30)	6.0
2-2-05	SWCS Conference Day 2 (8:00 to 9:30, 10:00 to 11:30)	3.0
2-3-05	Work with Kristin Gardner (stream gauge request)	1.0
2-4-05	Minutes; Review web site files; 501c3 application	3.0
2-7-05	Review TMDL aerial photo project plan; 501c3 application	4.25
2-8-05	Discuss potential Big Sky projects with Steve Custer (MSU)	0.5
2-15-05	Review sampling strategy guidelines	1.75
2-21-05	501c3 application	1.0
2-22-05	501c3 application; prepare agenda	3.25

TOTAL HRS: 24.25 @ \$20/hr.

Total: \$485.00

For billing inquiries, please contact us at 406-995-4601. Payment is appreciated within 30 days of billing.

Thank you!

From: OLeary, Meg [moleary@bigskyresort.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2005 7:55 PM
To: Katie Alvin
Subject: O'Leary resignation

Dear Board Members of Blue Water Task Force,

Thank you for accepting my official resignation of the BWTF. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to at least try to work it into my schedule. Although, I only made it to one meeting, I enjoyed it.

Meg O'Leary
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