

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
March 29, 2005, 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of Nowakowski Law. In attendance were Board members Jon Holtzman (Chair), Mary Jane McGarity (Vice-Chair), Mindy Nowakowski (Secretary-Treasurer), Ron Edwards, Eric Becker, and Caroline Henley; and Katie Alvin.

2. Approval of Minutes: Mindy moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report (attached):

a. Checks Received: None

b. Invoices:

i. Katie's Coordinator Invoice (attached): \$365.00

****VOTE: Acknowledge checks and pay invoices*

ii. Expenses to approve: None

Eric moved and Mary Jane seconded to pay the invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Old Business

a. FYI: EIS Bill is going to be heard before House on Wednesday March 30, at 3:00. Jon handed out a letter he wrote in support of the bill (attached).

b. FYI: 501c3 Application received

c. FYI: Final TMDL proposal was submitted to EPA (attached). There was discussion regarding why we have to come up with a 40% match for a project that is mandated by state and federal government. Katie explained that to the best of her knowledge, local entities are encouraged to get involved and that the match money provides an opportunity for cooperation from a variety of sources. If there isn't local sponsorship, the resulting TMDL plan may be less thorough, and potentially less meaningful.

d. Sampling Strategy: Katie met with MT Watercourse. We're right on track with our plan. The Board advised Katie to work with the Watercourse to create training to sample water quality based on our existing protocols. We would also like to sample bugs two times a year base on the EPA's suggestion of sampling late March/early April and late October/early November. The training should be given to a core group including the Board, and videotaped for future use.

e. Resort Tax Application: Need to schedule special meeting to work on this. Jon and Katie will work on and get turned in.

- f. D&O Insurance: Mary Jane sent in an application to Cincinnati Insurance.
- g. Fundraising plan: Jon drafted a letter to Denise Touhy, accountant for the Yellowstone Club Dreamcatcher Foundation. He will incorporate our suggestions, have Mary Jane and Mindy help with editing, and send a final letter to her. (Final letter attached)

5. New Business

- a. Katie's contract & assistance: Katie mentioned that it is likely that she would hire someone to work for her if she continued to contract with the BWTF for the coming year (her contract is up June 28) and she wants to be sure that is okay with the Board. The Board would like to talk about how that might work when re-contracting comes up.
- b. Katie asked the Board how they would like to receive meeting materials. It was suggested that Katie email a packet of materials ahead of time so that items can be reviewed before the meeting.
- c. There is a group of organizations that is trying to apply for an EPA targeted watershed grant. They have asked Katie for BWTF representation. The Board approved her attendance to the meeting.

6. Open Discussion:

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 27, 3:30 p.m. Mindy's conference room

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Alvin

Attachments:

- 1. Bank account transactions
- 2. Invoice: Carto-Logic GIS, Inc.
- 3. Jon's letter to the Natural Resources Committee
- 4. TMDL Project Description
- 5. Jon's letter to Dreamcatcher (Denise Touhy/Yellowstone Club)

Approved: _____

Date: _____

**Account Transactions
BWTF**

2/23/2005 Through 3/29/2005

Num	Date	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance as of 2/23/2005						1,789.86
Month Ending 2/28/2005						
1159	2/23/2005	Carto-Logic GIS		BWTF : coord fees	-485	1,304.86
1160	2/23/2005	Montana SOS	MT Corp ann rep	BWTF : Legal	-15	1,289.86
1161	2/23/2005	irs	501c3 appl.	BWTF : Legal	-500	789.86
	2/28/2005	Go Daddy		BWTF : Web Site	-9.95	779.91
Total Month Ending 2/28/2005					1,009.95	
Month Ending 3/31/2005						
	3/29/2005	Go Daddy		BWTF : Web Site	-9.95	769.96
1162	3/29/2005	Carto-Logic GIS		BWTF : coord fees	-365	404.96
Total Month Ending 3/31/2005					-374.95	
Grand Total					1,384.90	404.96