

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
April 27, 2005, 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Caroline moved and Mindy seconded to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:**
 - a. Account Balance (see Transaction Report handout): \$404.96
 - b. Checks Received: None
 - c. BSWSD has been invoiced for expected remainder of BWTF funds...not what we asked for but what we are using. Based on estimates in the upcoming Resort Tax application, this invoice is for \$3463.20 (handout).
 - d. Invoices:
 - i. Katie's Coordinator Invoice (handout): \$590.00
 - ii. Expenses to approve: None

Mindy moved and Brad seconded to acknowledge the financial report approve paying the invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Old Business**
 - a. FYI: EIS Bill was defeated, but funding appeared in the State's main spending bill. DEQ still isn't making any promises that the EIS will be completed.
 - b. FYI: 501c3 exemption status has been granted (handout)
 - c. FYI: Final TMDL proposal was submitted to EPA. Pete Schade, DEQ's Project Leader for this TMDL, has said that it sounds like EPA is going to approve it. Meanwhile, the timeline has been changed to give the Gallatin another year. This doesn't affect the current funding proposal, but does lighten the load a bit.
 - d. FYI: Resort Tax Application: Completed and turned in. Hard copies for everyone.
 - e. Sampling Update: The Board selected June 8th for the first sampling day this summer. Katie will be sure all the equipment is in order and contact MT Watercourse for their help. We will also have the training recorded so we can use it later.
 - f. D&O Insurance: Mary Jane wondered if we might be able to get a policy under another organization's "umbrella", like the GGWC. Katie will check with GGWC to see if this is possible.

- g. Fundraising plan: Jon sent a letter to Denise Touhy, accountant for the Yellowstone Club Dreamcatcher Foundation. Denise responded back enthusiastically. Jon will provide more information as he receives it. Katie will prepare a fundraising plan framework once the board agrees upon a plan of work.

5. New Business

- a. Review DRAFT Work Plan & Budget (handout): Tabled for the next meeting.
- b. EPA targeted watershed grant update. The group of applicants is proposing a groundwater/surface water relationship study in the Big Sky area. (handout) The Board decided they would like to be in the loop with the project and act as a local community contact. Katie will contact the group of applicants and have them talk to the BWTF board about how we can help them.
- c. Newsletter: The Board would like to start doing a newsletter in July. It should be an e-newsletter and can be done either quarterly or monthly. Will discuss at a future meeting, upon moving forward with the TMDL project.

6. Open Discussion:

- a. Katie needs to check with Pete Schade about whether or not we need to round up letters of support for the TMDL project.
- b. The board would like to compile a policy statement like the one Katie emailed out. Will review at a future meeting.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 1st, 6:00 p.m. Mindy's conference room

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Alvin

Approved: _____

Date: _____