

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2005, 1:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Directors Mary Jane McGarity, Eric Becker, Caroline Henley, and Ron Edwards; Executive Director Katie Alvin; and Debbie Zarnt, MT Watercourse Community Outreach Coordinator.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron moved and Mary Jane seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:**
 - a. Account Balance (see attached transaction report): \$3585.97
 - b. Checks Received:
 - i. BSWSD (resort tax remainder): \$3463.97
 - c. Invoices for which to approve payment:
 - i. Carto-Logic GIS: \$630.00
 - ii. Hach Company (supplies) \$225.90
 - iii. Ben Meadows (supplies) \$ 74.68
 - iv. Micrology Labs (supplies) \$161.33
 - v. Big Sky CPO \$ 48.00
 - d. Expenses to approve: NONE
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Resort Tax allocation: BWTF received the entire amount requested: \$39,400.
 - b. TMDL contract should be en route from DEQ by the end of the week. Katie will prepare a news release when the deal is sealed.
 - c. Sampling Update: The first sampling day was June 8th, the day of the meeting. Debbie Zarnt from the MT Watercourse accompanied the group.
 - d. D&O Insurance: The option to get insurance under another organization's "umbrella" is not possible. Mary Jane will follow up on quotes and report at the next meeting.
 - e. Fundraising: Jon is still trying to reach Bob Sumpter from the Yellowstone Club. He has a few questions before going forward with a donation. Jon will also go forward with approaching some other local donors.

- f. The group reviewed the draft Work Plan & Budget. Additional comments should be forwarded to Katie by close of business on Monday. A couple initial suggestions for projects included holding a workshop or seminar to highlight good examples of what local developers are doing to demonstrate good stewardship, and doing a conservation landscaping demonstration project.

5. New Business:

- a. Katie will be on vacation from the 18th through the 23rd. John will be on vacation from the 18th to the 27th.
- b. Katie's contract is up June 30th. She and Jon will meet to discuss a new contract before they both go out of town.
- c. The Gallatin Local Water Quality District Board meets on July 7th at 8:15 a.m. They would entertain a suggestion to expand the district boundaries to include the Big Sky area if it was brought up. Jon said he might try to attend. Ron will try to pull up the letter he sent to the District a few years ago. Expanding the district would provide educational and financial resources to the area.
- d. The Greater Gallatin Watershed Council is looking for new board members and would be interested in having a BWTF representative. Mary Jane is willing to sit on the GGWC board. Katie will contact GGWC and let them know. They are holding their annual meeting on June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Belgrade Senior Center.
- e. The online EPA Watershed Academy is holding a web cast called "Eight tools for watershed protection in developing areas". The online session is closed, but Katie will get transcripts for the board.

6. Open Discussion:

- a. During the Work Plan discussion, Eric asked about how the BWTF would approach issues like the ORW designation. Should we take a stand on issues? The general consensus is that the BWTF should focus on science, education, and information. If a specific issue comes up that the BWTF considers critical, a position statement may be made.

7. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Alvin

Approved: _____

Date: _____