

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
June 29, 2005, 10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Jon Holtzman. Also in attendance were Directors Mindy Nowakowski, Mary Jane McGarity, Brad Parsch, Ron Edwards, and Eric Becker.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Eric moved and Mindy seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:**
 - a. Account Balance (see attached transaction report): \$2446.06
 - b. Checks Received: NONE
 - c. Invoices for which to approve payment:
 - i. Carto-Logic GIS: \$735.00Mary Jane moved and Mindy seconded to approve payment of invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Expenses to approve:
 - i. MWCC Watershed Coordinators
Retreat Registration Fee: \$100Mindy moved and Brad seconded to approve expenses. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. FYI: Mary Jane is on Greater Gallatin Watershed Council Board representing BWTF.
 - b. FYI: Sampling Update: A data summary is attached. Nitrate data is no good: it appears that our spectrophotometer needs to be serviced. Mary Jane suggested that all formal reports include a signature line for official approval.
 - c. Gallatin Local Water Quality District annexation. With BWTF presence, is this still necessary? Their next monthly board meeting is July 7th. The board would like a representative from the GLWQD to attend our next board meeting. Katie will arrange the invitation.
 - d. TMDL contract needs to be signed. Mindy suggested some additional language to indemnify the BWTF board members. She and Mary Jane will work with Katie to finalize the contract with DEQ and Jon will sign when it's ready.
 - e. D&O Insurance update: Mary Jane will proceed with getting insurance for the BWTF. We need this to comply with DEQ contract requirements.
 - f. Fundraising: Jon does not have an update on approaching local donors this month.
 - g. Approval of Work Plan & Budget. Ammendments:
 - i. Change the vision statement to read "A community that protects and preserves the Gallatin Watershed"
 - ii. Objective F: include water *quantity* issues

- iii. Goal 8 and Objective I: change the word “balanced” to “responsible”
- iv. Objective P: remove “through Ophir School Service Learning Projects”

Mary Jane moved and Mindy seconded to approve the Work Plan as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business:

- a. New Executive Director contract. Mary Jane will work with Katie to finalize this contract. Jon will sign when it is finished.
- b. Web site update underway. Katie meets with Net Wave on July 12. If you wish, review the old site and provide input!
- c. Request for letter of support/partnership with BSOA for Spur Road Trail project. Ron moved and Brad seconded to approve support of the Spur Road Trail project. Motion carried unanimously. Mary Jane (Executive Director of the BSOA) abstained.
- d. FYI: Grant Opportunities:
 - i. MT DNRC Watershed Planning Assistance Grant:
Up to \$10,000 for watershed activities, including administrative expenses. Grant goes through local Conservation District. Next deadline is October 1st.
 - ii. The Laura Jane Musser Fund Initiative to Promote Collaborative Process in Environmental Decision Making:
Gallatin Local Water Quality District and Montana Water Center are looking for partners to go in on a project regarding how to present scientific information to the non-scientist decision maker. Next deadline is October 1st.

6. Open Discussion: There were no additional items for discussion.

7. Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Alvin

Approved: _____

Date: _____