

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
October 4, 2005, 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** In attendance: Jon Holtzman, Mindy Nowakowski, Mary Jane McGarity, Brad Parsch, Eric Becker, and Caroline Henley
2. **Explanation of Packets:** Katie provided a folder with materials for Board use. She will provide binders and more reference material at a later date.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mindy moved and Mary Jane seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Financial Report: (only item 'g' needs a vote)**
 - a. Account Balance & Transactions (handout):
 - b. Budget Update (handout)
 - c. BWTF invoices Out:
 - i. BSRAD: \$2075.45
 - ii. DEQ: \$2324.50
 - iii. BSI: \$ 201.50 (reimbursement for the sandwiches at Kristin's sampling event)
 - d. Payments Received:
 - i. BSRAD: \$2809.95
 - e. Other income:
 - i. Big EZ \$1000.00
 - ii. Raffle \$ 245.00
 - iii. Water Center \$ 363.73
 - f. Invoices received (previously approved items):
 - i. Carto-Logic GIS: \$3750.00
 - ii. Netwave: \$ 640.00
 - g. Expenses to approve:
 - i. River Network Partnership \$100.00

Eric moved and Caroline seconded to approve the River Network Partnership. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Annexation to the Gallatin Local Water Quality District (handouts): After reviewing GLWQD duties and the pros and cons of a separate district vs. an annexed district, Mindy moved and Caroline seconded to approach the GLWQD board to request approval to pursue the feasibility of annexation to the existing district. Motion carried unanimously. Katie will attend the next GLWQD board meeting and report back. BWTF could help with public education campaign.
 - b. TMDL update:
 - i. Subcontract with Land and Water was signed for the water quality monitoring and assessment project. This is part of Task 4 of our TMDL contract, and is the project that is being funded in part by Resort Tax dollars.
 - ii. Kristin Gardner's sampling day was cold but went well. There was a good turnout.
 - iii. The next TMDL funding cycle approaching and Katie will be working with Pete to come up with some next steps to try to continue the work.
 - c. Fundraising:
 - i. Yellowstone Club check for \$30,000 is in the mail.

- ii. Our proposal for \$10,000 from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Watershed Planning and Assistance Grant will be brought to the Gallatin Conservation District to submit on our behalf. If the GCD agrees to submit the proposal, it will go to the DNRC for approval by Dave Martin, WPAG grant administrator.
- iii. The Gallatin Local Water Quality District submitted a public education proposal to the Musser Foundation. Blue Water Task Force is a partner. This will bring money in to pay for our participation in bringing scientific knowledge to decision-makers.

d. Reminder of October 5 GGWC tour & October 6 MWCC meeting

6. **New Business**

- a. Projector for meetings: Katie will talk to Ron about using a computer projector to cut down on handouts.
- b. The Gallatin River Outstanding Resource Water designation EIS is up for bid. Katie has a copy of the scope of work if anyone would like to see it.
- c. FYI: The first of two Resort Tax 05-06 reports was submitted October 1.
- d. Katie needs info and pictures from board members for web site.
- e. Involvement Opportunities (handout): Tabled
- f. Sampling schedule/ideas (handout): Tabled
- g. Outreach: newsletter/email/web strategy
Any other email addresses to add? (handout): Tabled
- h. October 18 sampling day PR: Katie, Jon and Brad will work on getting the meeting and sampling day at Ophir nailed down.
- i. Set next meeting date: Friday, November 4, BSOA conference room

7. **Open Discussion:** none

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting ended at approximately 5:00.