

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

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Holtzman. Also in attendance were Ron Edwards and Mindy Nowakowski. A quorum was not present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** For lack of a quorum, approval of minutes was tabled.
3. **Financial Report: (for acknowledgement—no items for approval)** A recommendation was made that we have someone assist with bookkeeping. Katie will check with a few local folks (Amy Sand, Bill Dutton, Terry Smith).
  - a. Account Balance & Transactions (handout):
  - b. Budget Update (handout)
4. **Old Business:**
  - a. Annexation to the Gallatin Local Water Quality District: Katie and Ron were both at the GLWQD board meeting and offered our assistance with annexation efforts. Nothing will official happen until next fall, just before the fall property tax billing.
  - b. TMDL update: Next funding cycle approaching. Are we in? Jon, Ron, and Mindy all support further participation in the next round of TMDL activities. Katie will get a phone or email vote from the others. Also, we will schedule an educational meeting with the community to provide a TMDL update. Tentatively, we are looking at January 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm.
  - c. Fundraising (handout):
    - i. Yellowstone Club: Received
    - ii. Big Sky Resort: need follow up? Jon will follow up with Big Sky Resort.
    - iii. Watershed Planning and Assistance Grant: GCD approval, goes to DNRC next. Katie spoke with Dave Martin, who administers the WPA grant and it looks like the proposal needs to be re-worked to meet their requirements for on-the-ground work.
  - d. Meeting and sampling at Ophir: Katie gave a review of the Ophir sampling event. Not a big public turnout but great discussion with the students. There was a very nice article in the Lookout.
  - e. Involvement Opportunities (handout): Katie will send out this document for the board to review. Our January board meeting will be dedicated to creating a Fundraising/Volunteer Participation Plan.
  - f. Sampling schedule/ideas (handout): Our next sampling event is scheduled for December 17. The target audience will be the Big Sky Rotary Club. Katie will pursue planning.
  - g. Outreach: newsletter/email/web strategy: Katie will continue with web site updates and send monthly email messages pointing to changes to the web site and any important dates coming up. Any other email addresses to add? (handout)
5. **New Business**
  - a. River Network packet; book order? Katie will email the River Network book store web site and board members can make suggestions for books to purchase.

- b. Letter of Support: BSOA park land purchase: We will get an email vote to see about supporting the park land purchase.
- c. Set next meeting date: Next meeting is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Dunn from PBS&J will be there to present their work so far on the TMDL project. The December meeting is tentatively set for the 28<sup>th</sup>.

6. **Open Discussion:** None

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.