

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
December 28, 2005, 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** In attendance were Chair Jon Holtzman, Directors Mary Jane McGarity, Eric Becker, and Ron Edwards, and Executive Director Katie Alvin.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Eric and Mary Jane were not at the previous meeting, necessitating action by the Chair. Ron moved and Jon seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** The board acknowledged the following items.
 - a. Account Balance & Transactions (handout)
 - b. Budget Update (handout)
 - c. New invoices:
 - i. PBS&J: \$4,425.72
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. TMDL update:
 - i. Jeff Dunn, consultant for contracted labor, is drafting a brief description of the project with a progress report to add to the web site. The board would still like monthly reports at our meetings.
 - ii. The board took some time to plan community meeting January 17th, Bighorn Room at Buck's T-4 from 4-6 p.m. Jon has made invitations that Katie will send out, and drafted press releases that Katie will get to the two local newspapers and the Chronicle.
 - iii. A local consultant called Katie and asked about subcontractor selection procedures. The board discussed the general guidelines they use. Katie will draft an official document to bring to the board for adoption.
 - iv. Contract for remainder of TMDL Phase 1 activities. Katie verified that by using the newly discussed procedures, the board would like to enter into a contract with PBS&J. She will proceed with developing the subcontract.
 - b. Fundraising:
 - i. Big Sky Resort: Money will be coming after first of year to be accounted for as a 2006 donation.
 - ii. Next regular BOD meeting will focus on fundraising and volunteer engagement
 - c. Sampling is set for January 7. Katie attended a Rotary Meeting to recruit volunteers.
 - d. GGWC Update: Mary Jane updated the group on GGWC activities. They will be sponsoring the lower Gallatin TMDL project. When they get a contract with DEQ they will be able to hire a coordinator. They are also proceeding with a long-discussed stormwater restoration project on Bozeman Creek.
 - e. The board requested that Katie email out the link to the River Network book list site again so they can suggest books to order.

5. **New Business**

- a. FYI: Macroinvertebrate sampling reports completed. Links to the report will be on the web site and Katie has one hard copy to share.
- b. Set next meeting date: The public meeting and annual meeting will be held on January 17th. The next regular meeting will be at the BSOA Conference Room on February 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

6. **Open Discussion:** Jon brought up the idea of doing a ground-water/surface-water study. He would like to start planning a project, perhaps by inviting some knowledgeable folks to our meeting to help us understand the big picture, what is feasible, what is not feasible, and what we should pursue. Katie will start working on this.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.