

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
May 24, 2006, 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Mary Jane McGarity at 3:10 p.m. Also in attendance were directors Eric Becker, Mindy Nowakowski, Ron Edwards, and Caroline Henley; Executive Director Katie Alvin; and guests Alexis Mante and Shawn Regneris. Absent were Jon Holtzman, Brad Parsch, and Kevin Germain.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mindy moved and Caroline seconded to approve the minutes from March 29, 2006 with pen and ink edits. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** The financial report was reviewed. Mary Jane suggested that when the books get transferred to Quick Books, Katie prepare a Profit and Loss report and a Balance Sheet for approval at each meeting. Ron suggested that the Bylaws be edited to allow purchases up to \$500 without specific approval at a meeting, as long as the purchase fits in a budgeted line item that has already been approved.
4. **Guests:**
 - a. Shawn Regnerus, American Wildlands: Outstanding Resource Water update. Shawn has looked at most of the Draft EIS for the ORW designation. The biggest issue is that there are approximately 1800 acres of undeveloped private land that may be connected hydrologically to the Gallatin River. If the ORW goes through, houses built in this area would need more intensive water treatment systems. The hope is that more community water treatment systems and less septic systems will be built. The group discussed having both BWTF and American Wildlands present at the BSOA annual meeting. Katie will request a draft EIS.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Groundwater Study Proposal: Next tasks. TABLED
 - b. TMDL update:
 - i. TMDL subcontractor update (handout)
 - ii. Flow measurement update: No data will be collected until after runoff.
 - c. Fundraising & Volunteer engagement: Sketch out a plan (handout). TABLED
 - i. Discuss existing environmental programs in the area
 - ii. Go over structure ideas
 - iii. Outreach event: Realtor education?
 - iv. Fundraising opportunities
 - d. Resort Tax update: The BWTF was fully funded!
 - e. Gallatin River Whitewater Festival, June 16-17: The BWTF will have a booth during the race day at 35mph bridge.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. PR: Big Sky Magazine article—we need your anecdotes. Alexis will request stories via email.
 - b. Country Fair. The Board advised Katie to get a booth and to make sure it's placed next to the Weed Group booth.
 - c. Katie updated the group on pcoming events.
7. **Open Discussion:** NONE
8. **Adjournment:** Eric moved and Mindy seconded to adjourn at 4:15. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Alvin

Approved by: _____

Date: _____