

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
June 28, 2006, 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:20 by Chair Jon Holtzman. Also in attendance were directors Kevin Germain, Mary Jane McGarity, and Mindy Nowakowski. Absent were Ron Edwards, Brad Parsch, Caroline Henley, and Eric Becker.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Kevin moved and Mary Jane seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** The board reviewed and accepted the financial report.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. The board discussed the previously presented Groundwater Study Proposal. There are several tasks that need to be completed before sponsoring the project:
 1. Get more information about other similar studies and the expected products from such studies;
 2. Work on creating a community consensus around the need for such a study;
 3. Possibly divide the project into smaller chunks; and
 4. Look for other partner sponsors, like Water/Sewer District or Water Quality District, if one is created. Jon suggested we contact the BSI about sponsorship and will initiate that contact.
 - b. TMDL update:
 - i. TMDL subcontractor update (attached)
 - ii. Flow measurement update (attached)
 - iii. Mindy will review the DEQ contract for next year.
 - c. The board discussed fundraising & volunteer engagement and suggested that we have copies of our workplan available at the Country Fair, along with cards for people to submit for more information, to sign up as a volunteer, or to donate.
 - d. The Task Force will have an educational booth at the Gallatin River Celebration, July 15. Jon and Kevin will help out Katie.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. In response to an earlier suggestion, Katie offered the following language as a bylaw change.

Section 4. Authority.
The Executive Director may provide recommendations to the Board but will not have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Board. All decision-making authority rests with the Board. The Executive Director may spend up to \$500 for items within the BWTF budget. Purchases above \$500 must be approved by the board.

After discussion, it was determined that the change is unnecessary. The board approves the budget and the bank account requires two signatures, so purchases are tracked by those two mechanisms.
 - b. Representation by the Task Force for a Watershed Symposium Panel was requested. The board approved this participation.
 - c. Katie will put together a preliminary 2006-2007 Work Plan. She will make it calendar based. Mary Jane and Kevin will assist as needed.
 - d. The board requested that Katie submit a new contract. She will do so.
 - e. Upcoming events:
 - i. Friday, June 30, 10-2: Confluence Consulting will be out measuring flow; Call Sunni Knapton to connect with her in the field (570-4193)
 - ii. Saturday, July 15, 10-2: Gallatin River Celebration; Sign up to help out
 - iii. Wednesday, July 26, 11-12: BWTF at Big Sky Preschool; Talk with Katie if you want to help out
 - iv. Wednesday, July 26, 8 a.m.: BWTF BOARD MEETING
 - v. Saturday, August 12: Country Fair
6. **Open Discussion:**
 - a. Kevin is working with the Ennis School District, MT Watercourse, and Amber Kirkpatrick on Jack Creek.
 - b. Katie will talk with Anne Marie Mistretta about getting more involved with the school next year.
 - c. GGWC is hiring a new ED.
7. **Adjournment:** Mary Jane moved and Mindy seconded to adjourn at 3:55. Motion carried unanimously.