

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
August 30, 2006, 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were directors Mindy Nowakowski, Ron Edwards, Caroline Henley, Eric Becker, Brad Parsch, and Mary Jane McGarity; “director-elect” Sue Barton; Executive Director Katie Alvin and assistant Jessica Haas. Kevin Germain was absent.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** _____ moved and _____ seconded to approve the minutes with one pen and ink change. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:**
 - a. Resort Tax receipts: Katie has not been able to schedule with the BSRAD to get reimbursed for the remaining 05-06 funds. She will keep trying.
 - b. Katie is still working on getting the books switched over to QuickBooks. Standard financial reports should be available next month.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Sue Barton board member nomination. Mary Jane moved and Mindy seconded to elect Sue Barton as a board director. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Groundwater Study update: Jon reported that he spoke with Lisa Graumlich of the Big Sky Institute. She will set up a meeting the third week in October at MSU. BSI will host the discussion of pursuing an upper Gallatin watershed groundwater study.
 - c. TMDL update:
 1. Pathogen sampling has begun; see subcontractor update (attached)
 2. We will begin planning for a public TMDL meeting to be scheduled for October. PBS&J will present results of first year of work as our main subcontractor. It needs to be well-planned and professional.
 3. Public & Stakeholder Involvement Strategy: need subcommittee. Brad, Ron, Mindy, and Jon volunteered.
 - d. Flow measurement update was not received in time for the meeting.
 - e. The 2006-07 workplan is under development. Katie would like advisement on whether we should switch to a July-June fiscal year. The board advised that she check with the accountant.
 - f. Knaub & Co. financial review: So far, Marjorie Knaub has spent several hours training Katie and reviewing the books. We are on the right track. Marjorie confirmed that her review, though not an official audit, will meet our needs for verifying that we are following Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
 - g. The BSOA meeting is scheduled for Friday afternoon at 3:00 and BWTF will have a table there. Mary Jane is expecting 70-100 people.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Lazy J Subdivision proposed wastewater permit: Comments due by September 11. A lengthy discussion included the following key points:
 - We should comment as an organization.
 - We should not make any generalizations about development or oversimplify the situation.
 - This begs the question of pursuing a more comprehensive study on the entire canyon area.
 - We are not out to stop development, but reviewing these kinds of permits is within our mission. Third party engineering review could be an option.
 - Katie, Mary Jane, and Ron will work on consolidating comments and composing an official letter of comment to DEQ.
 - Jon will work on a formal letter to DEQ requesting they address the need for a comprehensive review of the canyon.

- b. The unofficial Draft EIS available for Gallatin ORW is available in Katie's office. The final EIS is expected in the coming month.
- c. Katie requests permission for the following events. Mindy moved and Sue seconded to approve the travel. Motion carried unanimously.
 - i. Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC) Training Retreat
September 11-13
\$150
 - ii. Big Sky Public Procurement Symposium (Grant and Contract Training)
October 25-27
\$120 plus mileage; can be billed to DEQ using TMDL funds
 - iii. MWCC Watershed Symposium Speaking Engagement
December 6
No cost
- d. Upcoming events:
 - 1. Friday, September 1: BSOA annual meeting; BWTF booth

6. **Open Discussion:**

- Jon discussed pursuing a demonstration project with Chamber of Commerce. He will discuss options with Marne.

7. **Adjournment:** Chair Jon Holtzman adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Katie Alvin

Approved: _____

Date: _____