

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
November 8, 2006, 3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice-Chair Mary Jane McGarity, Secretary/Treasurer Mindy Nowakowski, Directors Kevin Germain and Brad Parsch, and Executive Director Katie Alvin. Absent: Directors Eric Becker and Sue Barton.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mindy moved and Brad seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Mary Jane moved and Mindy seconded to accept the unaudited financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Big Sky Institute groundwater study meeting: Lisa Graumlich of the Big Sky Institute who was handling the groundwater study group has moved to Arizona. Kevin, Jon, Katie will start over by organizing a new group to handle the groundwater study. Kathleen Williams may be another person interested in being a member of this group.
 - b. TMDL update:
 - i. Public meeting tonight!
 - ii. Discussion: Public & Stakeholder Involvement Strategy Update. Subcommittee includes Brad, Ron Mindy and Jon. Subcommittee met and brainstormed concerning the list of people to include in the Stakeholder database. The database is currently a work in progress.
 - c. Ophir School involvement: Katie has been in the 3rd grade classroom this year. Next days: November 9th, 16th and 22nd at 8:45AM). Mary Jane indicated that Bozeman WET is good resource for our educational program. Brad informed us that the 5th grade at Gallatin Gateway School is an additional resource for educational material. Kevin mentioned that there also is a program at Ennis School with resource information.
 - d. Need to set work plan finalization meeting: November 13th @ 10AM BSOA offices.
 - e. Gallatin/Big Sky Weed Committee restructuring:
How could the Blue Water Task Force help?
5. **SUGGESTIONS:**
 - i. Mapping- Great way to get to know people.
 - ii. Education
 - iii. Link to Noxious Weed site on our website

Katie to attend next Weed Committee meeting. The board has recommended that Katie ask Levia Shoutis if her riparian study addresses weeds.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. MT Watercourse would like to do a septic/groundwater workshop with us.
 - b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Big Sky Big Sprawl conference in Helena, Tuesday, November 14th.
 - ii. Gallatin/Big Sky Weed Meeting: Wednesday, November 15th, 12 Noon at BSWSD Board Room.
 - iii. Montana Watershed Coordination Council's Watershed Symposium: December 5-7 in Helena.
 - iv. Next Board Meeting-Tuesday, December 12th, 3:30 PM.
 - v. Annual Meeting
6. **Open Discussion:**
 - a. ORW discussion: We need to look ahead toward the legislative discussion. How can we help? Perhaps BWTF can host an educational meeting? At a minimum, our role is to educate. We need to show both sides of the issue. Possibly we could form a couple of Panels, a Technical Panel and an Information Only Panel. The Board discussed having a Public Meeting in January before the ORW legislation hits the floor. Jon will speak with Marne concerning Co-Sponsoring this Educational Meeting.
7. **Adjournment:** Katie motioned and Mary Jane seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:40 PM.