Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2007, 3:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CAN THIS BE OUR ANNUAL MEETING?** Yes, because of our recent public meetings and desire not to try to schedule yet another large meeting, this regular board meeting can serve as our annual meeting.

2. **Call to Order:** Jon Holtzman called the monthly board meeting and the annual meeting to order. Also in attendance were directors Ron Edwards, Sue Barton, Mindy Nowakowski, Eric Becker, Mary Jane McGarity, and Brad Parsch; and Executive Director Katie Alvin with Administrative Assistant Kathy Moran. Absent were directors Kevin Germain and Caroline Henley.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mindy moved and Sue seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

4. **Financial Report:**

   a. Need to ratify additional signers on bank account: Mindy moved and Sue seconded to ratify an email vote to add Mary Jane to the list of bank signers. Motion carried unanimously.

   b. Renew Montana Nonprofit Association Membership: Mindy moved and Mary Jane seconded to renew the Montana Nonprofit Association Membership. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Old Business:**

   a. Flow Project update: Confluence is proceeding with a plan to generate the missing flow data using other existing data that was collected during those time periods. BWTF will pay the remainder of their bill upon completion of the mitigation, and approval of the data by DEQ.

   b. TMDL update from PBS&J: During this timeframe, the original aerial assessment project was reviewed and the new aerial assessment project on the West Fork watershed was initiated based on new methodologies being developed by DEQ. However, following a meeting with Pete Schade from the DEQ, it was decided that this project should be placed on hold until DEQ has finalized their aerial assessment methodology. Data collected during pathogen monitoring in November 2006 was analyzed and compiled into STORET format. Preparation was made for upcoming pathogen monitoring planned for February of 2007.

   c. Review final work plan. The board suggested that Katie make a couple minor typographical changes, and add an objective that describes the desire to maintain a sustainable, healthy, financially stable organization.

6. **New Business:**

   a. Review Bylaws: The board approved a few minor changes to the bylaws. They will be formally approved at the following board meeting. Mindy reminded Katie to submit the bylaws to the IRS.

   b. If this is an annual meeting: ELECT OFFICERS: Eric moved and Sue seconded to keep the same officers for this year. Motion carried unanimously.

   c. Set Date for Quarterly Sampling: March 20th at 10 a.m. Meet at Katie's office.

    d. Discuss establishment of Wastewater Solutions Subcommittee;
- i. Approve the structure: The BWTF board would like to see the Group housed under the Big Sky Water and Sewer District
- ii. Proposed upcoming meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 3:00, BSWSD conf room: Jon would like to propose the following basic agenda
  - i. Review background of organization
  - ii. Recommend a structure for the group
  - iii. Identify next steps
- iii. Public notification? American Wildlands will handle it.

    e. Statement for Outside Bozeman: Organizational update and comments on ORW changes; time for a letter to the Editor?? Jon will work on some PR materials. Jon also suggested that we run bi-weekly ads in the local newspapers that simply have our web address and possibly a what's new statement. Katie will check on rates.

    f. Sonoran Institute's Powell Planning training seminar invitation: Katie passed along to Mary Jane to perhaps put together a group with lower Gallatin folks.

7. **Open Discussion:**

    a. Katie asked the board to start looking for a new Executive Director. She will meet with the Executive Committee in the coming month.

    b. Jon suggested that Katie prepare an inventory of Blue Water Task Force "assets".

8. **Adjournment:** Brad moved and Mary Jane seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.