

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
March 28, 2007, 3:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by acting Chair, Ron Edwards. Also in attendance were board members Sue Barton, Caroline Henley, Mindy Nowakowski, Eric Becker, and Mary Jane McGarity, and Executive Director Katie Alvin. Absent were Jon Holtzman, Brad Parsch and Kevin Germain.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Caroline moved and Mindy seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Financial Report:**

- a. Accept unaudited monthly reports: Mindy moved and Caroline seconded to accept the unaudited reports. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Need approval to pursue a Resort Tax Application for approximately \$60,000
 - i. \$25,000 for Watershed Resource Assessment program (TMDL)
 - ii. \$15,000 for Water Quality Monitoring
 - iii. \$15,000 for Community Education
 - iv. \$5,000 for Operation Expenses

The board advised Katie to prepare a request application that will include all the match we need to fulfill our responsibilities for the TMDL project. Mindy moved and Sue seconded that Katie use her discretion to prepare a budget for submittal as a Resort Tax Allocation Request that meets these needs. Several board members offered to review this budget before the Resort Tax Application is submitted.

4. **Old Business:**

- a. Update on Executive Director replacement. The first person contacted to fill the position decided not to accept. The board recommended that Katie contact Kristin Gardner about the job.
- b. Flow Project update: Confluence has successfully completed the flow data replacement. Their deliverable on the entire project is a STORET database. We will pay them when it has been delivered.
- c. TMDL update from PBS&J: "The 'February' pathogen monitoring event carried over into March, with samples collected on March 1st and March 6th. Samples were delivered to the State lab immediately following collection. All samples were collected within the required 30-day time period and we are currently waiting for the data to be returned from the lab.

"To date, the August, November and February pathogen monitoring events have been completed. The final monitoring event is planned for May. This event is designed to coincide with snowmelt and spring runoff. Montana's *E. coli* standard for the 'summer' season takes effect April 1st. Pathogen samples collected between April 1st and October 31st will be assessed relative to the 'summer' standard, which is more stringent than the 'winter' standard."

- d. Officially approve the amended and restated Bylaws: Sue moved and Caroline seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Wastewater Solutions Forum update: Ron reported that the Big Sky Water and Sewer District is providing \$10,000 toward the effort and will apply for \$35,000 more from other sources as well. The next meeting is on April 17th. Agendas and minutes are posted on the BWTF web site.

- f. Bi-weekly ads: The board recommended we run these ads every other week in alternating papers for two months, then re-evaluate.
 - i. Big Sky Weekly: \$15 for a business card ad per week
 - ii. Lone Peak Lookout: 1.791” by 3” is \$9 per week

5. New Business:

- a. Upcoming Dates:
 - i. April 11: Realtor Workshop: The board recommended that Ron update this group on the Wastewater Solutions Panel.
 - ii. April 17: Wastewater Solutions Meeting
 - iii. April 18: Resort Tax Applications Due
 - iv. Later April: Bug & Quarterly Sampling: The board would like to have a weekend day
 - v. May: RT Q&A
 - vi. June: Float Trip/Bug & Quarterly Sampling again

6. Open Discussion:

- 7. **Adjournment:** Caroline moved and Sue seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.