

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
August 22, 2007 2:00 PM
B.S.O.A Conference Room

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jon Holtzman at 2:15 pm. Also in attendance were directors Mindy Nowakowski, Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, Paul Wagner and Simon Trautman. Absent were Ron Edwards, Mary Jane McGarity, Caroline Henley, Eric Becker, and Sue Barton.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Paul moved and Jack seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report**
 - a. Accept unaudited monthly reports: Sue moved and Mindy seconded to approve the unaudited monthly reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin): Kristin reported that the flow rods were installed and functioning in the Middle Fork, South Fork, North Fork and West Fork. A new stilling well was installed at the West Fork site. PBS&J have finished the Pathogen sampling and expect to have the analysis done by the middle of November. Jon suggested that we have a TMDL outreach event soon, pending on the completion of the pathogen analysis. Kristin agreed to contact Jeff Dunn to determine when he expects to have the Pathogen data analyzed.
 - b. Wastewater Solutions Update (Jon): HKM Engineering was selected to do a study into future possible wastewater issues in Gallatin Canyon from Big Horn Center to Rainbow Ranch/Corral. HKM expects the study to be finished by May 2008.
 - c. Country Fair (Jon, Sue): Jon and Sue reported there was a good turnout at the Blue Water Task Force booth. Since booth activities were geared towards children, the bulk of the visitors were children. Jon suggested that next year we discuss what type of visitors we would like to target.
 - d. Press Release
 - i. "Status of Gallatin River" article for Big Sky Weekly and one of the tourist guides (Kristin): Kristin asked the board if they would be willing to review a draft of the article for the Big Sky Weekly. Mindy suggested that she email a draft out to the board with a timeline for review.
5. **New Business**

- a. BWTF contribution to Gallatin River Sourcebook - A Residents Guide: Kristin reported that she had been approached by Tammy Crone of the Gallatin Local Water Quality District to donate money to a new edition of the Gallatin River Sourcebook: A Residents Guide. Kristin suggested that we donate \$1000, which would be on par with donations from other organizations, which include: the Montana Watercourse, the Sonoran Institute, Department of Environmental Quality and the Gallatin Local Water Quality District. Jon made a motion and Sue seconded to donate \$1000 for the publication. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Next Board meeting date: Wednesday, September 26th at 3:30 p.m.
- b. B.S.O.A. Annual Meeting: Friday August 31st
- c. Quarterly Water Quality Sampling – Saturday, September 9th.
- d. Macro Invertebrate Sampling – Kristin recommended that we sample at Gallatin - Park, Gallatin - Porcupine, West Fork of the Gallatin and BoatCamp (Down 2). Kristin reported that she spoke with Wease Bollman at Rhithron and she recommended sampling mid September and just before snowmelt (Early Spring).

7. Open Discussion:

- a. Jon mentioned that groundwater quantity is a pressing issue in Big Sky and that we should pursue possible collaboration and funding for a groundwater study. Paul would like to see a study that quantifies the contribution of groundwater springs to the Gallatin from the West Fork Watershed. Kristin and Simon agreed to approach contacts at MSU to see if there is an interest in a groundwater study in Big Sky. Jon suggested a meeting organizing a meeting with MSU, BSWS, and BSI.
- b. Concern about warm temperatures and low instream flows, prompted discussion about designating the Gallatin as “catch and release”. Kristin agreed to contact Fish, Wildlife and Parks to inquire about the procedures of the designation.

8. **Adjournment:** Sue moved and Paul seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.