

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
January 16th, 2008 3:30 PM
B.S.O.A Conference Room**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Holtzman at 3:40 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, Ron Edwards, Mary Jane McGarity. Absent were directors Eric Becker, Caroline Henley, Mindy Nowakowski, Paul Wagner, and Simon Trautman.

- 2. Approval of Minutes:**

- 3. Financial Report**

- 4. Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. Aerial Assessment: Kristin reported that PBS&J are beginning the West Fork aerial assessment. They expect to be finished by the beginning of the summer so that the aerals can be used for the TMDL sediment study.
 - ii. Sediment Study: Kristin reported that the TMDL sediment study will begin this summer (08). She will be working with the DEQ in the upcoming months to develop a request for proposals (RFPs) from qualified contractors.
 - b. Lonepeak Lookout/ Big Sky weekly Article (Kristin): Kristin reported that Lone Peak Lookout published an article on the TMDL outreach event in December.
 - c. Signs at West Fork sampling sites update (Kristin): Kristin reported that she had received approval from the Trails committee to put up BWTF signs at sampling sites on their trails. She will be working closely with the trails committee to design and put up trail signs.
 - d. Grant Update (Kristin): Kristin updated the board on grants that she has recently applied for including:
 - i. *USGS* – finalist but not selected
 - ii. *Murdoch* – not eligible
 - iii. *Montana PPL Environmental Education* proposal sent January 21
 - iv. *DEQ mini-grants* due February 1
 - e. Expansion of Gallatin Local Water Quality District to Big Sky (Kristin/Ron): Kristin reminded the board that one of the items on the workplan is to work with the Gallatin Local Water Quality District (GLWQD) on expanding their boundaries to Big Sky. Ron mentioned that there have been a few similar efforts in the past which never seemed to get anywhere. He suggested arranging a lunch meeting with Tammy Crone and Alan English from the

GLWQD. Kristin agreed to set up a lunch meeting before the next BWTF board meeting.

More info on the GLWQD:

http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/Public_Documents/gallatincomt_wqdpages/lwqd

- f. MBMG Groundwater study update (Kristin): Kristin reported that she called John LeFavre from MBMG to inquire about BWTF's role in promoting the MBMG groundwater assessment in Madison and Gallatin Counties starting this spring (08). John said that they have not started working on the project yet but expects to start organizing the upcoming project a month or so. Kristin agreed to call John in a mid February to check again on their status.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. Greater Gallatin Watershed Coalition Annual Meeting: – Thursday, January 16th Conference Room, USDA Service Center, 3710 Fallon St (Off Huffine Lane, west of the Gallatin Valley Mall) 6 pm refreshments, 6:30 pm meeting starts.
- b. Big Sky Institute Mountain and Minds Lecture: 7pm at the River Rock Lodge
 - i. Janice Brown – Executive Director of the Yellowstone Business Partnership.

For more info:

<http://bsi.montana.edu/about/community/mountainsandminds/janicebrown>

- c. Next Wastewater Solutions Forum Meeting: – Tuesday, January 22nd 1pm in the Big Sky Water and Sewer Conference Room.
- d. Next board meeting date: February 27, 2008.

6. Open Discussion

Jon reminded the board to make an effort to discuss BWTFs current projects with the Resort Tax board members.

- 7. **Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 pm.