

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
March 5th, 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 3:35 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, Ron Edwards, Mindy Nowakowski, Paul Wagner, and Simon Trautman,. Absent were directors Eric Becker, Caroline Henley, and Mary Jane McGarity.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack moved and Mindy seconded to approve the minutes from 11-28-07 and 01-16-08. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Mindy moved and Sue seconded to approve the financial reports from 11-28-07 and 01-16-08. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. Pathogen Report: Kristin reported that PBS&J has finished the final 2006-2007 pathogen report. BWTF should receive the completed report and other deliverables (data, field reports) by the end of the week. Kristin will give the board a summary report of the findings at the next board meeting.
 - ii. Aerial assessment, pathogen and sediment study - summer 2008: Aerial assessment will use 2005 NAIP aerials and LIDAR. Ron stated that BSWS will apply for Resort Tax funding for another set of aerials to be shot this summer. Kristin reported that the sediment TMDL study will also begin this summer
 - b. Expansion of Gallatin Local Water Quality District to Big Sky (Kristin/Ron/Jon): Kristin reported that Alan English (GLWQD) presented the idea to extend the GLWQD boundaries to the Gallatin county portion of Big Sky to the GLWQD Board. The Board voted to move forward with the extension. The next step is for Tammy and Alan to present a proposal and workplan for the expansion at the next GLWQD Board meeting on April 3rd. Kristin will attend the April 3rd board meeting. Alan said if all goes smoothly the new district boundaries could be voted in as early as mid summer. Jon suggested that Kristin get examples of successful GLWQD projects/brochures etc. for outreach. Kristin agreed to ask GLWQD for outreach materials.
More info on the GLWQD:
http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/Public_Documents/gallatincomt_wqdpages/lwqd
 - c. MBMG Groundwater study update (Kristin): Kristin reported that she spoke to John LeFavre from MBMG. He said in about 2 weeks MBMG would begin examining Big Sky geology maps to pick out potential areas of the watershed where they would like to sample groundwater wells. He said they would

contacts us in a couple weeks to meet and discuss potential groundwater wells to sample.

5. New Business

- a. Proposed Northwestern powerline from 4 corners to Big Sky: Kristin reported that Northwestern published a public notice to replace the 69 kV powerline from Four Corners to Big Sky with a 161 kV powerline. The expansion may require a larger footprint to make room for larger equipment. If they do need to expand the footprint, the land clearing could potentially increase sediment loads to the Gallatin. If Northwestern can obtain right of ways from more than 75% of owners then they do not need to go through public or state environmental review (Major Facility Siting Act). However, since about half of the land is Forest Service, part of the project will need to be reviewed by the Forest Service. Kristin agreed to keep informed on the project progress.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Quarterly Water Quality Sampling Event: March 22, 2008
- b. Macro Sampling Event (Beginning of April):
- c. Resort Tax Applications due April 16
- d. Next board meeting date:

7. Open Discussion

Sue asked Kristin if we had any diatom reports on the Upper Gallatin. Kristin agreed to look and get back to her.

- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 pm.