

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2008 3:30 PM
B.S.O.A Conference Room

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer, Mindy Nowakowski at 3:40 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Eric Becker, Ron Edwards, Caroline Henley, and Simon Trautman. Absent were directors Jack Crowther, Jon Holtzman, and Paul Wagner.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Caroline moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from 04-02-08. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Sue moved and Caroline seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. New Officers (Vice Chair and Secretary Treasurer): Because there was not a super-majority, new officers were not decided upon at this meeting.
 - b. TMDL update (Kristin): Kristin reported that a new contract had been approved between the Task Force and PBS&J for the 2008 TMDL Pathogen Study. Work is now being done on the 2008 TMDL sediment contract and should be agreed upon by the end of June.
 - c. Resort Tax Application Q&A (Kristin/Mindy): Kristin reported that the Resort Tax Question and Answer Forum went well. The two main questions the Resort Tax Board had for the Task Force were: 1) why was the Task Force asking for more TMDL money when last year we stated that it would be the last year that we would be asking for more money for TMDLs, and 2) would the Task Force be able to complete the TMDL study if we did not receive all of the money requested. In response to Question 1, Kristin told the Resort Tax Board that the Task Force was asking for TMDL money because we discovered some water quality problems that the DEQ felt warranted further study. Therefore, the Task Force agreed upon another TMDL contract with the DEQ which requires more TMDL match money. In response to Question 2, Kristin told the resort tax board that she felt confident that we would be able to complete the TMDL study if we were not fully funded by the Resort Tax.
 - d. GLWQD expansion update (Kristin): Kristin reported that she had talked to Alan English from the GLWQD and he said that no progress had been made on the GLWQD expansion. Alan expected that the expansion proposal would be discussed at the June 5th GLWQD meeting. If the GLWQD board was in favor for expansion, Alan suggested that Kristin and Ron attend the July 3rd GLWQD meeting.
 - e. MBMG Groundwater study update (Kristin): MBMG have decided on the wells in Big Sky that they will test for the 2 year Gallatin/Madison Ground Water

Study, Kristin agreed to measure 13 wells surrounding the golf course and sewer ponds for the study period.

5. New Business

- a. Paul resignation (Kristin): Kristin reported that Paul verbally resigned from the board. Paul stated that he felt that he was not making much of a contribution to the board. Kristin has not received an official resignation letter from Paul yet. The board agreed that they would like to try and recruit another fisherman for a board position. Ron suggested Wayne Hill. Sue suggested Betsy French.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. May 29th Ophir presentation on Gallatin Study- 7pm at the Ophir School Library
- b. Groundwater sampling MBMG – Monday, June 2nd
- c. Resort Tax Allocations June 4 – 1pm
- d. Quarterly Water Quality Sampling Event – mid June
- e. Next board meeting date:

- 7. Open Discussion:** Ron reported that the Gallatin Canyon Wastewater Study is expected to be finished at the end of May. He believes the significant costs of the project may be a tough sell to canyon residents.

- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 pm.