

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
October 22 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. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Eric Becker, Jack Crowther, and Simon Trautman. Absent were directors Ron Edwards, Caroline Henley, and Mindy Nowakowski
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack moved and Sue seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Eric moved and Simon seconded to approve the minutes from 09-24-08. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. West Fork USGS Stream Gauge: Kristin reported that she has been speaking with Wayne Berkas about the possibility of putting a USGS stream gauge in the West Fork. She will update the board when she gets a break down of the costs associated with the installation and maintenance of a stream gauge.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. Sediment study: Last Friday, October 19, Kristin, Banning Star (DEQ sediment study manager), Jeff Dunn(PBSJ), and David Marshall (KCharvey) went on a full day tour of the Yellowstone Club with Rich Chandler for the TMDL sediment assessment. All were impressed by the protective measures the club has implemented to protect streams from erosion facilitated by development.
 - ii. TMDL public meeting: Kristin suggested that we hold our annual public meeting at the Ophir School Library. It is free and they have the necessary presentation equipment. The board thought it would be a good idea- Kristin will look into booking a date around Presidents day weekend.
 - b. Gallatin Local Water Quality (GLWQD) Update (Kristin): The GLWQD did not have a quorum at their last board meeting so they were unable to vote on the expansion of the district. The next GLWQD board meeting is November 6th.
 - c. North Fork Restoration Project (Kristin): Kristin and Simon went to look at the stretch of the North Fork for a stream restoration project at Lone Mountain Ranch. They found multiple sites along the reach which they could potentially implement stream restoration measures. The next

step is to meet with Whitney Tilt, the director of Everlands Conservation Initiative to get the answer to few questions that will be critical to understand in order to develop a proposal for a restoration project.

- d. Insurance Update (Kristin): Kristin reported that she has sent in applications to First West and Carolina Casualty for liability insurance but has not had a reply back yet.
- e. Wastewater Solutions Forum (WWSF) Update (Jon/Ron): Jon reported that WWSF members (Scott Bosse- Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Eric Burns -Moonlight, Mike DuCuennois -Yellowstone Club, Ron Edwards, Jon Holtzman, James Taylor – Big Sky Developer, Ray Armstrong - HKM Billings and Kevin Johnson- HKM Bozeman) went to Helena for a meeting with the Montana DEQ to discuss the possibility of snowmaking as a way to dispose of public wastewater. The group agreed that the DEQ reaction to proposals for managing treated wastewater through snowmaking - with the usual cautions of “we have to see the details” was positive. HKM has completed a preliminary draft of the Gallatin Canyon Wastewater Study. WWSF is developing a public outreach plan to disseminate the results of the HKM study.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. October 27th – 8:30am-12:30pm: Lone Peak High School Field Day
- b. October 28th – 8:30am: Ophir 4th Grade Field Trip to Big Sky Community Park
- c. October 29th – 1 pm at Big Sky Water and Sewer: Wastewater Solutions Forum Meeting
- d. Next board meeting date: Next board meeting was set for Wednesday, November 19 at the BSOA conference room

7. Open Discussion

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