

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
February 19, 2009 5:00 PM
Big Sky Community Library
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Holtzman, at 5:05. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Eric Becker, Jack Crowther, Mike Richter, and Mindy Nowakowski. .
2. **Approval of Minutes** Mindy moved and Jack seconded to approve the minutes from 01-22-2009. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report** Mindy moved and Jack seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Water Quality Restoration Plan (Kristin): Pete Schade from the Montana DEQ contacted Kristin to see if BWTF would like to be part of a pilot study to develop a comprehensive Water Quality Restoration Plan (WQRP). The DEQ is pursuing WQRP pilots in a limited number of watersheds. Benefits of a state approved WQRP include: 1) providing the BWTF with a blueprint for watershed restoration, and 2) assisting in securing state 319 restoration grant funds and other restoration funding sources. The DEQ would provide 10,000 to 15,000 to develop the WQRP and require 6,000 to 7,000 in matching funds. Kristin stated that the matching funds could easily be obtained through inkind match. Mindy asked that Kristin explicitly document the inkind matching funds. The board agreed to vote on this issue once Kristin develops a document listing match source.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. Flow Project: Kristin and Simon met with her advisor, Brian McGlynn regarding installing permanent stream gauges at the 4 aquarod sites for the TMDL project in the West Fork. Simon is going to submit an official proposal for the project by the end of March.
 - b. North Fork Restoration Project (Kristin): Kristin and Simon met with Whitney Tilt from Everlands regarding stream restoration on the North Fork on Lone Mountain Ranch property. Everlands would like BWTF to advise on the restoration plan and collaborate on the implementation. Whitney was very open to moving the horse corrals situated on the banks of the North Fork, which both Kristin and Simon feel would serve to most benefit to the creek. When the restoration

project would begin and the timeline is up in the air as Everlands is feeling the pinch of the troubled US economy.

- c. Insurance update (Mindy): Mindy reported that she spoke to both Clare Nixon from First West Insurance and Sherry Brophy from Payne Financial regarding a general liability policy for the Task Force. The two policies are similar in price, however Mindy suggested that we go with First West for two reasons: 1) First West is local and quicker/easier to deal with, and 2) the Payne Financial representative has been hard to get a hold and very difficult to get the details of the policy. Jack moved to go with First West Insurance for our general liability policy and Sue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. New board member (Kristin): Kristin talked to Madeline Bressiere from Big Sky resort who recommended that she meet with Paul Conrad (Big Sky resort) regarding a position on the BWTF board. Kristin asked the board if anybody knew Paul. Mindy said she knows his sister, who would be a great asset to the board. Kristin will pursue meeting with Paul.
- e. WWSF Update (Jon): The Wastewater Solutions Forum has changed its focus to pursuing snowmaking as a viable option for wastewater disposal. The results of the Gallatin Canyon Wastewater Feasibility Study indicate that it is technically feasible to pump wastewater from the canyon, however, wastewater storage capacity of the sewage lagoons will run out in the near future. Pumping treated wastewater to local ski resorts is one possible solution. The Montana DEQ is willing to support a pilot study to examine the impacts of wastewater runoff on ski slopes. The Yellowstone Club has offered to conduct the pilot study on their property.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. End of February: Resort Tax applications available
- b. March 4th Waste Water Solutions Forum Meeting, 1 pm at Big Sky Water and Sewer Meeting Room.
- c. Week of March 16-21st Quarterly Sampling Event
- d. Next board meeting date: March 26 at 3:45 at BSOA.

7. Open Discussion

- 8. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm