

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
December 03, 2009 4 PM
Big Sky Owners Association
MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Holtzman at 4:10 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Eric Becker, Mindy Nowakowski, and Mike Richter. Absent were directors Ron Edwards and Jack Crowther.
2. **Approval of Minutes** Eric moved and Mindy seconded to approve the minutes from 10-19-09. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report** Sue moved and Eric seconded to approve the financial report from 12-03-09. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Gallatin Restoration Priority Planning Meeting (Kristin): Kristin will represent the Blue Water Task Force at the Gallatin watershed restoration priority planning meeting sponsored by the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council (GGWC). This first planning meeting is to get together a list of streams segments that need restoration projects. The second meeting (date to be determined) will develop a priority list of restoration projects in the Gallatin watershed. Kristin will mention the Upper West Fork for nutrients, Lone Mountain Ranch horse corrals, road sand, and Gallatin Canyon sewer line. Kristin asked the board if they had any other ideas for restoration projects. Eric mentioned Beaver Creek downstream of Jakes horses. Jon stated that they do not have any data on Beaver Creek. He suggested that we collect data and then approach Jakes Horses. Kristin suggested that we begin to collect water quality data on Beaver Creek during our next quarterly sampling event.
 - b. Form 990 changes (Mindy): Mindy will work with Kristin to develop the new documents that are required by IRS tax Form 990.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin): Banning Starr, the Upper Gallatin sediment TDML manager left the DEQ and is being replaced by Lisa Kusnierz. Lisa is quickly getting up to speed on the sediment assessments but there is expected to be a delay in progress with the sediment TMDL. The nutrient TMDL is still expected to be completed by early spring. Jon asked if we should plan a public meeting soon. Kristin suggested that we wait until early spring when the TMDL studies are completed.
 - b. Streamflow website update (Kristin): The four streamflow stations are connected by radios to a base station at the weather station at the Big Sky Water and Sewer storage facility. The base station streams real

time data from the weather station and the four streamflow stations to the Watershed Hydrology Lab at Montana State University (MSU).

Currently, MSU is working on developing a web site to view the data.

Kristin will let the board know when the website is up and running.

- c. Gallatin Local Water Quality District (GLWQD) Expansion Update (Kristin):
At the last GLWQD board meeting, the board decided that instead of lumping the three areas that will vote to become part of the District as one area, they will treat each area as a separate area (Big Sky, Three Forks, Churchill). Therefore each area will vote independently of the other two areas.
- d. Earth Day Race for the Rivers (Kristin): The Montana Water Course (MWC) is organizing a road race around earth day to benefit local water groups (BWTF, GGWC, and MWC). Kristin will attend a meeting on Wednesday, 9th to start planning the race.
- e. Wastewater Solutions Forum update (Jon/Ron): There has been no recent progress from the Wastewater Solutions Forum.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Quarterly Water Sampling Event (tbd)
- b. Thursday, December 10, 8:30AM – 12:30PM – Gallatin Restoration Priority Planning Meeting
- c. Friday December 11th – Christmas Stroll
- d. December 12th – “Green Day” – Big Sky Resort
- e. December 17th – 319 Grant Review Q&A Panel, Helena
- f. Next board meeting date: January 7th, 2010 4pm.

7. Open Discussion

- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.