

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
March 23, 2010 4:15 PM
Big Sky Owners Association
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Holtzman at 4:20 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Ron Edwards, and Mindy Nowakowski. Absent were directors Mike Richter, Jack Crowther and Eric Becker.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron moved and Mindy seconded to approve the minutes from 01-07-10. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Ron asked for a summary of where we stand with the TMDL contracts with PBS&J and KC Harvey. Ron asked if our budget was based on the calendar or fiscal year. Kristin replied that our budget is based on the fiscal year but it would make sense to change it to the fiscal year, since our grants are based on the fiscal year. Mindy stated that Mary Jane just changed the BSCCOA budgets to the fiscal year. Kristin will explore changing the budget year with Mary Jane and Marjorie. Kristin will provide the board with a summary of the TMDL contracts via email before the next meeting. Sue moved and Ron seconded to approve the financial report from 03-23-10. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Annual/TMDL Meeting (Kristin): Kristin talked to Pete on March 3rd about when he expected to be ready to present the TMDL results to the public. Before the open meeting, Pete would like to hold a TMDL stakeholder meeting in late April to discuss the TMDL results. The TMDL public meeting will follow the stakeholder meeting, which Pete expects to happen in May. The TMDL open meeting will also serve as the BWTF annual meeting. Jon asked who is on the stakeholder list. Kristin will email the board the list of stakeholders. Mindy moved and Sue seconded to move the the annual meeting from January to May just for this year. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Yellowstone Club Foundation Grant (Kristin): Kristin will apply for a Yellowstone Club Community Foundation Grant. The board suggested that she apply for \$10,000 to cover some of the costs of the community water quality program and the community outreach program. Kristin will send the board a budget for the grant proposal this weekend.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. TMDL brochure: The TMDL brochure is finalized. Kristin is waiting to hear back from Karen about the printing schedule.

Jon suggested that we put an ad in the paper announcing its arrival.

- ii. TMDL postcard: The postcard will announce the arrival of the TMDL pamphlet, state where the pamphlet can be obtained, and announce the BWTF annual meeting/TMDL open meeting. We will be bulk mail the postcard. Ron suggested that we put the pamphlet on the website. Sue suggested that we supply the pamphlet at the school.
- b. IRS Form 990 Document Requirements (Mindy): The IRS 990 form requires a nonprofit to have certain policies/documents. To date BWTF has filed the 990EZ form, which does not have all of the same requirements. However, Mindy is drafting a set of resolutions so that we have them on file. Mindy distributed the first read of "conflict of interest" form the "public disclosure" form. At the next board meeting, the board will vote to adopt these two forms.
- c. 319 Grant (Kristin): The Montana DEQ added \$1500 to the 319 grant (now totaling \$33000) to study streamwater nitrogen on the golf course. The \$1500 is for a literature review to gather all historical information on water, land use, irrigation, and sewer lines in the golf course area.
- d. Race for the Rivers (Kristin): The race for the rivers will be held on Saturday, May 29th. The proceeds of the race will be split between BWTF, Greater Gallatin Watershed Council (GGWC), and the Montana Watercourse. The split will be relative to the amount of time each organization puts into planning and implementing the race. Kristin will email more information on volunteer opportunities to the board.
- e. Gallatin Local Water Quality District Expansion (GLWQD)(Kristin): The GLWQD passed a resolution to expand the GLWQD boundary to Big Sky. The next step will be for the district to develop a workplan for the Big Sky area for state approval. Kristin will be setting up a meeting with Alan and Tammy, with the GLWQD, to discuss potential projects in the Big Sky area.
- f. Gallatin Restoration Prioritization Meeting (Ron): Ron attended a meeting to prioritize restoration projects in the Gallatin watershed, hosted by GGWC. Tony Thatcher from DTM ran the meeting. Ron felt that the restoration ranking process was more based on personal pet projects than based on science. He didn't think that projects in the Upper Gallatin ranked high on the prioritization list. He said that when the central sewer along the canyon was mentioned that fisherman were worried about dewatering the Gallatin if building occurred to the zoning potential. Mindy sits on the Big Sky zoning committee. Kristin stated that once the TMDL is over, that BWTF will start discussing how to proceed with developing a restoration prioritization list for the Upper Gallatin.
- g. Wastewater Solutions Forum update (Jon/Ron): Seven members from the Wastewater Solutions Forum attended a meeting with Governor Schweitzer's chief policy advisor, Hal Harper to discuss the

snowmaking pilot project. Both Jon and Ron agreed that the meeting was constructive. Hal agreed to talk to the DEQ about treating the permit as a pilot project instead of a business/industry permit. As it stands the DEQ is requiring extensive monitoring of the project, which would far exceed the budget for the project. Hal stated that if the DEQ feels that it is bound by legislation to treat the permit as a business permit than perhaps there is need for a legislative fix. Scott Bosse will follow up with Hal Harper in a week. Sue mentioned that she has a family connection to Hal Harper and will put in a good word for the cause.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. March TBD: Quarterly Water Quality Sampling Event
- b. April TBD: Biannual Bug Sampling Event
- c. April 1st: Yellowstone Club Foundation Grant due
- d. April 28th – Resort Tax Applications Due
- e. May 26th – Resort Tax Q&A – 1pm Big Sky Chapel
- f. June 9th Resort Tax Appropriations Meeting – 1pm Big Sky Chapel
- g. Next board meeting date: Kristin will send out a meet-o-matic email to try and coordinate the next board meeting. The meeting will need to be before the Resort Tax application is due so that the board can vote on the application.

7. Open Discussion

8. Adjournment