

## Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Annual Meeting

August 25, 2010 6:00 PM

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### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Holtzman Holtzman at 6:05 pm. Also in attendance were directors Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, Eric Becker, and Jack Crowther. Missing were directors Sue Barton and Mindy Nowakowski.
2. **Approval of Minutes** Mike moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from 07-27-10. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Jack moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from 08-25-10. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
    - i. Draft TMDL document available ([www.http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo](http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo)). Public comment period until September 13<sup>th</sup>, mail comments to: DEQ, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, or emailed to TMDLComments@mt.gov.
    - ii. What is next?
      - a. Watershed restoration plan: Next board meeting the board will discuss the how to begin work on the watershed restoration plan.
      - b. 319 projects
        - i. Existing golf course study
        - ii. Updated nutrient management plan: Pete is pushing for BWTF to apply for a 319 grant to develop a nutrient management plan for the golf course.
        - iii. Builders education: Kristin would like to hold a workshop to educate builders in Big Sky in construction practices that minimize sediment and nutrient loading to streams. Kristin will look for grant funding for this purpose.
        - iv. Projects partnering with Gallatin Local Water Quality District: Kristin will be meeting with Alan English from GLWQD to discuss future collaborative projects.
        - v. Streamflow trends from USGS Gallatin Gateway Streamflow station: Jon suggested a study that examines streamflow at the USGS stream flow station at the mouth of the canyon for trends in time. Kristin will look for funding for this project.
  - b. Montana Bureau Mines Geology Groundwater Assessment (Mike): The Gallatin/Madison county groundwater assessment is about half way with well data collection. Mike estimates that the final report is a long

ways out ~5years. A synopsis of the Big Sky alluvial aquifer may be completed before the final report.

- c. Lookout and Monthly articles (Kristin): Kristin reported that the Lookout ran an article about the real-time streamflow stations. In addition, the Big Sky monthly will be publishing an article about aquatic insects in the September edition. Jon suggested that each board member write an article for the paper on a particular aspect of the river that they have expertise or interest. The board will discuss this idea further at the next board meeting.
- d. Wastewater solutions forum update (Jon/Ron): Ron met early this afternoon with DEQ staff regarding snowmaking permit. Two possible scenarios for the snowmaking permit: 1) the DEQ may roll the snowmaking permit on top of Big Sky Water and Sewer Districts land application permit or 2) the DEQ may process the snowmaking permit as stand alone permit. There are pros and cons to either scenario. If processed as a stand alone permit, it may take more time to process but it will have DEQ's backing/ input. If the permit is rolled into the land app permit, it will be processed earlier but the DEQ does not have as much of a buy in/ input.

## **5. Upcoming Events**

- a. September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2pm – BSOA Annual Meeting
- b. Early September: Quarterly water quality sampling event
- c. Early September: Biannual bug sampling event
- d. Next board meeting date: October 6

## **6. Open Discussion**

- 7. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:40.