

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 18th, 2011 4 PM**  
**Big Sky Water and Sewer District**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Also in attendance were directors Ron Edwards, Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, Eric Becker, and Mike Richter. Absent was director San Schwalbe. Also attending the meeting was Alicia Degroot, the newly hired Big Sky Watershed Corp Member.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack moved and Mike seconded to approve the minutes from 09-01-11. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Ron moved and Mike seconded to approve the financial report from 10-18-11. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Watershed Corps Volunteer (Kristin)
    - i. Introduction: Kristin introduced the newly hired Big Sky Watershed Corp Member Alicia Degroot, who will be with BWTF until August. Kristin and Alicia are working on a workplan for Alicia and will try to get a draft out to the board by the end of the week.
    - ii. DNRC funding: Kristin will be attending the Gallatin Conservation District Meeting to discuss receiving funding for the cash match required for the Big Sky Watershed Corps program from the Department of Natural Resource and Conservation Reclamation and Development Grant Program.
  - b. New Board Member (Kristin): Jack and Ron will form a finance committee to help Kristin with financial planning and fundraising.
  - c. Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (Kristin): Gary Weiner from the RTCA program came to Big Sky to discuss building an interpretive trail and riparian enhancement projects along the Upper Middle Fork. The deadline to submit a grant application is July of 2012.
  - d. Gallatin River Cleanup (Kristin): About 17 people attended the Upper Gallatin River Cleanup. Volunteers collected a surprisingly large amount of trash from the pullouts and fishing access points from Spanish Creek to the Park Boundary. Kristin will work on raising money to conduct another cleanup next year.
  - e. Fundraising Training/ Financial Plan (Kristin): Kristin attended a three-day Fundraising Training session put on by the Montana Watershed Coordination Council. Kristin is looking into hiring the fundraising consultant for a board training with the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council and the Madison Watershed Partnership.

f. Wastewater Solutions Forum Update (Jon/Ron):

**6. Upcoming Events**

- a. October 17<sup>th</sup> 9am at BWTF Office: Golf Course Sampling Event
- b. Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Gallatin Conservation District Board Meeting
- c. Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Greater Gallatin Watershed Council Fall Tour
- d. October 25<sup>th</sup>: 319 Presentation in Helena
- e. October 26-28<sup>th</sup>: Watershed Corps Training in Bozeman
- f. November 4, 2011: MTDEQ 319 program - notification of intent to award
- g. Next board meeting date:

**7. Open Discussion**

Jon asked Ron about the sewer video. Ron said there were no major issues found. They have not videoed behind the glacier condos yet but anticipate doing this area next year.

**8. Adjournment:** Board meeting adjourned at 5:15.