

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 21st, 2012 4 PM
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** BWTF Vice Chair Jack Crowther called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm. Also in attendance were directors Ron Edwards, Sue Barton, Eric Becker, and San Schwalbe. Absent were directors Mike Richter and Jon Holtzman
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Eric moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from 01-11-12. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Ron moved and Jack seconded to approve the financial report from 02-21-12. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Review Work Plan (Kristin): The board reviewed the draft 2012 BWTF Work Plan and did not have any changes to the document.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Annual Meeting Date (Kristin): The board set the annual meeting to be Tuesday, April 12th at 6pm. Kristin will contact Bucks to reserve a room and will send a draft agenda to the board before the March board meeting.
 - b. Fundraising Training (Kristin, Sue, San, Ron): Kristin, Jon, Sue, San, and Ron attended the fundraising training by Peggy Owens of Sage Solutions in Ennis. Kristin passed out a summary of important take home points from the training. The board will review and discuss at the March board meeting.
 - c. Fundraising Event (Kristin): Kristin handed the board Jon's notes from his meeting with the organizers of Jackson's One Fly Fishing Tournament. The board will review and discuss at the March board meeting.
 - d. Facebook Page (Kristin/Alicia): the BWTF Facebook page is up and running. It can be accessed on Facebook or by a link on the BWTF website.
 - e. Press Release – Road Traction Sand (Kristin): Kristin and Alicia wrote an article in this weeks Big Sky Weekly about potential impacts of winter maintenance activities on the Gallatin River.
 - f. Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) Sampling (Kristin): Kristin spoke to Doug Compton from the Environmental Services section of MDOT. MDOT is sampling monthly along the Gallatin and the West Fork for magnesium, sodium, chloride, and total dissolved solids. Doug will keep Kristin up to date on the findings from the study.
 - g. Gallatin Conservation District Meeting (GCD) (Kristin): Kristin and Alicia met with the GCD to discuss Alicia's work for the GCD. Alicia will be working

with Marianne Pott, the Big Sky Watershed Corps Member for the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council and Montana Watercourse, on designing and implementing the Education and Outreach Center at the new GCD office in Manhattan.

- h. Montana Bureau Mines and Geology Meeting (Kristin, Mike, Alicia): Kristin and Alicia met with Alan English, John LaFavre, Mike Richter, and Cam Carstarphen to discuss the results from the West Fork Nitrogen Monitoring Study. The group recommended collecting high-resolution water level data with monthly nitrogen and chloride samples from two wells to examine how water chemistry correlates to ground water movement and golf course irrigation.
- i. Fish, Wildlife & Parks Meeting (FWP) (Kristin): Kristin and Alicia met with FWP and Gallatin National Forest (GNF) Fish Biologists, Mike Vaughn, and Bruce Roberts to discuss possible projects in the Upper Gallatin to improve fish habitat. Bruce discussed two projects to improve cutthroat populations in the Upper South Fork and in Beehive Basin. Bruce stated that FWP had discussed the Beehive Project with Trout Unlimited. Ron asked if FWP mentioned re-channelizing the Middle Fork through the Little Coyote pond. Kristin will discuss this idea with FWP and follow up with Trout Unlimited and the Yellowstone Club to discuss the viability of these two projects.
- j. GNF Meeting (Kristin): Kristin met with GNF Hydrologist, Mark Story, to discuss upcoming projects in the Upper Gallatin. They are planning on doing some erosion work on the First and Second Yellow Mule next summer.
- k. Wastewater Solutions Forum Update (Jon/Ron): Ron was recently contacted by ? in Sun Valley who was interested in the Snowfluent project. Sue asked how many years the study was going to be conducted. Ron stated that their was funding for only one year of study and that Rich did not seem interested in continuing the project next year because of the large demand on his staff.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Friday, February 24th 11:30 at Ophir School Gym: Science Fair
 - b. March TBD: Water quality and aquatic insect sampling event
 - c. March TBD: Snowfluent sampling
 - d. Sunday, April 1st: Yellowstone Community Club Foundation Applications due
 - e. Wednesday, April 4th: Big Sky Resort Tax District Applications due
 - f. Friday, April 27th: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Watershed Planning Assistance Grant Application due
7. Next board meeting date: The next BWTF board meeting will be Tuesday, March 13th at BSWSD at 4 pm.

8. Open Discussion

9. **Adjournment:** The board adjourned the meeting at 4:55.