

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 4 PM**  
**Big Sky Water and Sewer District**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** BWTF Chair Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, and Ron Edwards. Big Sky Watershed Corps Member, Alicia Degroot and Big Sky resident Nancy Sheil were also in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron moved and Sue seconded to approve the minutes from 05-08-12. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Sue moved and Jack seconded to approve the financial report from 06-05-12. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Fundraising Plan (Kristin)
    - i. Membership Development Plan (Kristin): Kristin reviewed the draft Membership development plan with the board. After review, changes to the plan suggested by the board included: 1) adding develop a membership form to the FY2013 goals, 2) giving a bumper sticker for all donations levels, 3) including a hat with a pin for a gift for 100+ donors, 4) including a larger donation for businesses at \$500, and 5) sending a certificate to businesses. Kristin will rewrite the plan with the suggested changes and send the revised document out to the board. Ron suggested setting up a meeting with Marjorie to discuss any changes to tax reporting with a membership donation program. Kristin will meet with Marjorie to discuss changes to tax reporting.
    - ii. Special Event (Jon): Jon has not had any luck getting a hold of the local fishing guides during the off season but will continue to pursue with the help of Jack to gauge interest in a fishing derby.
  - b. Farmer's Market reusable shopping bags (Kristin): BWTF will have a presence at the Farmer's Market at the Big Sky Natural Resources Council booth. Kristin will email a link to sign up for the booth. Kristin has been researching reusable shopping bags with the BWTF logo to have available at the booth for a minimum donation to cover costs. The board suggested Kristin wait until the results of the BSRAD allocation to purchase the bags.
  - c. Rain Garden Update (Kristin, Alicia): Kristin received an updated rain garden plan from Dan LaFrance. The new name of the garden is a stormwater garden, since the site location does not hold water long enough to be a rain garden. Kristin and Alicia met with Ophir School Superintendent, Jerry House, and Building Manager, Ron Downer. The first phase of the rain garden will include setting up the irrigation, hardscaping, and planting, as the budget allows. Jerry would like to see a plan for each phase of the rain

garden and a final budget. His biggest concern is to make sure that each phase of the garden is attractive. Once these items are received, Jerry will introduce the project to the school board.

- d. Watershed Restoration Plan (Kristin): Kristin submitted a second draft of the watershed restoration plan to the MTDEQ. Jon suggested a glossary at the end of the plan. Kristin agreed to add a glossary to the end of the plan. Jon stressed the importance of community buy in to the success of the plan and suggested that we set up meetings with major watershed stakeholders (Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, BSOA annual meeting, Gallatin Women's Club etc.) to discuss the plan. Jon also suggested that we hold an open meeting in the Fall to discuss the plan. Finally, Jon suggested that Kristin work on coming up with more accurate cost estimates for the restoration projects.
- e. Snowmaking study update (Alicia): All of the sampling has been completed for the snowmaking pilot study. Ray Armstrong will have the data analyzed by Fall 2012.
- f. Septic Video (Alicia): Alicia asked the board if they preferred the septic video embedded in the website or connected through a hyperlink. The board suggested embedding the video into the website unless it slowed down the loading time of the website.

## **5. Upcoming Events**

- a. Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: runoff water quality sampling event
- b. Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>: Lower Gallatin River cleanup sponsored by Trout Unlimited. Meet at old Gourmet Gas Station at 9 am. RSVP to Jennifer Mohler by June 6<sup>th</sup>– bigskyweeds@gmail.com
- c. June 13<sup>th</sup>: Big Sky Resort Tax District Allocation at 1 pm at the Big Sky Chapel
- d. June 29<sup>th</sup>: Big Sky Natural Resource Council: Forest Management Workshop
- e. July 28<sup>th</sup>: Big Sky Country Fair and Arts Festival
- f. Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> - Montana Watershed Coordination Council Watershed Forum.
- g. Next board meeting date:

## **6. Open Discussion**

## **7. Adjournment**