

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 10th, 2012 3 PM
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** BWTF Chair Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, Mike Richter, and Ron Edwards. In addition, Big Sky Watershed Corps Member, Alicia Degroot was in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack moved and Sue seconded to approve the minutes from 06-05-12. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Ron moved and Jack seconded to approve the financial report from 07-10-12. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Big Sky Resort Tax Funding (Kristin)
 - i. Changes to water quality program: BSRAD funding will support proposed changes to our water quality sampling program. Kristin and Alicia are working on making these changes by the late summer sampling event in August.
 - ii. Real-time website: Montana State University has updated the system, which collects the BWTF real-time streamflow data and transmits the data onto the BWTF website. The new system is not compatible with the computer code written by Pete Bolane to transform the data into graphs on the website. Currently, the data is being transmitted from MSU with their cookie cutter graphs that may be difficult for the general public to understand. For Pete to update the code to make them easily understandable graphs will cost between \$400 and \$500. Ron suggested Kristin forward the Google Analytics data before making a decision. Kristin will send out the Google Analytics data to the board.
 - b. Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) Program (Kristin): Applications for the BSWC program are due August 1st. Kristin stated that the BWTF has the money required for cash match and there may be other opportunities to apply for support through the Montana Watershed Coordination Council. Sue moved to apply for the 2012-2013 BSWC program and Ron seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.
 - c. West Fork Nitrogen Study (Kristin)
 - i. Soil sampling: Kristin is planning on collecting soil samples on the golf course to analyze for nitrogen and chloride to determine if nitrogen and chloride has percolated past the root zone. Sue asked if this could be a potential science fair project. Kristin will send Sue more details on the project to pass along to interested students. Jack offered to show Kristin and Alicia areas on the golf course that are saturated.

- ii. Education and outreach: As part of the West Fork Nitrogen Monitoring Study, the BWTF has \$3,000 for education and outreach associated with the project. MTDEQ grant manager, Mark Ockey, suggest that the BWTF use the money to educate the golf course maintenance staff. Jon suggested that Kristin work with Sam Woodger to develop educational material.
- d. Fundraising Plan (Kristin)
 - i. Membership Documents (Kristin): Kristin asked if there any suggested changes to the draft Membership documents. Jon suggested breaking up the last checkbox into two. Sue suggested that we add a personal note in the blank space of the thank you card. Kristin will make the stated changes and print out copies to start spreading the word at the Country Fair. Kristin will send out the draft fund development plan to the board to vote on. Jon suggested that we aim to have everything in place to start the Membership program in September. Kristin will work on pulling together a Master's contact sheet. Ron suggested by August 31st, the date of the BSOA annual meeting. Jon suggested that we put two ads in the local papers announcing the membership program.
 - ii. Membership Gifts (Kristin/Alicia)
 - a. Hat: the board liked the design presented by Alicia and definitely would like the embroidery on the back. Alicia will order sample hats for the board.
 - b. Bumper Sticker: Alicia found inexpensive recycled bumper stickers and asked the board what design they would like on the bumpersticker. The board would like "Friend of the Gallatin" with the BWTF logo beneath.
 - c. Pin: Alicia showed potential pins and the board chose the pin from pin depot. Alicia will go ahead and buy this pin.
 - iii. Special Event (Jon): Jon spoke to Dave Alvin about the fishing derby. Dave liked the idea and had a few suggestions (e.g. control sites by lottery, do not hire guides – self regulate). Other's suggestions include: a fly-tying contest, a big name fly-fisherman to speak at the banquet following the derby. Jon will work on setting up a meeting with other local guides and fishing enthusiasts to form a committee.
- e. Stormwater Garden Update (Kristin, Alicia): Kristin and Alicia are working on setting up a meeting with San to develop a budget and a plan for implementation of the stormwater garden.
- f. New Board Member (Kristin): Jack moved and Sue seconded to have Nancy Shiel join the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Watershed Restoration Plan Update (Kristin): Kristin added a glossary and made a few minor edits to the Watershed Restoration Plan. Next step is acceptance by the Supervisor of the Water Protection Section.
- h. Snowmaking Study Update (Ron): Ray Armstrong will be writing a summary report on the snowmaking study. Once the report is written, the report will

be presented to the MTDEQ at a meeting. The data suggests that snow runs off the site as opposed to percolating in the soil.

- i. Summer Board Gathering (Kristin): Kristin suggested that we have a summer board gathering before Alicia leaves in August. Kristin will work out the details and send them out to the board for suggestions.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. Wednesdays from July 11th to September 5th 5-8pm: BWTF booth with the Big Sky Natural Resource Council.
- b. July 28th: Big Sky Country Fair and Arts Festival
- c. August 1: Big Sky Watershed Corps Applications due
- d. Thursday August 16th/17th - Montana Watershed Coordination Council Watershed Forum.
- e. Friday, August 31st at 1pm in the Talus Room: BSOA annual meeting. BWTF will have an informational booth at the reception immediately following at Whiskey Jacks.
- f. TBD: River Cleanup (September), Stormwater Garden Dig Days (Aug/Sept), water quality sampling event (late August/early September)
- g. Next board meeting date: August 14th at 3pm at BSWSD.

6. Open Discussion

Kristin stated that Grizzly Outfitters is showing a fly-fishing film on the Yellowstone at Lone Peak Cinema on Wednesday, July 18th as part of the fly-fishing grand opening.

7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.