

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, Nancy Sheil and Ron Edwards. In addition, Big Sky Watershed Corps Member, Alicia DeGroot was in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from 06-05-12. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Sue moved and Ron seconded to approve the financial report from 07-10-12. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
  - a. Upcoming project priorities (Kristin): Kristin has created a list of fall projects and has prioritized them by the grant deadline and whether or not they need to be completed by the end of the field season. Kristin will e-mail a copy of this list to the board for approval.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Big Sky Watershed Corps Program (BSWC) (Kristin): BSWC changed the dates of the service term to January-November; however, Alicia as a returning member would be allowed to keep the original term dates of October-August. Kristin will be informed if BWTF is officially accepted into the program by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Fundraising Plan (Kristin/Alicia): Kristin reminded the board to either vote to accept the fundraising plan or suggest changes.
    - i. Membership Gifts (Kristin/Alicia)
      - a. Hat: Alicia presented the board with two sample hats, she will also show the hats to Eric Becker and Mike Richter before ordering
      - b. Bumper Sticker: Alicia asked the board their preference on colors and font on the "Friend of the Gallatin Bumper Sticker". The board would like block letters with more spacing between the letters. The board would also like the BWTF logo and bumper sticker to be larger than the samples presented by Alicia. Alicia will send out soft proofs of the design to the board before ordering.
      - c. Pin: The pins were shipped and received by the BWTF.
    - ii. Special Event (Jon): There are no new updates at this time.
  - c. Stormwater Garden Update (Kristin, Alicia) Kristin met with San discuss the updated stormwater garden plan last week. In addition, Kristin and Alicia met with Ron Downer and Paso irrigation regarding irrigation for the garden. The irrigators will send a proposal to Kristin. Kristin and Alicia will organize a "Volunteer Dig Day" to remove/organize rocks and reshape the garden. Kristin suggested that this take place in September/October to

encourage students to be involved. Kristin informed the board that the Stormwater Garden is going to cost significantly more money than originally projected. She will continue to write grants to fund it.

- d. Watershed Restoration Plan Public Information Piece (Kristin): Kristin suggested that the BWTF produce and distribute a high quality informational piece about the Watershed Restoration Plan. Kristin suggested that Karen Filipovich, who designed the TMDL brochure, be hired to project. The cost would be \$1,875 for her time, \$1,150 for the printing, and \$485 to mail the brochures out to Big Sky residents. The earliest Karen would be able to complete this would be the end of October. The board agreed with this suggestion. Jon would like to be involved in editing the brochure.
- e. Snowmaking Study Update (Ron): It is the hope that a first draft report will be available by the end of August. Once the draft report is completed, a meeting with the MTDEQ will be scheduled in Bozeman.
- f. Alicia End of Service Celebration (Kristin): A collective celebration for the BSWC members in the Gallatin Watershed will be held in Bozeman the final week of August. Kristin will inform the board the board of the details.

## **6. Upcoming Events**

- a. Wednesdays from July 11<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm: BWTF booth with the Big Sky Natural Resource Council.
- b. Thursday/Friday - August 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> - Montana Watershed Coordination Council Watershed Forum in Helena.
- c. Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm in the Talus Room: BSOA annual meeting. BWTF will have an informational booth at the reception immediately following the meeting at Whiskey Jacks.
- d. Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30am – Community Water Quality Sampling Event
- e. TBD: River Cleanup (September 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>) The board determined that Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> would be best for the River Clean up, but ensure that some of the stretches are shorter.
- f. Stormwater Garden Dig Day (September/October weekend): The board agreed that October would be best to have this event.
- g. Next board meeting date: Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

## **7. Open Discussion**

Alicia had an idea for a teacher's service learning project. Sue will help her get on the agenda with other teachers to promote the idea.

Kristin stated that the project funding the telemetry system which allows for the real-time streamflow data on the BWTF website will be ending at the end of August. Kristin talked to the data manager at MSU, Seth Kurt-Mason, and he said that if the BWTF would not like to take over the data management than the radios will be deployed elsewhere. Ron offered to host the Loggernet server at the Big Sky Water and Sewer District. Kristin will put Ron in touch with Seth.

## **8. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.