

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 29th, 2012 4 PM
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Eric Becker, Jack Crowther, and Mike Richter. Big Sky Watershed Corps Member Alicia DeGroot was also in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack moved and Mike seconded to approve the minutes from 09-26-12. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Sue moved and Jack seconded to approve the financial report from 10-29-12. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Board Contribution – Jon suggested that as the membership campaign begins board members consider giving to the program.
 - b. Sue Resignation – Sue Barton resigned from the board.
 - c. South Fork Cutthroat Trout (Kristin): Kristin will meet with Rich Chandler (Yellowstone Club), Mike Vaughn (Fish Wildlife and Parks) and the Big Sky Community Corporation to discuss potential projects to protect and quantify the Westslope Cutthroat trout above Ousel Falls.
 - d. Groundwater Investigation Program (Kristin/Mike): Kristin informed the board that Big Sky was selected as a site for the 2013 Groundwater Investigation Program (GWIP). The GWIP conducts focused groundwater studies and encourages participation of the local community in defining and planning the project. John Wheaton, the GWIP manager, offered to attend a BWTF board meeting and also a public meeting to gather public input for the study. Kristin will follow up with John to coordinate his trips to Big Sky.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. Kristin's contract (Kristin): The board will review Kristin's contract and suggest any changes by the next board meeting. Jon asked Kristin to ask Mindy to take a look at it. Kristin will ask Mindy if she is willing to review her contract.
 - b. Run for the Rivers (Kristin): The board decided not to participate in the run for the rivers.
 - c. Update mission to reflect new restoration program? (Kristin): Kristin suggested that the BWTF mission be updated to reflect the restoration work being done. This is important as some funders do consider an organizations mission when funding for a project. Kristin will send the board a few examples of an updated mission.
 - d. Annual report (Kristin): Kristin has sent out the text and pictures to Classic Ink and Outlaw Partners. She expects to have price quotes by the end of the week.
 - e. Membership program (Kristin)
 - i. Advertisements: The board would like 4 to 5 ads on the membership program run in the Lookout and the Weekly spread out throughout the year.

They will consider advertising in the paper magazines in the spring. San suggested that we alter the timing in the two papers.

- ii. Website: Pete added a membership button to the website
- iii. Business plaques: Plaques recognizing business support will be put at the water monitoring signs.
- iv. Next steps: Master contact list for the board, design a business certificate
- f. Stormwater Garden Update (Kristin)
 - i. Artist sketch: Debb Smith created a plan view artist sketch of the stormwater garden. Kristin will ask the school if it can be put somewhere on school grounds for display.
 - ii. Grant extension: The grant from the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana for the stormwater garden was extended until the end of May.
 - iii. Next steps: Meetings with Jerry House and school board, prepare budget, begin plant donation program, brainstorm fundraiser ideas.
- g. Watershed Restoration Plan public information piece (Kristin): Kristin and Karen have gone through one round of edits. Karen expects the second draft to be out by the end of the week.
- h. Golf course study (Kristin)
 - a. Soil samples: Soil samples were collected at 10 sites and analyzed for total nitrogen and chloride.
 - b. Golf course education and outreach: Kristin will work with Sam to create educational materials for a half day training for the golf maintenance crew on minimizing the impact of the golf course on water quality in the West Fork.
 - c. Final report: the final report for the project is due at the end of December.
- i. Volunteer fair (Alicia): Alicia is helping to organize a volunteer fair at the school for Martin Luther King Day.
- j. Snowmaking study update (Ron/Kristin): Kristin and Ray presented the snowmaking study at the Montana American Water Resources Association Meeting in mid-October. Ray recently sent out a second draft of the study report.
- k. Special Event (Jon): Kristin will coordinate a meeting with community members recommended by the board to plan for a special event. Jon recommended Dick Fast, Dave Alvin, and Bill Breedan. Jack recommended John Ethan. Eric recommended Ennion Williams. Eric agreed to participate in meetings until the end of April when Geyser opens.

3. Upcoming Events

- a. Wednesday, November 7th, 10 am: South Fork Cutthroat Meeting at BSCC office.
- b. Friday, November 9th 11:45 am: 4th grade field trip to Gallatin
- c. Wednesday, November 28th at 6:30 pm: Big Sky School District Board Meeting
- d. Next board meeting date: Wednesday, November 28th 4pm at BSWSD.

4. Open Discussion

- 5. **Adjournment:** Chairman Jon Holtzman adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.