

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 4 PM**  
**Big Sky Water and Sewer District**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Also in attendance were directors Jack Crowther, San Schwalbe, and Nancy Sheil. Absent were directors Eric Becker, Ron Edwards, and Mike Richter.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack made a motion to approve the minutes from November 28, 2012 and Nancy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Jack made a motion to approve the financial report. Nancy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
  - a. Resort Tax Meeting (Jon): The resort tax is holding two town hall meetings at Bucks T4 to discuss future community needs. The BWTF is required to submit a survey to the Tax board after the first meeting. Kristin will send out the survey for board review before submitting it to the tax board.
  - b. Treasurer/Secretary (Kristin): Jack nominated San to be Treasurer/Secretary and Nancy seconded. Since the nomination of officers requires a super majority Kristin will send an email to absent board members. Update as of 01/08/13: Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Membership program (Kristin)
    - i. Memberships to date: To date, we have received 9 new memberships and have raised a total of \$625. Jon suggested that we create a certificate for businesses to display. Alicia will work on designing a certificate. Jon would like the certificate to be tasteful/conservative and dated and signed by Jack and Jon.
    - ii. Master contact list: Kristin created two membership solicitation lists (business/individual) on Google Drive. San suggested adding a column to display the contact date and adding the people that have signed up to date. Nancy stated that we should be tactical about what time of year we approach people/businesses and this may vary depending on each person/business.
  - b. West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Plan/Implementation (WFNRP) (Kristin)
    - i. Next steps: Kristin will develop a timeline for the tasks of the MTDEQ grant to develop the WFNRP and send it out to the board. Other next steps included developing a sampling analysis plan for field work in the summer of 2013 and hiring a qualified consultant to assess riparian condition in the West Fork. Kristin proposed that she do the work that she is qualified for which would be separate from her coordination job tasks (similar to the West Fork Nitrogen Study). The board thought this was a good idea. Kristin will prepare a contract for the next board meeting.
  - c. Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) Chloride Report (Kristin): Kristin received a letter from the MDOT regarding the 2012 chloride sampling in

the Gallatin River and the West Fork of the Gallatin. Low chloride levels were found except for a spike at the West Fork site, just above the golf course, in March. Kristin disagrees with the conclusions in the letter that state that the results demonstrate no impact for a couple of reasons. The first is that the MDOT compared the results to the drinking water standard, which is irrelevant since we do not drink water from these streams. We should be concerned with aquatic life and vegetation. The second issue is that the MDOT sampled monthly and with monthly samples there is a high probability of missing an episodic event, which can harm fish/insects as discussed in the Stormwater article that Ron emailed the board a year or so back. Finally, since the MDOT recently increased the salt content of the sand mixture, it may take years in some areas to show an impact as the groundwater becomes saturated with salt. The spike that was recorded in the West Fork was quite high and confirms that we should be monitoring chloride as part of our community water quality sampling program. Kristin will write a reply letter by the end of next week and will send it out for board review.

- d. Volunteer Fair volunteers (Alicia): Alicia asked the board for volunteers to man the booth at the volunteer fair at Lone Peak High School. Kristin will set up a sign up sheet on the Google Drive.
- e. Golf course study (Kristin)
  - i. Data report (Kristin): Kristin reviewed with the board the executive summary of the data summary report for the West Fork Nitrogen Study. Jon suggested contacting Ron to see if he would recommend presenting the results to the BSWSD board. Kristin will contact the MTDEQ to discuss the funding possibility for a project that maps soil percolation across the golf course.
- f. Water quality sampling event (Jon/Alicia): Sampling event went well. No red flags.
- g. Special event (Jon/Eric/Kristin/Alicia): Jon will send out an email to coordinate a second breakfast meeting regarding a new special event.

## **2. Upcoming Events**

- a. January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at Bucks T4: Big Sky Resort Tax Town Hall Meeting
- b. January 16-18<sup>th</sup>: Big Sky Watershed Corps Training in Bozeman
- c. January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013: Volunteer fair at Big Sky School District.
- d. February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at Bucks T4: Big Sky Resort Tax Town Hall Meeting
- e. Next board meeting date: Kristin will coordinate the next meeting via email.

## **3. Open Discussion**

- 4. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.