

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 5th, 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 Jack Crowther, San Schwalbe, Eric Becker, Ron Edwards, and Mike Richter. Absent was director Nancy Sheil.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack made a motion to approve the minutes from January 7th, 2013 and San seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Jack made a motion to approve the financial report and Eric seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Annual Meeting: Kristin recommended holding the annual meeting at the end of May to allow for the Ground Water Information Program to complete a draft work plan for the groundwater work in the Big Sky area. This would allow the GWIP program to present their plan to the public at the meeting. In addition, this date would accommodate for a presentation by the 4th graders. Jon asked about holding the meeting at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center. Kristin will look into this option and report back to the board.
 - b. Yellowstone Club Community Foundation (YCCF) Grant (Kristin): Kristin was approached by Rich Chandler, the Environmental Manager at the Yellowstone Club about future plans to apply for YCCF support. Rich suggested developing and implementing a plan for restoration projects on the Big Sky Golf Course in hope of getting the nutrient TMDL removed. Kristin has contacted Mike Rotar from Atkins, who is a stream restoration professional, to submit a proposal for this work.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Ground Water Information Program (GWIP) Update (Kristin): Kristin spoke with Kirk Warren, who is the project manager for the GWIP project. The project will entail a detailed groundwater flow model for the Meadow Village area and a 3D geologic model of the Big Sky area developed from well logs. They will have a draft workplan completed by May 1st, which will be mailed to major stakeholders for comment. At the BWTF annual meeting, they will present their second draft, which will take in considerations the comments from the first draft. Mike stated that Luke Buckley is creating a mapper which will allow users to view geology and well information of select areas.
 - b. West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Plan (Kristin)
 - i. Sampling Analysis Plan: Kristin and Alicia have completed a sampling analysis plan for the West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Plan and for the BWTF community water quality monitoring plan and a standard operation procedures document for the community water quality monitoring program. All of these documents will be sent to the MTDEQ for acceptance.

- ii. Next steps: Kristin will work on an outline of next steps for the West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Plan.
- iii. Contract: Kristin worked with Mindy to develop a contract for the work under the West Fork Nitrogen Reduction plan that Kristin is qualified to perform. The board approved the contract.
- c. Stormwater Garden (Kristin/San/Alicia): The stormwater garden budget is much more expensive than originally expected because of the dry rocky condition of the soil at the site. Without any help or donations and with retail prices, the garden will be approximately \$60,000. This figure does not include the 2nd phase of irrigation. Kristin is waiting to hear from Scotty from Paso for the irrigation estimate. Installation of the garden may take up to five years in phases. The board agreed that the project was still worth pursuing. Topsoil will be donated by the school and compost from Big Sky Water and Sewer District. Ron suggested putting information up on the website and to add request some funds from the Resort Tax application.
 - i. Fundraisers
 - a. Mother's Day sale: Kristin, San, and Alicia have been working on a Mother's Day flower sale through the school similar to the poinsettia sale. The will be an annual event to fund the maintenance of the garden.
 - b. Plant donation program: Jon suggested including installation of each plant for individual donations.
 - c. Giving trees: Jerry House suggested a giving tree fundraiser in select locations.
 - d. Fly Fishing Festival (Jon/Jack/Kristin): A meeting was held on Tuesday, March 4th to plan for the fly-fishing festival. Tentatively, the date is set to host the fly film tour on Saturday, August 2nd and the festival and banquet on Saturday, August 3rd.

2. Upcoming Events

- a. March Sampling Event: TBD
- b. March 13th: Alicia and Jackie will be handing out well testing kits at the post office between 11 and 2.
- c. March 21-24 TBD: MTDEQ meeting.
- d. April 3rd: Resort Tax Applications due
- e. May 1st: YCCF applications due
- f. May 9th: Pickup delivery day for Mother's day sale
- g. Next board meeting date: Tuesday, April 2nd at 4pm at Big Sky Water and Sewer District.

- 3. **Open Discussion:** Jon handed out an example letter for board membership solicitation. He asked Kristin to print out some business forms.

- 4. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm