

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 15th, 2012 4 PM
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Other directors in attendance included Jack Crowther, Eric Becker, Ron Edwards, and Mike Richter. Big Sky Watershed Corps Member, Alicia DeGroot was also in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron made a motion and Jack seconded to approve the minutes from April 2, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. The board will wait to approve the report until Kristin meets with Marjorie to correct an error in the books.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Annual Meeting Agenda (Kristin):** Kristin presented a proposed agenda for the annual meeting. Jon would begin the meeting with an introduction, followed by Bruce Roberts discussing the cutthroat preservation work in the Big Sky area, Kristin will discuss BWTF activities over the past year, followed by Alicia talking about the volunteer monitoring program, the fourth grade will present their service learning project on the Gallatin and the Ground Water Information Program Proposal will close the evening.
 - b. **Golf Course Workshop (Kristin):** The workshop for the Big Sky Golf Course Maintenance crew will be on May 28th at the Big Sky Fire Department. Kristin will give an introduction on local water quality and potential sources of nitrogen from the golf course. Two professors from MSU will discuss nitrogen management in soils and irrigation management for turf grass. A representative from the microbiological company that San works with (Biolynceus) will discuss biological treatments. Jon will attend and write an article about the workshop.
 - c. **Big Sky Golf Course Restoration Plan (Kristin):** Kristin received a proposal from Atkins for stream restoration sites to mitigate nitrogen loading from wastewater irrigation and fertilizer on the Big Sky Golf Course. She met with Jeff Dunn, Mike Rotar, and Gary Ingman from Atkins to discuss the proposal. In addition to the restoring riparian areas on the West Fork, there was emphasis on the necessity of evaluating the management of irrigation water. As a first step, Jeff and Mike will provide more detail on site locations and proposed work to present to the Big Sky Golf Course to see if they would be amenable to the work. As of last week, Atkins decided to close its Montana offices so the project is on hold; however, Jeff and Mike have started the process of opening up their own consulting firm. Kristin will keep the board informed of any updates and future meetings. Kristin will send the proposal and site map to the board.
 - d. **Ground Water Information Program (GWIP) Proposal (Kristin):** Kirk Warren from GWIP will send Kristin and other major stakeholders a proposal of the Big Sky study by the end of the week.

- e. Stormwater Garden (Kristin/San/Alicia)
 - i. Fundraisers
 - a. Mother's Day Flower Sale (Kristin): Total money raised from the Mother's Day Flower sale was \$850 and this number may increase if extra violets are sold at Wildwood Nursery.
 - b. Plant donation program (Alicia/San): San has set up a display garden at Wildwood for the plant donation program. Customers can donate any amount towards the purchase of a tree or shrub for the garden. Kristin will send out a media release once a sign is put up at the display garden – which should happen this week.
 - c. Jon will talk to Tony Martel about contributing excavation work to the stormwater conservation garden
 - f. Fly Fishing Festival (Jon/Jack/Kristin): Sponsorship deadline to have a name/logo included with advertising is June 1st. Eric suggested getting an artist to paint the logo. Jack will contact an artist that he knows. Kristin or Alicia will speak to Creighton Gallery.

2. Upcoming Events

- a. Tuesday May 28th 4pm at the Fire Department Community Room: Golf course maintenance crew workshop.
- b. June TBD: Water quality sampling event
- c. Wednesday June 12th 1pm: Resort Tax Appropriations at Big Sky Chapel
- d. August 3rd/4th: Fly Fishing Festival
- e. Next board meeting date: Wednesday, June 19th at 3 pm.

3. Open Discussion

Ron reminded Kristin to have a budget by the end of June. Kristin will prepare the budget once resort tax appropriations have occurred. In addition, Kristin will work on her contract for the next board meeting.

4. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.