

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 19th, 2012 3 PM
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Other directors in attendance included Jack Crowther, Ron Edwards, San Schwalbe and Nancy Sheil. Absent were directors Eric Becker and Mike Richter. Big Sky Watershed Corps Member, Alicia DeGroot was also in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack made a motion and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from May 15th, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the current financial report and the corrected report from May 15th. Ron made a motion and Jack seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Wild and Scenic River Designation (Kristin): American Rivers is pursuing a Wild and Scenic River Designation for the Upper Gallatin from Spanish Creek south to the headwaters. This designation is not related to the Outstanding Resource Waters effort for the Upper Gallatin. A river or river section may be designated a Wild and Scenic River by the U.S. Congress or the Secretary of the Interior. National wild and scenic designation vetoes the licensing of new hydropower projects on or directly affecting the river. It also provides very strong protection against bank and channel alterations that adversely affect river values, protects riverfront public lands from oil, gas and mineral development, and creates a federal reserved water right to protect flow-dependent values. Scott Bosse will give discuss this effort and answer questions at a meeting of the Wastewater Solutions Forum in late July or August.
 - b. 2013-2014 Budget (Kristin): Kristin presented a proposed budget to the board with a total of \$116,672. The board approved the budget with a 5% increase in the Executive Directors compensation.
 - c. 2013-2014 Kristin's Contract (Kristin): The board will review and provide comments by the end of June.
 - d. 2013-2014 Workplan (Kristin): The board will review and provide comments by the end of June.
 - e. 2013-2014 Fundraising Plan (Kristin): The board will review and provide comments by the end of June.
 - f. Membership Event? (Kristin): Kristin suggested an event for members in the late summer or fall after the fly fishing festival.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Resort Tax (Kristin): The BWTF was fully funded at \$82,600.
 - b. Big Sky Golf Course Restoration Plan (Kristin): Jeff Dunn and Mike Rotar are definitely interested in working with the BWTF on the plan either with the new consulting firm taking over Atkins or as independent new consulting firm. Kristin is coordinating a meeting with potential engineers to examine

the management of wastewater in August. Jon stressed the importance of having the golf course involved from the beginning of the process and contributing in the cost of the plan.

- c. Stormwater Garden (Kristin/San/Alicia)
 - i. Interpretive sign: Kristin is working with Outlaw to produce an interpretive sign to be installed in the garden when planting occurs in the fall.
 - ii. Trees: Kristin will purchase additional trees with remaining Resort Tax funds.
 - iii. Weeds: Wildwood will spray noxious weeds soon. Nancy informed the board that the topsoil is full of noxious weeds. Nancy will talk to Jen Mohler about help with combating noxious weeds on school grounds through the Big Sky Noxious Weeds Committee.
- d. Fly Fishing Festival (Jon/Jack/Kristin/Alicia):
 - i. Logo Painting: Jack asked the board about whether the painting of the logo should be painted as is or with artist interpretation. There was no consensus. Jack will speak to the artist about her preference.
 - ii. Poster: The board voted on version 3 of the festival poster with a few amendments. Kristin will send the amendments to Outlaw.
 - iii. Auction items: Kristin asked for help from the board soliciting auction items for the festival banquet. Alicia made a sign up spreadsheet of local businesses and will distribute to the board. Jon suggested a Board of Directors wine bucket.
 - iv. Banquet or booth volunteers: Kristin requested help to set up and decorate for the festival banquet and to attend the Farmer's Market booth. Jon will help with the booth on the 10th. San will help on the 24th. Nancy will check on helping with the banquet set up.
 - v. Outdoor festival: Nancy suggested either a bouncy house or a fishing game for young children.

2. Upcoming Events

- a. June 26th at 9 am: Water quality sampling event
- b. July 10th, 17th, 24th from 5 to 8: Farmer's market booth
- c. July 31st at 1pm at Bozeman DNRC: Groundwater Information Program Planning Meeting
- d. August 3rd, 8 pm: F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour at Lone Peak Cinema. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets available at Gallatin River Guides, Grizzly Outfitters, Lone Mountain Ranch, East Slope Outdoors, and RO Drift boats. Tickets \$20 includes one draft beer.
- e. Sunday August 4th, 12 - 4pm: Outdoor Fly Fishing Festival at Town Center
- f. Sunday August 4th, 6pm - ?: Hooked on the Gallatin Fundraising Banquet at Bucks T4. Tickets \$50 available from the BWTF.
- g. Next board meeting date: Kristin will doodle the event.

3. Open Discussion

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