

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, October 4th, 2013 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 Mike Richter. Absent were directors Eric Becker and Nancy Sheil.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack made a motion and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from June 19th, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Ron made a motion and Mike seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Chamber Membership (Kristin): Kristin asked the board about a BWTF Big Sky Chamber membership. Nonprofit memberships are \$185 and include PR and marketing in the Visitors Guide, the chamber website and via email. The board thought it would be a good idea. Jon suggested having a presence at the Business After Hours meetings.
 - b. Big Sky Watershed Corps Member (Kristin): The BWTF was selected as a 2014 host site for a Big Sky Watershed Corps Member. The new term is January 2014 to November 2014. Kristin will keep the board informed of the interview process as soon as she hears from the program organizers.
 - c. Horse Outfitter Management Workshop (Kristin): Kristin is working with Tommy Bass from the MSU Extension on a manure management workshop for horse outfitters. They are looking at the week before and after Thanksgiving. Kristin will inform the board of the selected time.
 - d. Development Coordinator Position (Kristin): Kristin has advertised the new Development Coordinator position via email, local newspapers, Craigslist, Facebook, Montana Nonprofit Association, Idealist, and the BWTF website and Facebook page. To date, five applications have been received. Kristin has been telling applicants that applications will be reviewed the week of October 21st. Jon and San would like to be included in the selection process.
 - e. New Board Member (Jon): Jon nominated Ron Bowlin to be on the BWTF board. Jack seconded and motion carried unanimously.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Big Sky Golf Course Restoration Plan (Kristin): Kristin will be meeting with Jeff Dunn from RESPEC (formally of Atkins and PBS&J) and Paul Montgomery from Anderson-Montgomery regarding restoration planning on the Big Sky Golf Course.
 - b. Water sampling
 - i. BWTF Community Program (Kristin): Data was collected in August for the BWTF Community Water Quality Sampling program. Total nitrogen levels at all sites were below MTDEQ criteria.

- ii. Nitrogen Reduction Plan (Kristin): Nitrogen, chloride, boron, and algae data was collected in August as part of the West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Plan. Kristin will be analyzing the data in November.
 - iii. Macroinvertebrate Report (Kristin): Macroinvertebrate samples were collected at four sites on the South Fork to aid in determining impacts along the lower South Fork. The report should be available by the end of October. The macroinvertebrate report was recently received assessing last year's data collected at the four new sites of the BWTF Community Water Quality Sampling program. "Upper Middle" showed impacts from sediment deposition. Populations at "Ousel" were very healthy. "Lake" and "Community" indicated impacts from filamentous algae.
- c. Groundwater Investigation Program (Ron/Kristin): Kristin, Mike, and Ron attended the first stakeholder meeting for the Groundwater Investigation Program Big Sky Project. The study will focus on the Meadow Village area to characterize the aquifer, its sources of water, and determine groundwater flow direction. The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) has installed two flow stations and temperature buttons along the Upper West Fork and is planning on drilling 15 to 20 new wells to collect groundwater information. MBMG will be working on a water sampling plan for next summer later this fall and will include the BWTF in the review process.
- d. Stormwater Conservation Garden (Kristin/San): Wildwood has completed the initial installation of the stormwater conservation garden at the Big Sky School District. The interpretive sign should be ready soon and installed in the garden.
- e. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Jon): A meeting was scheduled for the Wastewater Solutions Forum in late July that was cancelled. Jon will try and coordinate another meeting soon.
- f. Fly Fishing Festival
 - i. Thoughts for next year: Jon had a few suggestions: no speaker at the fundraising banquet and scheduled events at the day festival to draw attention to the event. Jon asked the board to send Kristin any suggestions they have to improve the event.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Tuesday October 8th from 6 to 9pm: Public meeting at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman about updating the state water plan.
- b. October 15th-17th: MWCC Watershed Symposium in Missoula
- c. Wednesday, October 30th 5:30pm: Missouri Headwaters Partnership Annual Meeting at the Twin Bridges High School cafeteria.
- d. Next board meeting date: Friday November 8th.

7. Open Discussion

Jon suggested writing an end of the year report summarizing all BWTF water sampling for the year. Kristin updated the board of her new schedule: Tues/Wed/Thurs 9-1 and Friday 9 to 5. Kristin informed the board that Amy from

Grizzly Outfitters contacted her about having the proceeds from the showing of the new Waypoints fly fishing film at the Lone Peak Cinema on Friday November 8th go to the BWTF. San commented on the mess along Highway 191 leftover from summer construction

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.