

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, November 8th, 2013 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. Other directors in attendance included Eric Becker, Jack Crowther, Ron Edwards, San Schwalbe, Nancy Sheil, and Mike Richter. Absent was director Ron Bowlin.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** San made a motion and Mike seconded to approve the minutes from October 4th, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Eric made a motion and San seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. New Business**
 - a. River Access Restoration Project: Kristin has been approached by local boaters about concerns of the conditions of river access sites in Gallatin canyon both in terms of river health (sediment/riparian vegetation) and boater safety. Kristin visited the sites of concern with Jeff Dunn from RESPEC and Eric Ladd to assess the sites and take pictures. Jeff and Kristin will meet with the forest service in Bozeman on November 20th at 10 am to discuss possible projects in the future to improve conditions. Jon suggested contacting Scott Bosse to discuss what other regions are doing to protect rivers in similar situations.
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Big Sky Golf Course Restoration Plan (Kristin)
 - i. Vegetation Enhancement Projects: RESPEC was out on the West Fork in late October assessing possible project sites for vegetation restoration projects. Kristin has contacted Golf Course management to set up a meeting to discuss possible restoration sites on Boyne property.
 - ii. Land App Review: Kristin has sent out a scope of work for the land application review project to DOWL-HKM and AE2S. Kristin will send proposals out to the board for review.
 - b. Development Coordinator Position (Kristin)
 - i. Applicants: Kristin interviewed 12 candidates for the development coordinator position. Four candidates stood out - two from Bozeman, one from Livingston, and one from Big Sky. Kristin recommended that the board hire Andrea Saari from Big Sky because of the benefits of being local and having more of a chance to interact with potential donors. The board supported Kristin's recommendation to hire Andrea Saari.
 - ii. Training: Kristin has spoken to Peggy from Sage Consulting about developing a fundraising training for Andrea that will include a section for Kristin and members of the board to update the BWTF fundraising plan. Kristin will coordinate the training for early December.

- c. Big Sky Watershed Corps Member (Kristin): Kristin interviewed three potential candidates for the Big Sky Watershed Corps Member position. She recommended hiring Brandin Krempasky. From reviewing the applications, Ron had the same recommendation. The board decided to hire Brandin.
- d. South Fork Macroinvertebrate Report (Kristin): Kristin received the macroinvertebrate report from the summer sampling on the South Fork. Data was collected at four sites: Ousel Falls bridge, Aspen road crossing, behind American bank, and across from the Knaubs house. Populations were negatively impacted by water quality at the American Bank site and continued through the downstream site. Coincidentally, Kristin had a meeting with Marjorie earlier in the day and asked her about the algae by her house and she said that her husband had actually asked her to ask Kristin about why it has been so bad in recent years. Kristin is planning to walk the entire stretch next summer to be able to pinpoint exactly where the change is occurring.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Friday, November 8th from 8 pm: World premiere of the new Confluence Films Waypoints fly-fishing film at the Lone Peak Cinema.
- b. November 19th 5 to 7 pm: Workshop on horse manure management to protect water quality at the B Bar K cabin at Lone Mountain Ranch. Refreshments provided.
- c. Next board meeting date: Kristin will coordinate the next board meeting via email.

7. Open Discussion

- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.