

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
March 5th, 2014
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 Ron Bowlin, Jack Crowther, Ron Edwards, and San Schwalbe.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron E. made a motion and Jack seconded to approve the minutes from January 7th 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Jack made a motion and Ron E. seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Brewery BWTF FFF specialized beer (Andrea): Andrea reviewed discussions with Steve Nordahl about a BWTF brand beer. There are two options: 1) to brand a brew already made or have the brewery make a new beer specifically for the BWTF. If a new beer is made for the BWTF, then it can only be sold at the brewery or at BWTF events. The board loved the idea and requested that Kristin and Andrea research insurance options to sell out BWTF events.
 - b. Resort Tax Application (Kristin): Kristin will not be able to make the June appropriations meeting. Jon and Andrea will accompany Kristin for the Q&A and will be present for the appropriations meeting. Kristin will send out a draft application a week before the April board meeting.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Membership Updates and Renewals (Andrea): Andrea reviewed the updates and renewals to the membership plan, which include new levels and an online giving option.
 - b. Fundraising Plan Updates (Andrea): Andrea reviewed updates to the fundraising plan, which included the membership updates listed above, a membership drive and a gift drive at the end of the year.
 - c. Board Fundraising Opportunities (Jon): Jon reviewed fundraising opportunities and asked that each board member fill out the pledge card and return to Kristin or Andrea.
 - d. Fly Fishing Festival (Kristin, Andrea, Jon, Jack)
 - i. Updates: The banquet will be held at the Gallatin Riverhouse on Saturday, July 26th. The outdoor festival will occur on Sunday, July 27th in Town Center Park. The festival will conclude with two showings of the F3T film festival at the Lone Peak Cinema on Sunday night.
 - ii. Proceeds: The proceeds from the fly fishing festival will go towards installation of the stormwater garden.
 - e. Promotional Video (Kristin): Kristin asked for board volunteers to participate in the promotional video. San, Jack, Jon, and Ron volunteered to participate. Kristin will keep them in the loop of the process which will begin with a storyboard.

- f. Wild and Scenic River Designation (Kristin): Scott Bosse presented to the board and a few other attendees the impacts of a Wild and Scenic designation on the Upper Gallatin. The board encouraged Kristin to move forward with planning a public meeting to discuss the designation. Jon suggested contacting the chamber about joint sponsoring the event and asking Scott if a representative from Jackson could attend the meeting to discuss the impacts of the designation on their community.
- g. River Access Improvement Project (Kristin): Kristin is coordinating a tour of river access sites slated for potential improvement projects in Gallatin canyon in early May.
- h. West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Project
 - i. Vegetation Restoration Project (Kristin): No updates.
 - ii. Land Application Review Project (Kristin): A conference call was held with project participants (*AE2S, CH2M, RESPEC, BWTF, BSWSD, Steiner/Theussen, and HKM*) on January 15th to discuss participants roles in the project.
 - iii. Upcoming Workshops (Kristin/Brandin): Kristin and Brandin are planning workshops for landscapers and realtors for mid-summer and fall. More details coming soon.
- i. Ophir 4th Grade Trout Service Learning Project (Brandin): Brandin has been working with the Ophir 4th grade on a native fish service learning project. She started the Trout in the Classroom project in late February.
- j. Stormwater Garden
 - a. Spring installation (Kristin, Andrea, San): More trees and shrubs and the interpretive sign will be installed in the garden this May. San estimates that more than half of the garden will be completed.
 - ii. Mother's Day Flower Sale (Kristin, Andrea, San): Mother's Day Flower Sale to fund the stormwater garden will happen March 24th through April 7th. Ophir students will be selling flowers and the BWTF will send forms to local businesses.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Monday March 10th, 11-2: Water Testing Kits at the Big Sky Post Office
- b. Thursday, March 13th at the WMPAC ta 7pm: Resort Tax Town Meeting
- c. March 31st: Montana DEQ Volunteer Monitoring Grant Applications Due
- d. Late March/Early April - Water Quality Monitoring Event (TBD)
- e. Monday, April 14th: Big Sky Resort Area Tax District Applications Due
- f. Early May (TBD): Field trip to stream access sites along the Gallatin
- g. Wednesday, May 14th 1 pm: Big Sky Resort Tax Q&A
- h. Wednesday, June 11th 1 pm: Big Sky Resort Tax Appropriations
- i. Next board meeting date:

7. Open Discussion

- 8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.