

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 4pm**  
**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, Ron Bowlin, Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, and San Schwalbe. Absent were directors Nancy Sheil and Jack Crowther.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron E. made a motion and Ron B. seconded to approve the minutes from March 5<sup>th</sup> 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Ron B. made a motion and Ron E. seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
  - a. Community Survey (Andrea): Andrea discussed developing a survey to learn about community water concerns and to gain insight from members about how they feel about BWTF program work. Both Kristin and Andrea have read about the importance of surveying donors and whether or not they are satisfied with our work and why or why not. The board recommended that Andrea and Kristin develop clear goals for the survey for the next board meeting and reach out to other nonprofits that have surveyed the Big Sky community for advice (Women In Action and the Big Sky Chamber).
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Resort Tax Application (Kristin): Kristin reviewed the resort tax application with the board. The request was similar to last year with the exception of adding additional funds to cover five hours of coordination time. Jon asked the board if they would support ten hours of additional coordination time. The board unanimously agreed to add ten hours of coordination time to the budget.
  - b. Brewery BWTF FFF specialized beer (Andrea): The liability insurance will cost \$500 for liquor and \$300 for special event coverage. Ron made a motion and San seconded the purchase of insurance. Motion carried unanimously. The board gave the go ahead to purchase liability insurance for the event. Andrea conducted a beer sampling with the board to develop the characteristics for the BWTF beer. Andrea and the brewer will use the notes from the sampling to develop the characteristics of the beer.
  - c. Water Quality Sampling Event (Brandin): Brandin, Andrea, Ron B., Matthew Piper, and Mike Arneson conducted the community water quality monitoring event on Friday, April 4th. There were two samples with elevated Chloride on the Lower Middle Fork and Community. Kristin is sending duplicate samples to Energy Labs to make sure that the elevated samples were not a result of probe error.

- d. Promotional Video (Kristin): Kristin distributed the storyboard for the promotional video by Outlaw. She would like the board to review and give feedback to her by the end of next week.
- e. Wild and Scenic River Designation Event (Kristin): Kristin is working with Scott Bosse to plan a public event on the Wild and Scenic designation of the Upper Gallatin. The event will consist of a public meeting followed by a showing of the film DamNation. Scott will pursue a representative from Jackson to discuss the impact of the designation on the snake on the community.
- f. West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Project: Ron B. asked if dog poop had an impact on river nitrogen. San suggested additional dog poop stations along the river. Kristin will talk to Jesse at BSCC to find out where the doggy stations exist and if it makes sense to identify any additional locations along the Upper West Fork.
  - i. Upcoming Workshops (Kristin/Brandin)
    - a. Trout Friendly Landscaping Program: Brandin is spearheading a workshop to 1) educate landscapers on "Trout Friendly" landscaping methods to reduce nitrogen loading to ground and surface water and to conserve water and 2) to solicit residents to participate in the "Trout Friendly Landscaping Program". Kristin and Brandin recently wrote a successful grant application from the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana for this program
    - b. Real Estate Continuing Education Course: Kristin is beginning to work on bringing a continuing education course for realtors on water issues to Big Sky.
    - c. Stormwater Workshop: Kristin has met with a few builders and Rich Chandler from the Yellowstone Club to brainstorm ways of reaching out to the development/builder community regarding strategies to reduce nitrogen loading. Suggestions from the meetings include: 1) conducting a local stormwater 101 and 102 course, 2) working with local landowners to require builders to take these stormwater courses in order to build on their land (a current requirement of the Yellowstone Club), and 3) a pamphlet describing the most important best management practices on a building site. Kristin is currently setting up meeting with local landowners to discuss these suggestions and is working with Rich Chandler to bring a stormwater workshop to Big Sky in the spring.
- g. Wastewater Solutions Forum: Kristin has had several people ask about the status of the Wastewater Solutions Forum in the hope that it will keep progressing forward. Ron mentioned that his board was holding two strategic planning meetings next week. Jon will coordinate a WWSF meeting after hearing from Ron about their strategic planning meetings.
- h. Stormwater Garden

- i. Mother's Day Flower Sale (Kristin, Andrea, San): the flowers day sale ends this week. Kristin encouraged board members to buy flowers.

## **6. Upcoming Events**

- a. Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>: Big Sky Resort Area Tax District Applications Due
- b. Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am: Stream access improvement tour in Gallatin Canyon
- c. Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am: Missouri Headwaters Partnership Meeting in Whitehall
- d. Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 1 pm: Big Sky Resort Tax Q&A
- e. Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 1 pm: Big Sky Resort Tax Appropriations
- f. July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wild and Scenic Public Meeting and DamNation showing
- g. July 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>: Big Sky Fly Fishing Festival
- h. Next board meeting date: Kristin will coordinate the next board meeting through Meetomatic.

## **7. Open Discussion**

- 8. Adjournment:** The board meeting adjourned at 5:30.