

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
May 28th, 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 Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, and Jack Crowther. Absent were directors Eric Becker, Ron Bowlin, San Schwalbe, and Nancy Sheil. Also in attendance were BWTF staff Kristin and Andrea and Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Brandin Krempasky.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mike made a motion and Jack seconded to approve the minutes from April 10th 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Jack made a motion and Mike seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Major Donor Appeal (Andrea/Kristin): Andrea and Kristin are going to work on a major donor appeal with the help of Tom Spruance. Andrea is currently investigating local homeowners with foundations. Jon suggested looking into using the funds to start an endowment.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Resort Tax (Kristin/Andrea/Jon): The resort tax Q&A went fairly smooth. Kristin will not be able to attend the allocation meeting on June 11th. Jon and Andrea will field any questions from the board. Jon requested that Kristin write a bulleted list of expenditures for the Watershed Restoration program.
 - b. Brewery BWTF FFF specialized beer (Andrea): Andrea met with Steve to discuss the promotional beer. Steve will allow the BWTF to go under their catering license at the outdoor festival.
 - c. Promotional Video (Kristin): Outlaw filmed an educational school field trip to the river on May 21st and interviewed Jon, San, Kristin, Ron E., Mr. Harder, and a few students. Outlaw plans to have the video audience ready by the fly fishing festival and then will add footage from the festival to complete the video. Jon asked who was doing the narrative - Kristin will ask Brian.
 - d. Wild and Scenic River Designation Event (Kristin): Kristin is planning a public meeting on the wild and scenic river designation with Scott Bosse from American Rivers on July 2nd at 5:30 pm. There will be a representative from Jackson to talk about how the designation on the Snake River has impacted the Jackson community. Following the discussion will be the movie "DamNation".
 - e. West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Project
 - i. Data Analysis Report (Kristin): Kristin is finalizing the data report on the Lower South Fork and Upper Middle Fork from last summer. Kristin will send the final report to the board.
 - ii. West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Plan Draft (Kristin): Kristin is working on the West Fork Nitrogen Reduction Plan and expects to have a first draft completed by the end of June.

- a. Big Sky Golf Course consultant updates (Kristin): RESPEC and AE2S expect to have their preliminary findings to the BWTF by the mid-June. Kristin will keep the board updated of any draft reports or meetings.
 - iii. Upcoming Workshops (Kristin/Brandin)
 - a. Trout Friendly Landscaping Program/Brochure: the Trout Friendly Landscaping workshop will be held on July 22nd at the Lone Peak Brewery from 11am to 2 pm. The workshop is targeted for landscapers and Brandin has confirmed speakers from the Montana State Extension, Gallatin Local Water Quality District, Fish Wildlife and Parks, and Big Sky Noxious Weeds. Brandin will send out text for a brochure by the end of the week.
- f. Community Survey (Andrea): Andrea handed out draft surveys to send out to Members and to the greater Upper Gallatin watershed community. The goal of the Member survey is to understand why members join, if they are satisfied with their membership, and how to retain members. The goal of the watershed community survey is to understand how the Big Sky residents use the Gallatin River and to gain their perspectives about the health and cleanliness of the Gallatin and where they would like to see improvements. Andrea will send links to the online surveys for board feedback.
- g. Middle Fork Chloride samples (Kristin): Analysis of Middle Fork samples by Energy Laboratories confirmed high levels of chloride. Since nitrogen values were low, the chloride was likely from road traction salt. To confirm this hypothesis, another tracer of road traction salt/sand should be tested next winter. Kristin will look into this and get back to the board.
- h. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Jon/Ron): Jon try to set up a meeting for July 2nd when Scott Bosse is in town for the Wild and Scenic event.
- i. Big Sky Fishing Festival (Andrea/Kristin)
 - i. Poster: Andrea and Katie Alvin have been working on changes to the poster. The board liked the changes. The poster should be ready by next week.
 - ii. Video/Photo Contest: Kristin, Andrea, and Brandin have begun PR and marketing for the video and photo contests associated with the fly-fishing festival.
- j. Stormwater Garden
 - i. Installation (Kristin, San): The second installation of trees and shrubs has been completed. The interpretive sign is supposed to be installed by the end of the week
 - ii. Mother's Day Flower Sale (Kristin, San): Net profit for the flower sale was just over \$1,000.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Wednesday, June 4th 9 am: Stream Access Tour meet at Moose Creek Campground
- b. Wednesday, June 11th 1 pm: Big Sky Resort Tax Appropriations

- c. Saturday, June 14th 1 pm: Trout Unlimited/Big Sky Noxious Weeds Gallatin River Clean Up/Weed Pull
- d. July 2nd: Wild and Scenic Public Meeting and DamNation showing
- e. July 22nd 11am - 2pm: Trout Friendly Landscaping Workshop at the Lone Peak Brewery.
- f. July 26 & 27th: Big Sky Fly Fishing Festival
- g. August 5th&7th: BWTF educational program on rivers for Camp Moonlight
- h. Next board meeting date: Kristin will coordinate the next board meeting for the week of July 23rd.

7. Open Discussion

Jack suggested a new office space since the current office space is small for three people. Ron will check with his board for pricing on the office space downstairs.

8. Adjournment: The board meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.