

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday October 14th, 2014, 4 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon Holtzman called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Other directors in attendance included Ron Bowlin, Mike Richter, Jack Crowther, and San Schwalbe. Absent were directors Eric Becker, Ron Edwards, and Nancy Sheil. Also in attendance were BWTF staff, Kristin and Andrea, and Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Brandin Krempasky.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron B. made a motion and Jack seconded to approve the minutes from September 2nd 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Jack made a motion and Ron B. seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Board Chair (Kristin): Jon is resigning as board chair because he has sold his house and is moving to Georgia. Jack nominated Ron Bowlin to take over as board chair and San seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Potential new board members (Jon, Jack): Ron B. nominated Tom Spruance and San seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jack has spoken with Hank Williamson from the Yellowstone Club about a potential board member. Jack will follow up with Hank. Jack will also ask Mike Arneson if he is interested. Jon asked Rich Addicks, who is potentially interested and would like to attend a future board meeting. Kristin stated that at a recent workshop, the facilitator recommended soliciting a younger board member in the 20 to 30 year old range to engage that sector of the Big Sky community.
 - c. Montana Nonprofit Association Meeting (Kristin, Andrea): Kristin and Andrea attended the Montana Nonprofit Association in Helena. There were many informative and worthwhile sessions and networking opportunities at the conference. Kristin recommends a board member or two try and attend next year's conference.
 - d. Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) Committee (Kristin/Andrea): Kristin was asked to be on the TEDD stakeholder committee to represent the BWTF. TEDDs are a tool to harness local property tax for infrastructure improvements. Kristin will keep the board informed of future meetings and discussions.
 - e. New monitoring site (Kristin/Andrea): Kristin and Andrea suggest adding a new monitoring site upstream of the Park site that is above any influence from the highway and along the Big Horn trail area. Ron B. also suggested a new site on Taylor Fork, which a few noticed was exhibiting excess algae this summer.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Bylaw Review (Kristin): Kristin suggested changing the board term limits (Article IV Section 3) from 1 year to either 3 or 4 years. Jack recommended four

years with a one-year break before being eligible to run again. Ron Edwards suggested changing Article IV Section IV to state: "Directors are encouraged to attend all meetings of the BWTF. If a Director is absent from half of the overall meetings in a year, the Board may request that a replacement be named to Board of Directors." Kristin indicated that Article IV Section 1 states that the board member must sign an MOU but neither Kristin nor board members present remember ever seeing an MOU document. Kristin stated that the mission also has to be updated to include watershed restoration. Kristin will develop a board MOU and send it out to the board to review. Kristin will make the suggested changes to the bylaws and send them out to the board for review.

- b. Community Survey (Andrea): Andrea will email the board the community and member surveys for review. The survey will be distributed via email and be available at the post office next week.
- c. River Access Improvement Project (Kristin): Kristin met with Wendi Urie and her supervisors at the Gallatin National Forest. The group was in agreement to start a pilot/demonstration project at Moose Creek and a project to map the current access sites, who uses them and when, and gain more input from stakeholders. Kristin suggested that the BWTF spend fly fishing festival funds (\$15,000) on these two projects. Jack made a motion to spend \$15,000 on the two aforementioned projects and Ron B. seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- d. Water Quality Monitoring Report (Kristin/Brandin)
 - i. South Fork Algae (Kristin): The two sites assessed for algae on the South Fork were both below DEQ standards. Biomass was close to the standard at both sites. Kristin stated that the data backs up visual estimation and that there appeared to be less algae this year than last year. This is likely due to higher water and colder temperatures.
 - ii. Routine Monitoring (Brandin/Ron): Total nitrogen and phosphorous was all below MTDEQ standards. Nitrate was above MTDEQ criteria (0.1 mg/L) at all sites on the West Fork with the highest being the Community site just downstream from the Little Coyote Pond.
 - iii. Pebble Counts (Brandin): All pebble counts have been completed except for the Park site. Fine sediment was all below MTDEQ standards except for the Community site on the Upper West Fork.
 - iv. Macroinvertebrate Report (Kristin): In August, Kristin and Natalie Teegarden collected macroinvertebrate samples on the mainstem Gallatin at Moose Creek Flat Campground, Deer Creek Trail Access, Doe Creek, and at the BWTF Taylor site. Moose Creek and Doe Creek indicated impairments based on the distribution of macroinvertebrate populations. At Moose Creek the assemblages suggested altered channel morphology, disrupted riparian function or unstable streambanks. At Doe Creek the assemblages suggested impaired water quality due to sediment deposition and

disrupted riparian vegetation, altered channel morphology or unstable streambanks. Assemblages at Deer Creek and Taylor indicated good water quality.

- e. Fundraising report (Andrea): Andrea announced a friendly competition amongst board members to obtain memberships. There will be prizes for both the most memberships and the most money brought in. The prizes will be dinners at Olive B's and the Corral.
- f. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Jon/Ron): With Jon's departure, he said that Ron will temporarily take over the running of the Wastewater Solutions Forum.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Wednesday, October 23rd 9:30 am: BWTF 319 Application presentation
- b. Monday, November 3rd, 5:30 pm to 8 pm: Missouri Headwaters Partnership Potluck at the Bozeman DNRC office.
- c. Tuesday, November 18: Brandin's last day
- d. Next board meeting date: the board decided to meet the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of next month because it is Veteran's day. Kristin will email the board to schedule the next meeting date.

7. Open Discussion

- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:35.