

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday November 12th, 2014, 4 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Other directors in attendance included Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, San Schwalbe and Tom Spruance via Skype. Absent were directors Eric Becker, Jack Crowther, and Nancy Sheil. Also in attendance were BWTF staff, Kristin and Andrea, Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Brandin Krempasky, and Rich Addicks.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** San made a motion and Ron E. seconded to approve the minutes from October 14th 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Ron E. made a motion and San seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Potential new board members (Kristin): Ben Almy is interested in becoming a board member. Kristin is going to set up a meeting with Ben and will alert board members of the time and location. Rich Addicks (in attendance) may be interested in joining the board.
 - b. Big Sky Watershed Corps Member (Kristin): Stephanie Lynn who graduated from Bowdin College with a degree in Earth Science in May will be joining the BWTF in January.
 - i. Housing: Kristin and Stephanie are looking for housing for Stephanie. Kristin asked the board to send her any housing leads.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Bylaw Review (Kristin): The board reviewed edits to the bylaws proposed at the October board meeting. The board had a few more suggested edits. Kristin will make these edits and send the bylaws out for review and vote via email. Kristin will also send out the draft Board MOU for review.
 - b. Community Survey (Andrea)
 - i. Post office table: Andrea has set up a post office table to promote the Community survey.
 - c. River Access Improvement Project (Kristin): Kristin is working with the Gallatin National Forest ("GNF") to put together a 5-year contract between the BWTF and the GNF for the river access improvement project. As part of the project, the BWTF and GNF will develop an annual workplan and budget. Kristin is working with the GNF to develop the 2015 workplan and budget.
 - d. MTDEQ 319 Application (Kristin): The BWTF was awarded \$130,000 by the MTDEQ 319 program for the restoration work on the Upper West Fork. Kristin will be working with the grant manager to write a scope of work by the end of the year.
 - e. Fundraising report (Andrea)
 - i. Major Donor Campaign: Andrea and Tom Spruance are working on a major donor campaign.

- ii. Gift Membership Campaign: Andrea started a competition to solicit gift memberships. Winners will receive gift certificates to the Corral and Olive B's.
- f. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Ron): Many members of the wastewater solutions forum have been involved in the TEDD/TIF development which could potentially fund wastewater projects if passed by Gallatin and Madison counties.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Friday, November 14th 6:30 pm: Brandin going away potluck dinner at Andrea's House on 70 Spruce Cone Drive Madison Court #12.
- b. Tuesday, November 18th: Brandin's last day.
- c. Friday, December 12th at 5:30 pm: Big Sky Christmas Stroll. The BWTF will have a booth to promote the community survey, gift memberships and to sell leftover fly-fishing artwork.
- d. Wednesday, December 10th: Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant Deadline
- e. Monday, January 5th: New Big Sky Watershed Corps Member start date
- f. Next board meeting date: Tuesday, December 9th at 4 pm.

7. Open Discussion

- 8. Adjournment:** Ron Bowlin adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm