

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 2nd, 2015, 4:30 pm
Big Sky Water and Sewer District
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Other directors in attendance included Rich Addicks, Ben Almy, Rich Chandler, Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, Tom Spruance, and San Schwalbe. Absent was director Nancy Sheil. Also in attendance were BWTF staff, Kristin and Andrea, Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Stephanie Lynn, and Peter Manka.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Rich A. made a motion and San seconded to approve the minutes from February 19th 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Ron made a motion and Rich A. seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Dog waste stations (Kristin): Kristin has approached Big Sky Community Corps, Town Center, Ramshorn, Big Sky Owners Association, and the Forest Service about installing dog waste stations and/or new outreach signs on their property. All are interested in participating in the project. A draft sign has been produced by Outlaw and is waiting for the new GRTF logo.
 - b. Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Project Nomination (Kristin/Ron): Kristin will nominate the Gallatin Canyon area between the Bighorn shopping center and the Taylor Fork for a Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Groundwater Information Program project. Nominations are due on April 15th.
 - c. Drought planning meeting (Kristin/Stephanie): Kristin and Stephanie attended a drought planning workshop sponsored by NOAA (National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration), NIDIS (National Integrated Drought Information System), and NDMC (National Drought Mitigation Center) as part of the Missouri Headwaters National Drought Resiliency Partnership Demonstration Project. Kristin would like to start a drought/water planning committee in Big Sky and hire a facilitator to assist in plan development. She will inquire about possible funding at the next drought planning meeting.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Resort Tax Application (Kristin): Kristin reviewed the draft resort tax application with the board. The board suggested adding support for additional staff to assist in the time before the major donor campaign can generate the funds. Kristin will work with Ron Edwards developing this change to the application and budget.
 - b. Retreat Follow-up

- i. Mission: The board voted to change the mission “to partner with our community to inspire stewardship of the Gallatin River Watershed”
 - ii. Vision: Our vision is a healthy Gallatin River Watershed for future generations.
 - iii. Name: The board voted to change the name of the Blue Water Task Force to the Gallatin River Task Force.
 - iv. Next Steps: Kristin handed the board a list of the current values and goals. She asked the board to think about keeping or changing these values and goals for the next board meeting. Kristin will meet with Ron B. before the next meeting to begin developing the strategic focus areas and associated goals and projects.
- c. Website (Rich): Rich met with three potential graphic designers to redesign the Task Force website. Rich recommended Classic Ink. The board did not want this decision to impact the relationship with Outlaw. Kristin did not think that it would but will ask EJ at Outlaw. Ron Edward made a motion to move forward with Classic Ink and San seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Water quality monitoring event (Stephanie): Stephanie led volunteer monitoring events that included a member ski to the new site in Yellowstone National Park. There were no red flags in the data assessed so far. She is still waiting for the chloride analysis from the lab.
- e. Board MOU (Kristin): Kristin handed out the approved board MOU for board members to fill out and return to the office.
 - i. Board Terms (Ron/Kristin): the board determined the following re-election dates:
 - June 2015 – Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, and San Schwalbe
 - June 2016 – Nancy Sheil, Ron Bowlin, and Tom Spruance
 - June 2017 – Rich Addicks, Ben Almy, and Rich Chandler
- f. Big Sky Watershed Corps Update (Stephanie): In addition to many of the projects previously talked about (the dog waste signs, monitoring event, drought workshop), Stephanie has been working on the interpretive signage for the Ousel Falls trail, the trout in the classroom project and attend a few AmeriCorps events.
- g. Fundraising report (Andrea)
 - i. Targeting sponsors/donors fundraising meeting: a fundraising meeting is scheduled after the board meeting at the Moonlight Lodge.
 - ii. Fly fishing Festival: To date, we have received applications from the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation and the Sportsmens’ Warehouse. Sponsorships are due by mid May.
 - iii. Mother’s Day Flower sale: The students will be selling flowers from 3/30 to 4/13 and Andrea sent order forms to local businesses.
 - iv. Give Big Gallatin Valley Event – Andrea signed the Gallatin River Task Force up to be in the Bozeman Area Community Foundation’s Give Big Gallatin Valley event. This event is a 24-hour giving event created to increase philanthropy in Gallatin County. Andrea will

keep the board informed on the event happenings and ways to ensure that it is a success for the Task Force.

- h. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Ron/Kristin): The engineer is finishing up with the wastewater facilities plan. Once this study is completed along with the buildout study looking at water and wastewater needs, the Wastewater Solutions Forum will meet again. Ron and Kristin attended a good discussion about the Wild and Scenic designation and future growth in Big Sky with business leaders at the Greater Yellowstone Coalition in early March.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. March 30th – April 13th: Mother's Day Flower Sale at School
- b. April 2nd, after board meeting: Fundraising meeting at Moonlight lodge.
- c. Monday, April 6th, 3 pm – Resort Tax Application Due
- d. Wednesday, April 15th – Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology groundwater nomination due.
- e. Wednesday, April 15th, 2pm- TEDD Meeting at the Big Sky Chapel
- f. Thursday, April 30th 1-3pm: Willow planting
- g. Thursday, May 9th from 9am-1pm: Meeting about Gallatin Microplastics project at the Adventurers for Science and Conservation office in Bozeman.
- h. Wednesday, May 13th, 1pm:Resort Tax Q&A Meeting at the Big Sky Chapel
- i. Wednesday, June 10th, 1pm:Resort Tax Allocation Meeting at the Big Sky Chapel
- j. Big Sky Farmer's Market: Wednesdays from June 24th – September 30th.
- k. Next board meeting date: Tuesday, May 12th. Will start at 3 pm if Nancy cannot attend.

7. Open Discussion

Peter Manka introduced himself and desire to participate

8. Adjournment: