

**Wastewater Solutions Forum
Working Group
BSW&S Conference Room
February 2, 2010, 1 p.m.**

Minutes

In attendance: Scott Bosse, Rich Chandler, Ron Edwards, Jon Holtzman, Jon Olson, Devon White. Guest: Ray Armstrong, HKM Engineering.

1. Minutes for August 24 were moved by Scott Bosse, seconded by Ron Edwards and approved.
2. Jon Holtzman noted and distributed a copy of update information about WSF activities sent to Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger. Also noted was the intention of the Gallatin Local Water Quality District to request a change in district boundaries to include Big Sky and surrounding area.
3. Ron Edwards and Ray Armstrong updated the group on the status of a DEQ permit for a pilot test of snowmaking. A permit application was submitted November 1. Through the Resort Tax \$20,000 was available to conduct the test. The group asked why the state wasn't more directly involved in the test and Scott Bosse suggested a meeting with the Governor to explain what WSF was trying to do.

The group asked Jon and Scott to draft a letter to the Governor's office requesting an early March meeting. Scott volunteered to proceed at the same time through Hal Harper's office. There was consensus our approach should be that we wanted to comply with all rules and regulations but wanted to short cut the DEQ process to avoid needless delay.

4. Jon Holtzman reported on a Blue Water Task Force project in cooperation with Big Sky Resort to conduct detailed sampling of the Middle Fork of the Gallatin along the golf course during the summer.
5. It was noted this was only the second meeting of the Forum in ten months and the groups' viability was discussed. It was agreed the group continued to have purpose and that it was important to move forward with pilot testing snowmaking with wastewater as a management tool. The group noted the affect of the poor economy provided some breathing space before a need to proceed with central collection of sewage along the 191 Big Sky corridor.
6. The next meeting was not set pending expected meetings with the Governor's office and the DEQ.
7. The meeting adjourned at 2:30.