

Wastewater Solutions Forum
1 p.m. February 27, 2007
Big Sky Water & Sewer District Conference Room

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

Review and adopt an operating process; group structure; expected activities of the forum; and general goals.

In Attendance:

Steve Brown, Yellowstone Club; Ron Edwards, Big Sky Water and Sewer District; Scott Hammond, Canyon developer; Jon Holtzman, Blue Water Task Force; Ryan Kulesza, Ossorio & Associates; Shawn Regnerus, American Wildlands; Bill Schwab, Canyon developer; Bill Simkins, Simkins Holdings; James Taylor, Bostwick Properties.

1. **Minutes approved:** By vote of attendees the minutes for the February 13 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. **Review:** James Taylor and Shawn Regnerus reviewed background on how the group began for new attendees.
3. **Process, Goals and Structure:** James Taylor reviewed a draft proposal which had been developed by James, Shawn, Katie and Bill. With several revisions the proposal was approved by the Forum. The approved proposal is included with the minutes as attachment A. James Taylor will provide an update to include revisions.

The **Forum** will consist of three primary groups. **A. the Community Oversight Group; B. the Wastewater Solutions Working Group** and **C. the Technical Team.**

Jon Holtzman was named chair of the Forum. The **Big Sky Water and Sewer District** will act as the treasurer for the organization. **Ron Edwards** will chair the Technical Team.

The **Community Oversight Group** is envisioned as a body which will initially act as a sounding board, idea generator, evaluator and critic for the evolving product of the Working Group. At such time as the Working Group brings forward a report of options for managing wastewater which is supported by the Oversight Group a second phase will begin. In this phase the Oversight

Group will regroup to support and promote implementation of the preferred options.

The **Water Solutions Working Group** role is to investigate options to treat and manage wastewater in ways that (1) reduce impact on existing and future waste water systems; (2) allow for effective monitoring of waste water disposal; (3) provide financial resources to mitigate failures if they occur and (4) equitably distribute the costs of such treatment and management throughout the community. The Group's goal is to produce a report for the community which describes alternatives; discusses the technical, political, logistical and financial feasibility of each alternative; defines potentially impacted areas; and ranks the alternatives based on an analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of each.

The **Technical Team** will support the Working Group and conduct any research and analysis necessary to develop, understand, and evaluate the options and prepare the community report.

4. **Group membership:**

An ideal **Community Oversight Group member** was defined as a person who is a community opinion leader, was committed to the future of Big Sky and represented a sector of community interest. While all meetings of the Oversight Group and of the Working Group will be publicized and open to the public, Forum members expressed an interest in identifying a selection of individuals to contact to try to assure broad community involvement.

Each forum member will submit a suggested list of names to **Jon Holtzman**. An e-mail list will be developed and members will be assigned a list to contact directly.

The team which developed the process, goals and structure statement also suggested potential members for the **Water Solutions Working Group**. That list was expanded by Forum members. James Taylor, Ron Edwards, Shawn Regnerus and Jon Holtzman will contact the list (to be added to minutes) to try to assure their attendance at the next meeting.

5. **Next meeting:**

The next meeting was set for March 20 at 6 p.m. It will be held at Bucks T-4, the Big Horn Room. Working Group members are expected to attend; any Oversight Group contacts will be invited; the meeting will be open to the public.

The format for the meeting is as follows: (1) James Taylor and Shawn Regnerus will bring attendees up to date on the background of the Forum. (2) Jon Holtzman will describe the expectations of the Oversight Group, the Working Group and the Technical Team. (3) Ron Edwards will discuss identifying issues and scoping of solutions. (4) Depending on the number of attendees the group will be divided into breakout groups with an assignment to generate ideas and suggest questions which need to be answered.

6. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.