

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
July 2, 2008 3:30 PM
B.S.O.A Conference Room

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Holtzman, at 3:35 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, Caroline Henley, Mindy Nowakowski and Simon Trautman. Absent were directors Eric Becker and Ron Edwards.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Sue moved and Simon seconded to approve the minutes from 05-21-08. Motion carried unanimously
3. **Financial Report:** Mindy moved and Jack seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. New Officers (Vice Chair and Secretary Treasurer): Jack moved and Sue seconded to approve Mindy Nowakowski as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously. Mindy moved and Caroline seconded to approve Simon Trautman as Secretary/Treasurer.
 - b. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. Watershed Advisory Group/Technical Advisory Group: Pete is conducting a Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting at the Bozeman Public Library on July 22 at 2 pm. The WAG consists of interest groups defined in MCA 75-5-704, see: <http://data.opi.state.mt.us/bills/mca/75/5/75-5-704.htm> and may include additional stakeholders, landowners, and resource professionals (see handout). The TAG consists of resource professionals and technical advisors who possess a familiarity with water quality issues and processes in the Upper Gallatin TMDL Planning Area.
 - ii. Sediment study update: The Aerial Assessment to determine sediment study reaches has been completed. Stream reaches were classified by eco-region, stream order, slope, and confinement. Land use was considered for additional stream reach breaks. Twenty-one stream reaches in the West Fork will be assessed for the sediment TMDL study.
 - c. Resort Tax Application Allocation (Kristin): The Resort Tax funded all of the operational expenses (\$36,730) and ~82% of our TMDL match requested (\$58,053). Kristin reviewed with the board a project to develop a personalized Upper Gallatin TMDL brochure that she and Pete thought would be a great way to spend the Resort Tax TMDL match. The board liked the idea and requested that Kristin pursue the project to develop the Upper Gallatin TMDL brochure.

- d. GLWQD expansion update (Kristin): Kristin reported that the Gallatin Local Water Quality District board is in favor of expanding the district boundaries to include the Gallatin county portion of Big Sky. Alan English from GLWQD suggested that Ron and Kristin attend the next GLWQD board meeting on August 7th to show community support of the expansion.
- e. MBMG Groundwater study update (Kristin): Kristin went out with Mike Richter from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) on June 2nd to record groundwater levels at the groundwater wells selected for the MBMG study. BWTF will be responsible to monitor 11 wells around the golf course and sewer ponds. Kristin and Mike will be going out again on July 7th to measure groundwater levels and collect groundwater samples for water quality analysis. Jack suggested that we monitor his well in Spanish Peaks North.
- f. WWSF Update (Jon/Ron): Jon reported that the final report for the Gallatin Wastewater Feasibility Study should be completed by the end of the month. The Wastewater Solutions Forum is now in the process of developing an outreach plan directed toward educating canyon residents about potential future options for wastewater disposal.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. July 7th –830am Groundwater sampling – meet at BWTF office
- b. July 18th from 10am – 4pm - BSI Science Friday at Big Sky Community Park
- c. July 22nd – 2pm -WAG/TAG Meeting 2pm at Bozeman Public Library
- d. July 25th -YC evening barbeque - kids activities (bugs and geology identification)
- e. August 7th – 815am GLWQD board meeting county courthouse community room
- f. August 9th - County Fair
- g. August 12th 7 pm – BSI Mountain and Minds: Science Talk – Big Sky Office
- h. August 29th 2-5pm – BSOA Annual Meeting at the Summit Hotel
- i. Next board meeting date: July 30th, 2008.

6. Open Discussion: Jack expressed concern about the deadfall behind islands in the Gallatin. Deadfall play an important part in physiological and ecological health of streams by influencing the shape, depth and flow of water in the river and creating habitat for algae, macroinvertebrates, and fish.

7. Adjournment: Chairman, Jon Holtzman adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Gardner

Approved: _____

Date: _____