

**Greater Gallatin Watershed Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
November 14, 2007**

**Board Members Present**

Kathleen Williams	Tom Milesnick
Karin Boyd	Patrick Underwood
Sue Duncan	Candace Hamlin
Mary Jane McGarity	

**I. Approval of Minutes**

- Tom Milesnick motioned to accept the October minutes; Patrick seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**II. Treasurer's Report**

- The balance in the checking account is \$5000. This is funding designated for the Gap project.
- Candace emphasized, with the exception of the 319 TMDL project, we are out of money for operating expenses and other projects. Personal funds are being used to cover current expenses until funding becomes available.
- The Directors and Officers premium is due in December. Board members discussed the need for this insurance and several feel it is necessary. It was proposed that all board members cover an equal share of the D%O insurance until the funding is secured that can reimburse this expense. Candace will verify the premium dollar amount as well as the due date and email this information to the board.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.

**III. Fundraising / Projects**

- Kathleen announced that GGWC has been approved by the 1% for the Planet Foundation. Therefore, Northstar, a local business, can specify GGWC as a recipient for their contributions to this group. Northstar had received one of GGWC's fundraising letters and consequently requested that we be eligible to receive contributions through the 1% for the Planet Foundation.
- Mary Jane submitted a grant application to the Bozeman Area Community Fdtn for \$1000. Mary Jane has specified that the money will go toward website work. Paperwork requirements include an updated and signed by-laws statement. Board Members present reviewed and signed the by-laws.
- Tom M. discussed the results of the meeting with the CD on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Tammy had accompanied him to the meeting and, together, they made a request

of the CD to become a “partner sponsor”. The CD agreed to fund GGWC \$5000 in January, 2008.

- Mary Jane is still in touch with Classic Inc., the company that has agreed to take on GGWC as a pro bono account.
- Candace reported that a project needs to be identified for the Laird Norton grant proposal. She will report back to the group with the deadline dates for the letter of inquiry and the final submission of the grant request.
- Mary Jane is working on both the Charlotte Martin and Gilhousen grants. She also expressed the need for choosing a direction for these grants.

#### **IV. Board Member Terms and Annual Meeting**

- The following board members’ terms are expiring and all have agreed to renew as board members: Karin Boyd, Tom Milesnick, Sue Duncan, and Steve Toohey. Patrick Underwood will be resigning his position due to medical concerns. He will have a recommendation for his successor from AGAI.
- Kathleen, Mary Jane, and Patrick volunteered for the nominating committee. Mary Jane will organize that committee.
- It was recommended that the annual meeting incorporate a panel discussion that will serve as a workshop for the GAP project. One suggestion for a panelist is Sean O’Callaghan, one of the county planners. Kathleen will contact Deb Zarnt about coordinating a panel.
- A date for the annual meeting will be selected and announced ASAP.

#### **V. Watershed Coordinator/Executive Director Discussion**

- There was a discussion about when to advertise the coordinator’s position. It was agreed that it would be desirable to have a coordinator on board for the annual meeting to be held the end of January. The general consensus was that advertising during the holidays would be disadvantageous. At this time, there are two people who have expressed interest in the position, those being Karen Filipovich and Liz Galli-Noble. Mary Jane suggested cultivating these two possibilities before advertising to the general public. The executive committee will draft a letter and make contact with both Karen and Liz.

#### **VI. GGWC Projects and Activities**

- The TMDL project and associated criteria (TAC, Watershed Characterization Report press release, and the Public Involvement and Outreach Strategy are on hold until January.
- Karin gave an update on the Thompson Creek Project. Representatives from several groups met on site to discuss the project. Included were GGWC, Thompson Creek Watershed, NRCS, FWP, DEQ, and Confluence. Denise from NRCS is writing a letter of approval for the project and Karin requested that Tom M. write a letter of support and endorse the restoration plan. The project includes narrowing the creek and removing 35,000 cubic yards of silt. Tom

expressed confidence that the project will be funded and Karin emphasized the importance of the project.

- Deb Zarnt has received several RSVP's from a variety of individuals and groups in regard to their participation in the GAP project. She will continue to organize and set dates.

## **VII. Information Exchange and Planning Ahead**

- The Headwaters Coordinating Council Gathering will be held November 28<sup>th</sup> in Twin Bridges. Karin, Candace, and possibly Tammy will attend. All board members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Candace will forward the information email to board members for their consideration.

- Mary Jane announced that the BWTF annual meeting will be held December 5<sup>th</sup> in the community room at Bucks at 5 pm. Mary Jane also discussed a current project she is working on with developers to implement sewers in the canyon and eliminate septic.

- Sue encouraged all to take a look at the fairgrounds master plan and regional park master plan on the Gallatin County website and to offer constructive comments.

- New officer discussion: Kathleen expressed that she has limitations due to travel requirements for other commitments, but that she will consider the GGWC chair position if other board members will agree to participate when she cannot. Karin said that she will consider the co-chair position. Candace agreed to continue as Secretary/Treasurer unless someone else has an interest.

**Meeting adjourned. Next board meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am.**