

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association

BMW Board Meeting
September 28, 2010 9:00am – 12:00pm
Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, Laboratory Conference Room

MINUTES

Board Attendance:

Laurie Rink – FRICO
Sarah Reeves – SPCURE
Kipp Scott - ECCV
Steve Lundt - Metro
Dennis Stowe – L/E WWTP
Lucia Machado – CDPHE
Tim Grotheer – Centennial
Kellie DiNatale – United Water

Terry Baus - Denver

Public Attendance:

Ronda Sanquist – Squire Sanders
Amy Conklin – BMW Coordinator
Susan Thornton – BMW Coordinator
Lucia Machado - CDPHE

1. Opening

Members briefly introduced themselves. The minutes from 07/27/10 were approved by acclamation.

2. Updates and Action Items

Election of Officers – The existing officers were re-nominated including; Laurie Rink as Chair, Vic Lucero as Vice Chair, Kipp Scott as Treasurer and Steve Lundt as Secretary. Steve Lundt nominated Tim Grotheer to replace him as Secretary if Tim agreed. The matter was postponed until the next Board meeting. The other officers were re-elected unanimously.

CDPHE Update – Lucia Machado reported that her section of the Water Quality Control Division is not fully staffed. Lucia Machado is the Watershed Coordinator for BMW. She encouraged everyone interested to attend the Colorado Watershed Assembly Conference in Vail next month.

Coordinator Update – Amy Conklin reported on a meeting held in Hudson on September 10th to reach out to Hudson, Ft. Lupton and Lochbuie to update them on the TMDL process and respond to any questions. It was a very productive meeting. The entities seemed reasonably aware of the TMDL process and the nutrient criteria standards being developed. The Board discussed the possibility of holding future meetings in Brighton to encourage attendance by some of the smaller members. The Board also discussed the potential for Hudson's discharge to move out of the basin. For purposes of developing the TMDL, they would be assigned a wasteload allocation that can be refined later based on future changes.

Treasurer's Report – Kipp Scott reported that there is \$137,163.92 in the bank as of August 30th. A total of 20 people and entities contributed to BMW in 2010; 9 at the sustaining level, 7 at

the active level. At current funding levels, BMW can support a coordinator but lacks the ability to fulfill the list of activities identified in the Implementation Plan. This issue will be discussed later in the meeting.

501 c 3 Status Update – Laurie Rink volunteered to call Steve Janssen to let him know to proceed with the status change. This item will be carried over to the next Board meeting.

Insurance Policy - Amy Conklin discussed renewing the Board's insurance policy. There was a unanimous 'thumbs up' consensus decision.

3. Updates

Implementation Subgroup: Sarah Reeves gave an update on the schedule for revising the TMDL documents:

- Sept. 30 – comments due
- 13 October –send out for internal review
- 20 October – comments due back from internal review
- 25 October – documents out to Stakeholders
- Oct. 26 – Stakeholder meeting where Sarah Reeves will present revisions to the documents
- 8 November _ comments are due back from Stakeholders
- 15 November – final revised documents sent back to out to Stakeholders
- Nov. 23rd –combined Stakeholder and Board meeting to vote on documents
- December – submit to state

The Board discussed the potential difficulty in getting a quorum on November 23rd as it is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Board members may want to consider calling members to encourage them to attend on November 23rd or to send a representative.

Lucia Machado expressed concern about wanting to engage Stakeholders as much as possible. She also indicated that the schedule shouldn't present a problem with the state as long as the documents were submitted before the end of the year, as specified in the grant.

Amy Conklin was directed to send an e-mail message to the Stakeholders informing them of the schedule to finalize the TMDL documents.

Technical Committee –Steve Lundt reported that money would be needed to prepare signage for the limnocorrals. The schedule was to install them in the spring. Many members offered to help with the installation if additional manpower is needed. Steve Lundt will be drafting a study plan for the limnocorrals over the winter and will discuss with the Technical Committee.

Steve Lundt would like to have pamphlets to distribute and a semi-permanent display at a kiosk. The Board directed the I & E Committee to discuss the issue and come back to the Board with a request.

Steve Lundt reported that the next technical effort will be updating the database and re-running the model. The Technical Committee will be discussing that effort.

Budget Committee: Kipp Scott reported that the Budget Committee was meeting on Thursday. At the July Board meeting, Kipp had asked for approval of the revised dues structure of \$12,000 for Sustaining members and \$4,000 for Active. There needs to be a plan to raise the necessary

funds for the studies identified in the Implementation Plan. The Board discussed the proposed increase in fees and expressed concern that any increase may be hard to justify with the current revenue constraints being experienced by many of the member organizations. The members each expressed the concerns of the organizations they represent. Kipp Scott encouraged everyone to attend the meeting on Thursday. He and Amy Conklin would be calling the members not present to get their feedback on the proposed dues structure. The issue will be brought back to the next Board meeting and would include a menu of options showing the alternatives for BMW efforts at different funding levels. Kipp Scott would like the Board to vote on the budget at the next Board meeting.

Information/Education: Susan Thornton reported on last meeting where there was very low attendance. She suggested piggy-backing I & E meetings with Stakeholder meetings to try to increase attendance, with the I & E meeting immediately following the Stakeholder meeting. She emphasized that there is tremendous need for public outreach, especially explaining to elected officials and the public why the work of BME is important. It will take a sustained effort to achieve the necessary level of awareness.

Watershed Plan Committee: No report

4. Finalize agenda for Stakeholder Meeting on October 26th. The Board stated that CFWE should make their presentation first but it should be no more than 30 minutes. The Board re-iterated that Amy Conklin should be sure to send a message to all the Stakeholders, but the other watershed coordinators in particular, about the schedule for approval of the TMDL documents.

5. New Business/Topics - None

6. Next Meeting

Next Board meeting will be **November 23, 2010 from 10:30 am to Noon at Thornton.**

Next Stakeholder meeting will be **November 23 , 2010, from 9am to 10:30 at Thornton.**