

**Greater Gallatin Watershed Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
October 17, 2007**

Board Members Present

Tammy Crone	Steve Toohey
Kathleen Williams	Tom Milesnick
Patrick Underwood	Candace Hamlin
Karin Boyd	

Guests

Denise Wiedenheft, NRCS
Debbie Zarnt, Montana Watercourse

I. Approval of Minutes

- Corrections to September minutes include Kathleen's correct last name (!) and the correct spelling of Denise Wiedenheft's last name.
- Tom Milesnick motioned to accept the minutes with the corrections. Motion passed.

II. Treasurer's Report

- The balance in the checking account is \$5672.37 (\$5000 of which is GAP funding).
- Balance remaining for the DEQ TMDL Phase I project is \$37990.67.
- Candace reported that a GL policy quote has been received from the Payne Financial Group in the amount of \$518.75. The underwriter is Cochrane & Company. Rob Rung of Montana DEQ has indicated that this expense can be considered in the 319 funding. A bill from GGWC to DEQ has been submitted to that effect.
- Tammy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Karin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Fundraising

- Kathleen emphasized the ongoing need for fundraising. Kathleen, Tom Hinz, and Mary Jane had a fundraising committee meeting and established a need for \$20K for operating funds. They identified groups to approach for funding: MSU, the CD, the Gilhousen Foundation, a community bank, and Northern Lights. Kathleen has been hard at work developing an elevator speech to promote GGWC to potential financial supporters.
- Kathleen has submitted a grant inquiry/proposal to the Brainard Foundation.
- It was discussed that Classic, Inc. will do a "branding" for GGWC.
- The board agreed that GGWC would approach the CD for funding to cover operating expenses. Tammy, Tom M., Steve, and possibly other board members will attend the CD meeting on October 18th to propose that the CD be a sustaining contributor to GGWC.

IV. GGWC Projects

- **GAP:** Debbie Zarnit of Montana Watercourse will be partnering with GGWC to accomplish the GAP project. She has talked to Warren Vaughan in the County Planning Department. She plans to meet with Warren and his coworker, Sean, on October 19th to discuss guidelines for BMP's that will replace curbs and gutters.
- Debbie gave an overview of the GAP project. Tammy and Tom M. volunteered to head the GAP Team and it was suggested that John Vincent be asked to chair the team for GGWC. They will try to attend the meeting with the planners on October 19th.
- **TMDL:** currently in a holding pattern until the first of the year. We are nearing the end of Phase I and will be contracting for the balance of Phase I as well as Phase II
 - Tammy suggested hiring a coordinator in January to coincide with the reactivation of the TMDL project.
 - DEQ will need to approve the Outreach Plan that Jody drafted.
 - The TAC team needs to be organized. The Board will need to review the names of suggested TAC members. Kathleen will draft a letter of invitation to suggested members.
- **Thompson Creek:** Karin reviewed Phase I funding for this project. The proposal is for \$65K. This project needs to be approved by an entity such as FWP or NRCS. The watershed plan has been completed to 75% by Confluence.
Tom H. and Karin will meet FWP and NRCS to move ahead with organizing the project and submitting the final grant proposal.

V. Agenda for January Board meeting will include Board elections.

Meeting adjourned

(The next board meeting is November 14th.)