

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59624
316 North Park, Room 226
April 26, 2016

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair
Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
David Donohue
Randall Camp (arrived at 5:42p.m.)
Kammy Johnson (arrived at 5:33p.m.)
Jennifer Lowell
Jeff Ryan

Members Absent

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen

Staff

Kathy Moore
Jennifer McBroom
James Swierc
Jolene Helgerson
Melanie Reynolds
Norman Rostocki

Guests Present

Stan Frasier called the 211th meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

Mr. Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes March 22, 2016. Mayor Schell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dave Donohue seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No additions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Norman Rostocki presented the WQPD 2016 fiscal year cash flow statement and the comparison to cash flow analysis budget on pages 8-9 of the board packet. As of April 30, 2016, we are 75% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$74,741; total revenues received are \$210,680 or 59% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$240,866 or 70% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$30,186; ending cash balance is \$44,556.

WQPD FY2017 BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Rostocki presented the FY2017 Revenue scenarios for the Board to consider on pages 11-12 of the board packet. After review and discussion of the FY17 budget options, the board agreed on a requested 5% WQPD fee increase for FY2017. Randall Camp made a motion to approve the request for a 5% WQPD fee increase for FY2017. Jennifer Lowell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. Mayor Schell made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commission to approve the WQPD FY2017 budget as proposed. Mr. Donohue seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DNRC Watershed Management Grant Proposal: Jennifer McBroom, WQPD Outreach & Watershed Coordinator, stated that the DNRC Watershed Management Grant Program proposal which is a funding opportunity for the WQPD for implement non-point source best management practices on sediment impaired streams within the Lake Helena Watershed was submitted on April 15, 2016. Staff has not heard if they have received the grant.

MWCC Big Sky Watershed Corps funding: Ms. McBroom announced that the Montana Watershed Coordination Council will provide to the District up to \$5,000 to fund this year's Big Sky Water Corps member. Currently the WQPD had received \$2,500 of the \$5,000 to cover the funding for the Watershed Group portion. If the grant funding for the Districts payment do not come through in July, staff has budgeted the \$2,500 in the FY17 budget.

Volunteer Watershed Monitoring: Ms. McBroom announced that the District has received the \$1,000 requested grant funding from DEQ for the fall volunteer watershed monitoring.

Earth Day: On April 23, the District and the Watershed Group participated in the Helena Earth Day Expo. James Swierc, hydrologist, presented a groundwater stability display which showed groundwater depletion in the Helena Valley.

Copper Creek Estate: Mr. Swierc discussed that the Copper Creek Estates memo on pages 26-30 of the board packet. Mr. Swierc provided the County Planning Department with ground water flow data from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) report to incorporate into the review of the subdivision.

Raven Road Groundwater Investigation: Mr. Swierc reviewed the Raven Road Project and sampling results memo on pages 14-23 of the board packet. The goal of the project was to investigate the source of elevated nitrates in shallow ground water detected in a Public Water Supply well and in a residential well sampled as part of the regional study by MBMG. The project results showed elevated arsenic in numerous wells in the Raven Road area. In answer to a question from Mayor Schell regarding background arsenic in the East Helena area, Mr. Swierc stated that the concentration of arsenic levels in Seaver Park, relative to arsenic found in controlled ground water area encompassing the Asarco plume, are similar to the Raven Road sampling results. The discussion noted that the drinking water standard changed from 50 to 10 ug/L, and that these results were between these limits and had previously not been of concern.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Frasier announced that the Conservation District is continuing to provide cost share assistance for well sampling.

Ms. Moore announced that the City of Helena has annexed a few properties on the west side of Helena. Randall Camp stated that the properties that have been annexed are surrounded by systems already connected to the city. Mr. Camp stated that the residents that are on septic have the opportunity for grant assistance of \$750,000 to connect. The City of Helena offered to have their engineers design the plans for the connection but the grant is requiring an independent engineer

which will cost the amount of their grant assistance. The City of Helena Wastewater Treatment Plant has capacity to accommodate the new west end connections. The Board continued discussion on various ways to discharge wastewater in the Helena area.

Jeff Ryan announced that on May 18 at 10:00 am, the MACD will host their first meeting on the flood plain resolution. Mr. Ryan will have staff send out a questionnaire by the MACD for staff and board members to complete.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Stan Frasier, Chair