

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59601
316 N. Park, Room 309
July 23, 2013

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair
Jamie Schell, vice-chair
Commissioner Susan Good Geise
Eric Regensburger
Kris Goss

Staff

Jim Wilbur
Jennifer McBroom
Norman Rostocki
Jolene Helgerson
Melanie Reynolds

Members Absent

Kammy Johnson
Jennifer Lowell

Guests Present

Jean Riley
Paul Montgomery

Stan Frasier, chair, called the meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:30 p.m. Introductions of Board members and staff were made. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

Stan Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes June 25, 2013. Jamie Schell indicated an error on page 4 of the minutes in the board packet. The minutes stated that the METG will be moving utility lines. The correction should be METG will be moving water lines. Jamie Schell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No additions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Norman Rostocki, Finance Coordinator, presented the WQPD cash flow statement and comparison to budget on page 8 of the board packet and cash flow analysis (see Attachment "A"). As of June 30, 2013, we are 100% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$119,847; total revenues received are \$299,185 or 101% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$305,350 or 94% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$6,167; ending cash balance is \$113,679.

EASTGATE VILLAGE LAGOON UPGRADE REPORT & SUPPORT REQUEST

Jean Riley, vice-chair of the Eastgate Water Sewer Association Board, requested from the WQPD a letter of support for the Eastgate Water Sewer Association to upgrade the aging wastewater lagoon

system. Ms. Riley gave a brief presentation on the background, proposal, and benefits of the old and new lagoon system (see Attachment “B”). Commissioner Good Geise made a motion to direct staff to draft a letter of support from the WQPD supporting an upgrade to the wastewater lagoon system for the Eastgate subdivisions. Jamie Schell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, said that the Board of Health will email a letter of support also to Ms. Riley.

FLOOD MITIGATION MASTER PLAN FOR THE HELENA VALLEY

Paul Montgomery, P.E., Anderson-Montgomery Consulting Engineers, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Helena Valley Flood Mitigation Master Plan. Anderson-Montgomery Consulting Engineers was hired by the county in 2011 to provide a flood diversion plan for the Helena Valley after the floods in 2011. The final master plan can be found on the county’s webpage.

[://www.lccountymt.gov/home/news-item/article/flood-mitigation-master-plan-final-draft.](http://www.lccountymt.gov/home/news-item/article/flood-mitigation-master-plan-final-draft)

Mr. Montgomery highlighted the plan’s findings, recommendations, specific project elements, and estimated cost for the Helena Valley. Key recommendations and cost were:

- Trap Club Retention Pond and outlet to D2 (\$692K)
- Hilger Ditch to retention pond to D2 (\$667K to \$2.16M)
- Improve Mill/McHugh to D2 (\$1.81M)
- McHugh ditch to Nona to TMC (\$116K)
- McHugh/Edgerton to Kerr/Forestvale (\$894K)
- Silver Creek through Sewell to D2 (\$515K)

Members of the Board suggested that the county consider forming a storm water district for the Helena Valley.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Water Matters” Update: Staff has redesigned the “Water Matters” brochure based on suggestions by the Board at the June board meeting. Staff plans to have a draft brochure available for review at the August board meeting. The WQPD web page will have a new URL which will provide direct link to the WQPD page.

Prickly Pear Creek Rewatering Project: Staff sampled water levels on Prickly Pear Creek on July 16 and water levels were at 23 cfs at the gauge on Wylie Drive and 9 cfs at the gauge on Canyon Ferry Rd. After the recent rain storm, the USGS gauge read 41 cfs. As of July 23, the USGS gauge read 15 cfs and is indicated to be “very low flow” which is the lowest gauge rating. The District’s Rewatering Project has been approved for additional funding from PP&L for one year. A future funding request will be made to Montana Natural Resource Damage Program for the project.

Beaver Control Workshop: The District and the Lake Helena Watershed Group will be having a Beaver Control Workshop which is tentatively set for the week August 12 on Sweeny Creek. Once a date has been set, staff will send out an announcement. The Department of Environmental Quality is contributing to the cost of the workshop.

Annual Lake Helena Watershed Festival: The Annual Lake Helena Watershed Festival will be

August 17, 2013, from 9-1 at Women's Park next to Farmer's Market. The event will have over 20 presenters, hands on presentations, and live music.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Frasier noted that the Baxendale Fire Department is purchasing 3 acres of land near the fire hall on Highway 12 for future use. Mr. Frasier commented that the next priority for the Fire Department will be to build a substation near Rimini.

Staff recommended for one their future meetings organizing a tour of the Asarco Smelter site.

The Trust Fund will have a meeting on July 24 at 3 pm to discuss a controlled groundwater area near East Helena.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Stan Frasier, chair