

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Helena, MT 59624  
316 North Park, Room 226  
May 24, 2016

Members Present

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

Staff

Kathy Moore  
Jennifer McBroom  
Jim Wilbur  
James Swierc  
Jolene Helgerson  
Norman Rostocki

Members Absent

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen  
Kammy Johnson  
Jennifer Lowell

Guests Present

Franchesca Talbot, MSU Student

Stan Frasier called the 212th 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. Introduction of Board members, staff and WQPD guest, Franchesca Talbot were made.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes March 22, 2016. Dave Donohue made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Schell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator, asked for brief discussion on the modified flood plain regulations during updates and announcements.

**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 83% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$74,741; total revenues received are \$214,576 or 61% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$263,520 or 77% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$48,944; ending cash balance is \$24,798.

**PRESENTATION**

James Swierc, WQPD Hydrogeologist, gave a presentation on the Helena Area Groundwater Studies, which he highlighted and discussed recent ground water projects, data sets for water quality, water isotopes, temperatures, and aquifers; Lewis and Clark Water District and Helena Valley monitoring

data and monitoring locations; Prickly Pear Creek, North Hills and Emerald Ridge hydrographs; Lake Helena TMDL allocation sources and drain loading; and deuterium results.

#### **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DNRC Watershed Management Grant Proposal: Jennifer McBroom, WQPD Outreach & Watershed Coordinator, stated that the District received a response to their DNRC Watershed Management Grant Program proposal, a funding opportunity for the WQPD for implement non-point source best management practices on sediment impaired streams within the Lake Helena Watershed, on May 2, 2016. The District submitted a \$15,000 grant proposal and after review by Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), the grant was approved for \$4,500 to cover the funding of the Big Sky Water Corp member only and not for the implement non-point source best management practices.

Flood Awareness Day: Jim Wilbur, WQPD Coordinator, hosted a booth for Flood Awareness Day which he discussed water quality during a flood event to East Helena Middle School 6th graders.

Prickly Pear Re-watering Project: Mr. Wilbur announced that the District has received \$15,720 in project funding support from various entities for the 2016 Prickly Pear Creek Re-watering Project.

WQPD Open House: As part of the WQPD Strategic Plan, the District will host an open house on July 26 from 2-7 p.m. in room 226 of the City-County Building.

Flood Plain Regulation Update: Jeff Ryan gave a brief background on the DNRC Floodplain Regulations. He noted that one problem with the current floodplain regulations is the requirement by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to have flood plain remapping done by an engineer after stream restoration projects. The Lewis and Clark Conservation District (LCCD) has proposed a Montana Association of Conservation Districts' (MACD) resolution to work with DNRC to look at revisions of the required floodplain regulation for stream restoration projects. On May 18, MACD, LCCD DNRC, and various representatives met to discuss floodplain regulation issues, cost, education, coordination and next steps.

There being no board member discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Stan Frasier, Chair