

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Helena, MT 59601  
316 N. Park, Room 226  
May 26, 2015

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair  
Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair  
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen  
David Donohue  
Amanda Harrow

Staff

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

Members Absent

Jennifer Lowell  
Randall Camp  
Jeff Ryan

Guests Present

Stan Frasier called the 205th meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was not established.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes April 28, 2015. David Donohue made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Amanda Harrow 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 presented the WQPD 2015 fiscal year cash flow statement and comparison to cash flow analysis budget on pages 8-9 of the board packet. As of April 30, 2015, we are 83% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$101,794; total revenues received are \$210,741 or 62% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$296,266 or 81% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$85,525; ending cash balance is \$16,268.

**FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET & FEE INCREASE REQUEST**

Mr. Rostocki presented to the Board the WQPD FY 2016 on pages 11-12 of the board packet which included a 10 percent district fee increase for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Mayor Schell made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that it approve the WQPD FY2016 budget. Mr. Donohue seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Mr. Frasier made a motion to approve a request to the County Commission for a

10-percent district fee increase for FY2016. Mayor Schell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **PRICKLY PEAR CREEK RE-WATERING PROJECT**

James Wilbur, Water Quality District Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Prickly Pear Creek (PPC) Re-Water Project in which he highlighted the purpose of the project, the project steps, the PPC re-watering process, and the 2015 project funding. The next step in the project is to apply for a 2-year \$75,000 Natural Resources Damage Grant from the Montana Department of Justice. Mr. Frasier made a motion for staff to proceed with the NRD grant application. Ms. Harrow seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prickly Pear Creek Stream Restoration Project: Mr. Wilbur announced that the PPC stream restoration project construction was completed on May 22. The engineering for the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application to FEMA for the project required by the County Floodplain permit is being conducted this summer. It is expected to be completed and approved by the end of the year which has necessitated the District's DEQ 319-grant to be extended for completion. Board members recommended a tour of the project for their June board meeting.

METG Gaging Contribution Agreement: Mr. Wilbur highlighted the Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG) letter of agreement on pages 15-17 of the board packet for the multi-year funding of the USGS surface water monitoring station on Tenmile Creek near Rimini.

Big Sky Watershed Core Intern: Mr. Wilbur noted that funding may be available for an intern from the Big Sky Watershed Corps to assist WQPD staff for 10 months with tech support and data management. The WQPD would partner with the Conservation District and the Lake Helena Watershed Group for funding support and office space. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation may contribute \$5,000 to the \$10,000 cost for the intern. An application for the position is required in July with the intern term to begin in January. Funding for the position would therefore be spread over two fiscal years.

Legislative Update: Mr. Wilbur highlighted the end of session report on the environmental health legislation on pages 18-19 of the board packet.

Watershed Group Activities: The Noxious Weed workshop that was held on May 5-6 had 12 people in attendance. In answer to a question from Commissioner Hunthausen, Mr. Wilbur stated that the landowners are responsible for noxious weed control on their property for the PPC stream restoration project.

### **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Wilbur announced that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comments regarding the METG 2015-2016 Interim Measures Work Plan is now available on their web page which included their response to comments made by Mayor Schell and the WQPD.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Stan Frasier, chair