

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
316 North Park, Room 226
Helena, MT 59623
December 5, 2018

Members Present

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
Dick Sloan
Amanda Harrow
David Donohue
Jeff Ryan
Kammy Johnson

Staff

Jennifer McBroom
James Swierc
Pete Schade
Valerie Stacey
Jolene Helgerson

Members Absent

Stan Frasier, chair
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen
Randall Camp

Guests Present

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair, called the 234th 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 established. Introduction of Board members were made.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made. No public comment was given. Dick Sloan requested adding the Carroll College Water Level report to the January agenda.

MINUTES

Mayor Schell asked if there were any corrections or additions to the October 23, 2018, minutes. No public comment was given. David Donohue made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

2019 FLOOD PLANNING UPDATE

Jennifer McBroom, Watershed Outreach Coordinator, announced that members of the city-county flood committee met on October 29 and November 20 to discuss flood mitigation because of 2018 flooding in the Helena Valley. The committee agreed to set up a 3 part series in January, February and March 2019 to discuss further flood mitigation such as the use of Wellntels, public preparedness, and outreach and education. Ms. McBroom noted that the county would no longer provide sand and sand bags to the public. COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) will assist in the coordination of sand and sand bags. Mayor Schell recommended that the Board meet the new Lewis and Clark County Communication and Community Outreach Coordinator, Jennifer Garcin. Mr. Donohue requested having the Board added to the email list for the upcoming flood meetings in January, February, and March. No public comment was given.

EXPANSION OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDRY

As part of a request from the public during the October 23, 2018, WQPD meeting, Ms. McBroom discussed the procedures required to change the WQPD boundaries (see pages 8-11 of the board packet). She also discussed the work that will be required from staff along with cost and revenue. Ms. McBroom noted that it would be up to board on how the new district boundary is defined. Mr. Donohue requested that staff look at Gallatin County's district expansion, how the Lewis and Clark County district was originally formed, and to keep the district expansion discussion on future agenda's. No public comment was given.

FIELD REPORTS

Pete Schade, Water Quality Specialist, provided a brief update the 2018 Prickly Pear sediment results (see pages 13-17 of the board packet).

Valerie Stacey, Big Sky Watershed Corp member gave a brief update her work with the monitoring program along Seven Mile Creek, the Riparian Fencing Project, and her education and outreach work.

James Swierc, WQPD Hydrogeologist, gave a brief update on his work on the Spokane Creek Project and the Bureau of Mines and Geology (BMG) precipitation study. In answer to a question from Mr. Donohue, Mr. Swierc stated that staff is continuing their ongoing work on the East North Hills Project plan.

No public comment was given.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Jeff Ryan announced that the Conservation District is going to begin their annual budget planning for next year and recommended that the District contact them for donations.

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Jamie Schell, Vice Chair