Stan Frasier, chair, called the 187th meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:33 p.m. A quorum was established. Introductions were made of board members, staff, and AmeriCorps members.

MINUTES
Stan Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes January 22, 2013. Gary Ingman made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eric Regensburger 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 (see Attachment “A”) and the cash flow analysis on page 8 of the board packet. As of January 31, 2013, we are 58% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is $119,847; total revenues received are $171,262 or 58% amount budgeted; total expenditures are $176,275 or 54% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by $5,012; ending cash balance is $114,834.

HELENA SOLVENT SITE OVERVIEW & UPDATE
Laura Alvey, environmental specialist with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Helena Solvent Site. Ms. Alvey stated that tetrachloroethylene also known as PCE is a chlorinated solvent used as a dry cleaning agent and can be found in brake cleaning chemicals, craft glues, and lava lamps. PCE, if improperly disposed of,
can contaminate the water and enter into homes as a vapor. When saturated in water, PCE levels have been as high as 150,000 ug/L. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water standard for PCE is 5 ug/L. DEQ became aware of high concretes of PCE from a well sample taken in 1993. DEQ has narrowed the site of contamination for investigation to the area known as “Malfunction Junction”, Montana Avenue/Euclid Avenue/Helena Avenue and the nearby railroad tracks and rail yard. Mr. Wise Drycleaners, Burlington Northern/Santa Fe railroad and other historical drycleaners have been considered the potential cause of the PCE contamination. In the time span from 1993 to 2008, DEQ sampled area wells along with private wells to trace the path of the PCE contamination and investigate vapor migration into the area buildings. In 2008, DEQ sent a notice of violation to the Mr. Wise Drycleaners requesting the owner to pay for the cleanup. In 2012, DEQ and EPA began the process of trying to clean up the area. The next steps for DEQ is to further investigate and fill in data gaps, work with homeowners and business owners on air sampling, review the EPA’s preliminary report, and work towards the site becoming part of the Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Recovery Act (CECRA).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, informed the Board of many of the health related legislative bills. They are bills asking exemption from licensing requirements such as the exemption of hot beverages at farmer’s markets; sale of eggs at farmer’s markets, and canning requirements. Some of the water quality related bills that Melanie is tracking are Senate Bill 316: Generally revise subdivision laws regarding encroachment onto private property and Senate Bill 293: Require certain water and sanitation information at subdivision preapplication. Melanie noted that House Bill 483 which would require septic inspection before property transfer has been tabled in the committee along with Senate Bill 234: Provisional permits for gravel pits. House Bill 146: Generally revise laws related to solid waste licenses and fees has passed House and is now before the Senate. Melanie will provide a more detailed legislative update at the next board meeting.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Watershed Wednesday: Watershed groups from around the state provided displays and lunch on February 6 at the Montana State Capital rotunda to highlight the work they do and to talk with their legislators.

Lake Helena Watershed Group Activities: Jennifer McBroom, Watershed Outreach Coordinator, highlighted the draft Lake Helena Watershed Group 2013 Annual Work Plan on pages 12-14 of the board packet. Jennifer requested that the Board review the plan and provide her with additions or changes to the plan. The Watershed Group met on February 21, 2013. Jeff Ryan with DEQ gave a presentation to the group on method of restoration work done along the Lake Helena shoreline and project on several rivers in Montana. Jim Wilbur also gave a presentation on the Prickly Pear Creek Re-watering project. Jennifer noted that the Annual Watershed Festival is attentively set for August 17, 2013.

AmeriCorps Volunteers: Jim Wilbur, Water Quality District Coordinator, stated that the Tim Dryer, Montana Conservation Corps Regional Supervisor, may have volunteers available for the District to use on their storm drain stenciling project. The Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) crew leaders of AmeriCorps sat in on the WQPD meeting as part of their training with MCC

WQPD Laboratory Solicitation: The District received five submittals for their solicitation for laboratory analytical services. Staff will review and choose a lab for the contract.
Technical Writing & Graphic Design Solicitation: Staff is working on a solicitation for contract for the writing and design work for the State of Basin report and the Stormwater MOU.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION
Stan Frasier announced that the Conservation District may be able to provide the District with addition funding for next year’s USGS stream gauge.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Stan Frasier, chair