

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
316 North Park, Room 226
Helena, MT 59623
February 26, 2019

Members Present

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen (arrived @ 6:09 pm)
Randall Camp (arrived @ 5:39 pm)
Dick Sloan
Amanda Harrow
David Donohue

Staff

Kathy Moore
Jennifer McBroom
James Swierc
Valerie Stacey
Jolene Helgerson

Members Absent

Stan Frasier, chair
Jeff Ryan
Kammy Johnson

Guests Present

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair, called the 236th meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was established. Introduction of Board members were made.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made. No public comment was given.

MINUTES

Mayor Schell asked if there were any corrections or additions to the January 22, 2019, minutes. Dave Donohue and Mayor Schell provided grammatical changes to the minutes. No public comment was given. Dick Sloan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Randal Camp seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. In answer to question from Mr. Sloan, Jennifer McBroom, WQPD Program Supervisor, confirmed that district would discuss expanding the WQPD boundaries during the strategic planning. Jolene Helgerson noted that the discussion by Andy Hunthausen at the January board meeting regarding Lewis and Clark County Subdivision preliminary review process was not written out in detail because of previous explanations in recent meetings about how the review process works. In answer to a question from Mr. Sloan, Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator, made a clarification to Mr. Hunthausen's explanation in the January board meeting that if a pumping test is required, the county does not have the authority to deny approval of the subdivision. If the test produces water at a specific rate and meets state requirements, a subdivision cannot be denied. She also noted that if there is no water, a developer can take actions such as finding other sources of water like a nearby public system or even hauling water to cisterns.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. McBroom discussed the 2014-2019 WQPD Strategic Plan checklist (on pages 9-14 of the board packet) along with her strategic plan checklist notes (see Attachment "A"). She also presented the strategic plan time line for February-June (see Attachment "B").

Discussion items for the upcoming strategic plan:

- Better availability for the public to access data collected by the district
- Link data for accessibility
- Differentiate surface and groundwater monitoring. Have data in one location.
- How do other WQPD's in the state incorporate water quantity into their processes and procedures
- Consider sustainability of water quantity
- Consider aquifer testing requirement for land use planning
- Staff will develop a new tracking system, but probably not a checklist for the new strategic plan
- The next strategic plan will be a 3-year plan
- A facilitator will be hired

Time Line:

- 1-6 hour work session to be held during the week with a catered breakfast or lunch
- Staff will send out a doodle request for dates and times for the work session
- The board will receive the mission statement before the work session
- Staff will send a strategic plan packet and agenda to the board prior to the work session

No public comment was given.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No updates or announcements were made. No public comment was given.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Camp announced that Jason Fladland, Water Production Supervisor, is leaving his position with the City of Helena for a new position in Billings. Jamie Clark, Utilities Engineer, will be acting supervisor until Jason's replacement is hired.

Mayor Schell announced that the City of East Helena is waiting on the finalization of the Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) Restoration Plan after public comment was given.

Mayor Schell also announced that the Department of Environmental Quality Board of Environmental Quality extended the comment period regarding the DEQ7. Public comment period was held on February 5. The proposed rulemaking generated more comments than anticipated involving manganese. On March 19 2019, the DEQ board will hear additional comments and extend public comment an additional 45 days. No public comment was given.

There being no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor Jamie Schell, Vice Chair