

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59624
316 North Park, Room 226
January 26, 2016

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair (departed @ 5:45 p.m.)
Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
David Donohue (departed @ 6:30 p.m.)
Jeff Ryan
Jennifer Lowell
Randall Camp (arrived @ 5:40 p.m.)

Staff

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

Members Absent

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen
Kammy Johnson

Guests Present

Mayor Schell called the 209th 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.

MINUTES

Mayor Schell asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes December 1, 2015. Stan Frasier made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dave Donohue seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No additions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Norman Rostocki presented the WQPD 2016 fiscal year cash flow statement on page 7 of the board packet and the comparison to cash flow analysis budget (see Attachment "A"). As of December 31, 2015, we are 50% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$74,741; total revenues received are \$199,495 or 56% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$165,231 or 48% amount budgeted; revenues are over expenditures by \$34,264; ending cash balance is \$109,006.

WQPD STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW

Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator, presented the WQPD Strategic Plan (see Attachment "B") for board review. She asked Board members to review the plan and provided any changes or comments at the next board meeting. Ms. Moore highlighted the 5 goals of the plan and explained what the District has and has not accomplished and what needs improvement. Mayor Schell requested that staff incorporate the word "monitor" into strategy 4.1.2. Ms. Moore stated that staff is working on ways to improve the way the District and County reviews their fee structure. A

suggestion was made by Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, to have a 3rd party review this process. Melanie Reynolds suggested stated that at the next board meeting if Board members wanted to arrive 5 minutes early she would show them the process of how she assess fees on properties.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watershed Group Activities: The Montana Watershed Coordination Council, a partner of the Lake Helena Watershed Group, hosted a fundraiser at the Ten Mile Creek Brewery on January 24th to raise funds for a 12' x 6' tile mural of the Ten Mile Creek watershed to be placed in the brewery. The Watershed Group donated \$500 to the fundraiser.

Jennifer McBroom presented Watershed promotional materials that will be given to those who sign up and follow the Watershed Group on Facebook and other online media sources.

Lake Helena Watershed Restoration Plan (LHWRP): The sampling report from the Elliott project along with the LHWRP has been submitted to Department of the Environmental Quality (DEQ). The WRP report is available for review on the WQPD webpage.

DEQ 319 Grant -Lake Helena WRP: After the final grant submission, DEQ approved \$65,750 for the 319 Grant that the WQPD Lake Helena WRP was asking for. The grant award will allow for an additional 2-years of funding for the Big Sky Watershed Corp member.

East Helena Ground Water Working Group Memo: James Swierc presented the memo he wrote to the East Helena Ground Water Working Group members on pages 11-19 of the board packet regarding his findings and suggestions on the fate of contaminants downgradient from the former smelter site, near the leading edge of the selenium plume.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Randall Camp announced there will be a meeting on January 27 from 10-3 pm at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss MS4 permits with the DEQ.

In answer to a question from Ms. Moore, Mr. Camp stated that the highest the City of Helena has ever recorded for lead in their water is 4 ppb. The maximum lead levels are 15 ppb.

Mayor Schell announced with the assistance of Rural Water Systems and Jim Stimson with DEQ, the City of East Helena has updated their draft Source Water Delineation Assesment Report for source water. Mayor Schell thanked Mr. Swierc for his assistance with reviewing the draft and adding in comments.

The Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG) is working with the Exploration Works on a display. Mr. Schell is working on an augmented reality sand box and when finished he would like to assist Water Watchers in presenting the sand box to students.

The Montana League of City and Towns submitted a brief to the Supreme Court regarding the lawsuit on exempt wells which affects the City of East Helena.

The City of East Helena is working with East Clark Street Sewer District and Jerry Hamlin to connect these areas to the City of East Helena wastewater system.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jamie Schell, vice-chair