

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59601
316 N. Park, Room 309
June 25, 2013

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair
Gary Ingman, vice-chair
Commissioner Susan Good Geise
Eric Regensburger
Jennifer Lowell
Jamie Schell
Kris Goss

Staff

Jim Wilbur
Jennifer McBroom
James Swierc
Norman Rostocki
Jolene Helgerson

Members Absent

Kammy Johnson

Guests Present

Stan Frasier, chair, called the 190th 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.

INTRODUCTION

Introductions of attending new board member Commissioner Susan Good Geise, board members, and staff were made. Commissioner Good Geise is replacing Commissioner Murray for fiscal year 2014. Jim Wilbur, Water Quality District Coordinator, noted the resignation of board member John Rundquist representing the Helena City Commission on page 21 of the board packet.

MINUTES

Stan Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes April 23, 2013. Jamie Schell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eric Regensburger seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No additions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Gary Ingman made a motion to nominate Stan Frasier as chair for the WQPD. Kris Goss seconded the motion. Commissioner Good Geise made a motion to nominate Jamie Schell as vice chair for the WQPD. Gary Ingman seconded the motion. The motions carried 7-0.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Norman Rostocki, Finance Coordinator, presented the WQPD cash flow statement and comparison to budget and cash flow analysis on pages 11-12 of the board packet. As of May 31, 2013, we are 91% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$119,847; total revenues received are \$267,464 or 91% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$272,970 or 84% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$5,506; ending cash balance is \$114,340. Mr. Wilbur noted that the reserved cash for vehicle replacement will likely to be used in fiscal year 2014 to purchase a new vehicle for the district. Future budgeting adjustments will be made each fiscal year to build back up the vehicle reserve. Mr. Rostocki informed the Board that based on estimated expenditures in 2013 of \$300,000; the fund balance will exceed the statutory limit in 2014 by \$5,000. He recommended to the Board to disburse the excess monies into the existing fiscal year 2013 budget for the distribution of the Water Matters report to maintain the budget reserve under the statutory limit. Concerns from board members arose regarding the cost to print a large volume of the Water Matters reports and would the public read them or throw them away. After further discussion by the Board, Commissioner Good Geise made a motion to authorize staff to add the amount needed for fiscal year 2014 to bring the district within the statutory limit which should be divided between the capital fund and the printing budget for the Water Matters report. Mr. Regensburger seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

DRAFT "WATER MATTERS' OUTREACH REPORT REVIEW

Mr. Wilbur presented the draft Water Matter report for the Board to review and provide feedback to staff (see Attachment "A"). After reviewing the report, the Board suggested the following changes:

- Make the WQPD logo more visible on the front page.
- Bring the information about the district from the back page to the front. This will help on the first distribution to let the public know more about the district. Future reports won't need it.
- Less text volume. Reduce it by 2/3rds.
- As issues come up, get more detail into specific topics
- Use bullets to get specific details out.
- More pictures
- More graphs with statistical data
- Consider a catchy heading to get readers to open and read it.
- Less information about staff on the back. More focus on the district's web page and contact information.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

METG Video of Smelter Cleanup: The Montana Environmental Trust Group has provided a video of the East Helena Prickly Pear Creek Realignment Project cleanup. The video can be found on the METG webpage <http://www.mtenvironmentaltrust.org/east-helena>

Upper Tenmile EPA "Take Ten" and Forest Projects: Mr. Wilbur highlighted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "Take Ten" news letter on pages 17 and 18 of the board packet regarding the EPA's cleanup actions in the Upper Tenmile Superfund site specifically targeting the Lee Mountain and Little Lilly mines. Mr. Wilbur also noted that the that the U.S. Forest Service is proposing to restore and repair vegetation in the vicinity of the Chessman Reservoir caused by unauthorized trails and roads. Another Forest Service project proposed in the watershed is conduct fire protection activities along the Red Mountain flume and around the Chessman Reservoir. .

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Schell requested an update by staff on when the Controlled Groundwater Committee was going to meet.

Mr. Schell also noted that the METG will be moving a ~~utility~~^{water} line under US Highway 12 near the intersection of Heritage IGA and the Man Store for the redirection of the Prickly Pear Creek.

Mr. Wilbur asked the Board to inform him of discussions and presentations that they would like at upcoming meetings

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Stan Frasier, chair