

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59624
316 North Park, Room 226
March 22, 2016

Members Present

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen
David Donohue
Jeff Ryan
Randall Camp (arrived at 5:43p.m.)
Kammy Johnson

Staff

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

Members Absent

Stan Frasier, chair
Jennifer Lowell

Guests Present

Mayor Schell called the 210th 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 January 26, 2016. David Donohue noted two grammatical errors on page 3 of the board packet. Dave Donahue made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kammy Johnson 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 and the comparison to cash flow analysis budget on pages 8-9 of the board packet. As of February 29, 2016, we are 67% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$74,741; total revenues received are \$206,145 or 58% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$218,905 or 64% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$12,760; ending cash balance is \$61,981.

WQPD FY2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Rostocki presented the draft FY2017 Revenue scenarios for the Board to consider (see Attachment "A"). After review and discussion of the FY17 budget options, staff will present at the next board meeting a 7% and a 10% fee increase with a growth rate comparison for board consideration. Staff will email the projection to the board for review prior to April board meeting.

JIM DARCY SCHOOL KID COLLEGE EVENT

Jennifer McBroom, WQPD Outreach & Watershed Coordinator, along with Ashley Rivero, Big Sky Corps member, hosted a water quality educational booth at the Jim Darcy School Kid College Event, college like education courses for 1st and 2nd graders, on three Friday's in March.

GRANT PROPOSALS

DNRC Watershed Management Grant Proposal: Ms. McBroom presented the DNRC Watershed Management Grant Program proposal which is a funding opportunity for the WQPD for implement non-point source best management practices on sediment impaired streams within the Lake Helena Watershed. The grant is up to \$15,000 and will need to be submitted by April 15, 2016. \$5,000 of this grant would fund some of the District cost for the next Big Sky Watershed Corp member and the other \$10,000 would assist with the funding for the District to provide landowner assistance to implement non-point source best management practices in the watershed.. Jeff Ryan made a motion to approve the DNRC Watershed Management Grant Program application. Randall Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

MWCC Big Sky Watershed Corps funding: Ms. McBroom announced that the Montana Watershed Coordination Council will provide to the District up to \$5,000 to fund this year's Big Sky Water Corps member.

LAKE HELENA WATERSHED GROUP SUPPORT RESOLUTION

Ms. McBroom announced that the Lake Helena Watershed Group is applying for a 501(c) non-profit status which will allow the group to solicit donations for restoration and educational activities. Mr. Donohue made a motion that the WQPD board resolves to continue providing staff assistance to the Lake Helena Watershed Group after it attains its 501(c) non-profit status. The Board will review this resolution during the annual strategic plan review. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watershed Group Activities: The Lake Helena Watershed Group meeting will be held on April 21 at Montana Wild. The Watershed group will be participating in the cleaning up 2 miles of York Road for Earth Day on April 22. On April 23 from 11-5 p.m. at the Carroll College, the District and the Watershed Group will participate in the Helena Earth Day Expo. Staff will send out email reminders to the board.

Prickly Pear Water User Association: Jim Wilbur, WQPD Coordinator, along with Ms. McBroom attended a Prickly Pear Water User Association (PPWUA) meeting in which the PPWUA accepted the revised 5-year rewatering project contract. It also included support for the effort to modify water rights to provide for instream flow protections.

Trout Unlimited Chapter Meeting: Mr. Wilbur and Ms. McBroom will give rewatering and future stream project presentations at the March 23 Trout Unlimited Chapter meeting.

Helena Valley Irrigation District Meeting: Mr. Wilbur will meet with the Helena Valley Irrigation District to discuss a multi-year donation commitment for the Helena Valley Rewatering Project.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Ryan announced the he was able to walk and observe the 7 miles of property acquired by the Prickly Pear Land Trust along Sevenmile Creek. The work that needs to be done on the property is partially located in the flood plain which will require the remapping of the flood plain by the trust group. MACD is working with DNRC to acquire exemption status for small stream restoration projects. Commissioner Hunthausen stated that if the Commission can assist with the revision to the language regarding the exemption processes for remapping, then provide them alternative examples the can use and promote. Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator, stated that staff could review the Lewis and Clark County Ordinance and draft up language for the County Commission to consider. Mr. Ryan will review the drafted language.

Mayor Schell presented the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) response to Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District comments on the Draft Addendum to Interim Measures Work Plan 2015 and 2016 (see Attachment "B").

Mr. Ryan announced a willow soil lift workshop on March 29-30 at Zoo Montana in Billings, Montana and March 30-31 on Jack Creek in Ennis, Montana.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Jamie Schell, vice-chair