

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Helena, MT 59601  
316 N. Park, Room 226  
May 27, 2014

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair  
Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair  
Eric Regensburger  
Commissioner Susan Good Geise departed @ 6:50  
pm.  
Jennifer Lowell  
Amanda Harrow  
Kammy Johnson  
David Donohue

Members Absent

Randall Camp

Staff

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

Guests Present

Bob Anderson, Hydrometrics  
Betsy Burns, EPA

Stan Frasier, chair, called the 197<sup>th</sup> 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**

Stan Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes April 22, 2014. Mayor Schell noted an error on page 3 of the board packet in the METG 2014 Interim Measures Plan Comment paragraph. Mayor Schell stated the minutes should read “Mr. Wilbur stated there has been no response by the Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG) to the comments proposed by the Environmental Services Division and the comments from Jamie Schell regarding the 2014 Interim Measures Plan.” Mayor Schell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Eric Regensburger seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No additions were made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Flood Preparedness Event: In May, the 7th Annual Flood Preparedness event was held at the East Valley Middle School for children in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They learned about non-point source pollution and flooding on Prickly Pear Creek and in the watershed.

Flood Ready Day: On May 17<sup>th</sup> a Flood Ready Event was held at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds to encourage the public to be prepared for upcoming flooding in the valley. The public had an opportunity to see flood water demonstrations and to fill up sandbags.

Tenmile Creek Dredging Meeting: On April 29<sup>th</sup>, a public meeting was held at the West Valley Fire Station on the pros and cons and the permits required for dredging Tenmile Creek to supplement the flood mitigation plan presented by the Lewis and Clark County. James Wilbur, Water Quality District Coordinator, said that a possible solution was presented that in order to divert the flooding from the valley floodplain would be to build riparian dikes off stream and control the water in that area when flooding did occur. Easement requirements would be needed in order for this to happen. Commissioner Good Geise stated the County Commissioners will consider establishing a flood district for the Helena Valley. The annual cost for those in the flood district area could be \$125.00.

Watershed Activities Update: On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Archie Harper discussed the Valley Flood Committee's goal to implement an overall floodwater management system that reduces or eliminates flooding impacts to residents, businesses, and infrastructure and natural resources in the Helena Valley. The Tenmile Creek Power Point presentation can be found at <http://www.lccountymt.gov/health/water/lake-helena-watershed-group.html>

**PRESENTATION** Bob Anderson, East Helena Groundwater Technical Manager with Hydrometrics, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed East Helena Controlled Groundwater Area (EHCGWA). Mr. Anderson highlighted what a Controlled Groundwater Area is; the purpose and goal of the EHCGWA; technical and logistical details of the EHCGWA, and the roles and responsibilities for the EHCGWA. In answer to a question from Jennifer Lowell, Mr. Anderson stated that the Technical Advisory group would consist of members from the county, state, and the Environment Protection Agency (EPA). The Technical Advisory Group would not be part of the petition. In answer to a question from Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Anderson stated that an issued permit would be established in the rule making process and the cost for the permit will be worked out outside of the petition process. Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, stated that EHCGWA permit process would need to be separate from the process needed for a permit regarding the soil ordinance. Mr. Anderson stated that the Board of Health (BOH) will have a working session outside of their regular board meeting in June to review and discuss the petition. The BOH invited WQPD members to be part of the work session. Staff will send out to the Board an invite to the work session. Mr. Anderson stated that the EPA is looking into alternative name changes to the title East Helena CGWA.

### **FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Norman Rostocki, Finance Coordinator, presented the WQPD 2014 fiscal year end cash flow statement and comparison to budget and cash flow analysis on pages 9-10 of the board packet. As of April 30, 2014, we are 83% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$119,679; total revenues received are \$191,282 or 63% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$256,796 or 80% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$65,513; ending cash balance is \$54,165.

### **FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET PROCESS & TIMELINE**

Mr. Rostocki presented the recommended FY 2015 budget with a 10 percent fee increase request on page 12 of the board packet. After Board member discussion, Ms. Lowell made a motion to present the recommend FY2015 WQPD budget with the 10 percent fee increase to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. David Donahue seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Kammy Johnson mad a motion to approve the WQPD request for a 10 percent fee increase. Ms. Lowell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

### **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Wilbur announced that Kammy Johnson is not renewing her term on the WQPD board. Board elections for chair and vice-chair will take place in June for the next fiscal year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Stan Frasier, chair