

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
316 North Park, Room 226  
Helena, MT 59623  
May 28, 2019

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair  
Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair (arrived @ 6:06 pm)  
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen  
Jeff Ryan  
Dick Sloan  
Kammy Johnson  
Randall Camp (Ryan Leland)

Staff

Kathy Moore  
Jennifer McBroom  
Peter Schade  
Valerie Stacey  
Jolene Helgerson

Members Absent

Amanda Harrow  
David Donohue

Guests Present

Devon Forrest

Stan Frasier, chair, called the 238<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was established. Introduction of Board members were made. Ryan Leland, City of Helena Engineer, announced that he was sitting in for Randall Camp.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No changes were made to the revised agenda (see Attachment “A”). No public comment was given.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the April 23, 2019, minutes. No public comment was given. Mayor Jamie Schell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dick Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**BUDGET STATUS REPORT**

Jennifer McBroom, WQPD Program Supervisor, presented the WQPD 2020 fiscal year budgets (see Attachment “B”) for final review and approval. Kathy Moore, Environmental Division Administrator, announced that there may be minor changes in personnel expenditure and that the district staff are trying to spend down reserve prior to FY2020 in order to stay within the statutory limit. In answer to a question from Mr. Sloan, Ms. Moore stated that she will know the final FY2019 expenditures in July. In answer to questions from Mr. Ryan, Ms. Moore said the budget reflects an increase in staff training to meet the board’s request as part of the strategic plan. Jeff Ryan recommended the fluvial geomorphology training if possible. Ms. Moore listed a few of the trainings that are scheduled and announced that Ms. McBroom and Valerie Stacey, Environmental Technician, were awarded a scholarship to participate in a yearlong online Certificate of Health program through the University of Montana. Mayor Schell announced that the City of East Helena has not received an update on the outcome of the Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) Restoration Plan. It may

be awaiting the approval from the Governor. No public comment was given. Stan Frasier made a motion to recommend the WQPD FY2020 budget to the Lewis and Clark County Commission for approval. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Ms. McBroom presented the changes to the Lewis and Clark WQPD Strategic Plan 2020-2023 (see Attachment “C”) that were made at the April board meeting. After reviewing the plan, the board made no further changes. Ms. McBroom announced that the next step is for staff to develop the plan’s strategies and present to the board in June for review and final approval if no changes are made. No public comment was given. Stan Frasier made a motion to approve the current changes made to Lewis and Clark WQPD Strategic Plan 2020-2023. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

### **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Ms. Moore announced that flooding is occurring in Augusta and that residents should treat the floodwater as if it is contaminated. The health department has been recommended that residents boil their water before using if they suspect their water has been affected by flood water. A community meeting will be held on May 29, 2019, at 6 p.m. in Augusta. The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners are looking at installing a water gauge on Elk Creek in order to assess water levels.

Mr. Leland announced that work continues on phase 1 of 2 phases of the City of Helena Municipal Water Main. Estimated cost for both phases of the project is 9.2 million which is being paid through the State Revolving Fund. Mr. Leland also announced a public meeting is scheduled on May 30 at the Kessler School to discuss the City of Helena Westside Wastewater Improvement, phases 1B and 2.

Mr. Ryan provided pictures of the willow restoration work along Seven Mile Creek. Mr. Ryan suggested an upcoming tour of the restoration work.

Commissioner Hunthausen announced that zoning article letters will be sent to Helena Valley residents as part of the overall county growth policy discussion.

No public comment was given.

There being no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Stan Frasier, Chair

Action Items from May 28 WQPD Meeting

- Staff will develop the strategies for the strategic plan
- The Board will review the strategies at the June meeting and if no changes are made, they will approve the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan.
- Staff will schedule a time for a tour of the willow restoration along Seven Mile Creek.