

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59624
316 North Park, Room 226 So.
January 24, 2017

Members Present

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
Commissioner Jim McCormick
Kammy Johnson
David Donohue
Dick Sloan

Staff

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

Valarie Stacey

Members Absent

Stan Frasier, chair
Jeff Ryan
Randall Camp
Amanda Harrow

Guests Present

Jamie Schell, vice-chair, called the 217th meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was not established. Introduction of Board members and staff were made.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Norman Rostocki presented the WQPD 2017 fiscal year cash flow statement and the comparison to cash flow analysis budget (see Attachment "A and B"). As of December 31, 2016, beginning cash is \$115,244; total revenues received are \$202,511 or 54% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$175,492 or 47% amount budgeted; revenues are over expenditures by \$27,019; ending cash balance is \$142,263. Mr. Rostocki announced that his last day with the Health Department would be on January 27, 2017. Mr. Rostocki will be back temporarily to assist with the FY2018 Budget.

A quorum was established at 5:45p.m. Introduction of new WQPD Board Member Commissioner Jim McCormick was made.

MINUTES

Mayor Schell asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 6, 2016 minutes. Mayor Schell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. David Donohue seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Legislative Update: Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator, presented and briefly discussed the upcoming legislative bills (pages 8-9 of board packet) relating to water quality. Ms. Moore stated that the district would be following closely House Bill 104- Statutory appropriation for Ground Water Investigation Program and House Bill 107- Establish Surface Water Assessment and Monitoring Program along with LC2117- Revise laws related to exempt appropriations of water and LC0537- Revise laws regarding exempt wells and family transfer parcels. The board recommended that staff also follow LC1160- Generally revise floodplain laws.

Arsenic Monitoring Project: James Swierc, Hydrologist, announced that staff is working on mapping the results of the Arsenic Monitoring Project that resulted in 60 wells tested in the Helena Valley. Staff has received requests for testing of 70 more wells. In answer to a question from the board, Mr. Swierc stated that 8 to 9 additional metals along with arsenic are being tested for as part of this monitoring.

Upper Tenmile Superfund Site: Ms. Moore presented an area map of the proposed Upper Tenmile Superfund Site. The Environmental Services Division was asked by the Environmental Protection Agency to develop institutional controls for the area, which would include a soils regulation, a controlled groundwater regulation, and an education and outreach component. After the development of the institutional controls, the division will be asking the Montana Department of Natural Resources to oversee the operation of the controlled groundwater regulations.

Future Agenda Topics: Ms. Moore presented the draft 2017 agenda summary (page 10 of the board packet) for board review and discussion. She noted that additional agenda items would be added or changed if necessary. She also recommended shorting the time of the meetings when necessary. Mr. Donohue suggested including a presentation on water rights. Mayor Schell requested that when the board reviews the strategic plan in February that the plan is emailed to the board for review prior to the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mayor Schell announced that the Montana Department of Justice Natural Resource Damage Program's restoration plan for the Asarco Superfund Site is in the process of being written. Mayor Schell will keep the Board updated on the documents progress. Jennifer McBroom announced that the Big Sky Watershed is interested in the restoration plan. Mayor Schell highlighted the restoration options for the 40 acres on the Asarco Superfund Site.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Jamie Schell, Vice-Chair