

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59624
316 North Park, Room 226 So.
March 28, 2017

Members Present

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
David Donohue
Dick Sloan
Jeff Ryan
Amanda Harrow (arrived at 5:47 p.m.)
Randall Camp (arrived at 5:43 p.m.)

Staff

Jennifer McBroom
James Swierc
Jolene Helgerson
Valerie Stacey

Members Absent

Stan Frasier, chair
Commissioner Jim McCormick
Kammy Johnson

Guests Present

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair, called the 219th meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:37 p.m. A quorum was not established. Introduction of Board members and staff were made.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Dick Sloan requested time to discuss his Upper Tenmile handout during the Upper Tenmile presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FY 2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Jennifer McBroom presented the FY 2017 WQPD data sheet (see Attachment "A") and cash flow analysis (see Attachment "B") for the Board to review for the upcoming FY 2018 budget process. Ms. McBroom announced that the health department is currently hiring for the finance coordinator position previously held by Norm Rostocki. Prior to the April 25 board meeting, WQPD staff and volunteer members from the Board will meet to review the FY 2018 budget.

A quorum was established at 5:43p.m.

MINUTES

Mayor Schell asked if there were any corrections or additions to the February 28, 2017 minutes. Randal Camp made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dave Donohue seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

UPPER TENMILE PRESENTATION

James Swierc gave a presentation on the Upper Tenmile Mining Area Superfund Site. Mr. Swierc gave a brief history on the mining in the Upper Tenmile Creek Watershed and spoke briefly on the health implications and the site remedial actions. He also spoke on the development of Institutional Controls (ICs), the establishment of a controlled groundwater area, and the consideration of the soils regulation for the Upper Tenmile Superfund Site. Dick Sloan provided a handout on Upper Tenmile (see Attachment “C”) which he discussed Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) loading which has caused an elevation in Zinc levels.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Legislative Update: Current legislative bills relating to water quality.

- House Bill 48- Clarify definition of water right change- Became Law
- House Bill 49- Clarify process for updating water right transfers- Became Law
- House Bill 104- Statutory appropriation for Ground Water Investigation Program- Probably Dead
- House Bill 107- Establish Surface Water Assessment and Monitoring Program- In Second House Committee—Nontabled
- House Bill 339- Revise laws related to exempt appropriations of water- In Second House Committee—Nontabled
- Senate Bill 248- Revise laws regarding exempt wells and family transfer parcels- In Second House Committee--Nontabled
- Senate Bill 313- Exempt stream restoration from flood plain permit- In Second House Committee--Nontabled
- House Bill 507- Generally revise laws relating to review of sanitation in subdivisions- Returned to First House with Second House Amendments

Ms. McBroom announced that the Running Water for Helena will be held on June 24 at 8 a.m. at the Tenmile Water Treatment Plant.

The willows that were cut by the Lake Helena Watershed volunteers were planted the week of the 27th with the use Jeff Ryan’s hydraulic stinger.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

April 4 is the National Recognition Day of the AmeriCorps Vista Program.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Jamie Schell, Vice-Chair