

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59624
316 North Park, Room 226 So.
May 23, 2017

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair
Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
Commissioner Jim McCormick
David Donohue
Dick Sloan (Departed @ 7:05 p.m.)
Jeff Ryan (Departed @ 7:10 p.m.)

Staff

Kathy Moore
Jennifer McBroom
James Swierc
Jolene Helgerson
Valerie Stacey

Members Absent

Kammy Johnson
Amanda Harrow
Randall Camp

Guests Present

Stan Frasier, chair, called the 220th 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. Introduction of Board members and staff were made.

MINUTES

Mr. Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 28, 2017 minutes. Dave Donohue made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dick Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator presented the WQPD 2017 fiscal year cash flow statement and the comparison to cash flow analysis budget (see Attachment "A,B and C"). As of May 23, 2017, beginning cash is \$119,994; total revenues received are \$220,343 or 58% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$253,645 or 71% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$33,302; ending cash balance is \$86,692.

FY 2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Moore presented the FY2018 Budget proposal (see Attachment “D”) for board approval and recommendation for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. After review and discussion of the FY18 budget, Mr. Frasier made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commission to approve the WQPD FY2018 budget as proposed. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 with Commissioner Jim McCormick abstaining from the vote.

MONTANA WATER RIGHTS PRESENTATION

Mr. Donohue gave a presentation on Montana Water Rights (see Attachment “E”). In his presentation, he discussed water conflicts, how we have water rights, the principles of prior appropriation doctrine, elements of water rights, and water reservations. In answer to a question from Mr. McCormick, Mr. Donohue stated that to expand the water rights to the Helena Valley (County) from the City of Helena would require expansion of place of use even if the county were annexed. In answer to a question from Valerie Stacey, Mr. Donohue stated that to balance water conservation and your use it or lose it aspect of a water right is to keep the water from mitigation in the stream flow. The landowner usually has more water indicated in their water rights than what they actually use. The judication process will reduce their paper water to match their wet water use.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND WORKLOAD INDICATORS

Ms. Moore presented a draft Performance Measure and Workload Indicator (see Attachment “F”) for board consideration and asking of them to consider using one or more of the strategic plan goals as measure for FY18.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer McBroom announced that the Running Water for Helena will be held on June 24 at 8 a.m. at the Tenmile Water Treatment Plant. On the same day from 11-2 p.m. is the Wetland Festival at the Spring Meadow Resources.

Ms. McBroom announced that Great West was given the go ahead to survey the flood plain as part of the Tyran Project on Sierra Road. They are waiting on the high water to recede before they begin to survey.

Jeff Ryan announced that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has created a workgroup to work on the Flood Plain Resolution. As part of their agenda, Mr. Ryan asked Ms. McBroom if he could use Tyran Project as part of the workgroup project.

The District has hired Peter Schade as the new water quality specialist. His start date is June 5.

There being no board member discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Stan Frasier, Chair