

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59624
316 North Park, Room 226 So.
September 26, 2017

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair
David Donohue
Jeff Ryan
Commissioner Jim McCormick
Dick Sloan
Kammy Johnson
Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair
Amanda Harrow

Staff

Kathy Moore
Jennifer McBroom
James Swierc
Pete Schade
Jolene Helgerson
Valarie Stacey

Guests Present

Members Absent

Randall Camp

Stan Frasier, chair, called the 223rd meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:31 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 July 25, 2017 minutes. Amanda Harrow noted a spelling error. Ms. Harrow made a motion to approve the amended minutes as written. Mayor Jamie Schell seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION

James Swierc, WQPD Hydrologist, gave a groundwater depletion presentation involving the North Hills, Emerald Ridge Subdivision, and East Gate Subdivision in East Helena. Mr. Swierc explained the ongoing groundwater depletion to private wells, exempt wells and monitoring wells along with water quality testing of those wells. He also provided groundwater flow maps that highlighted groundwater depletion data showing large drawdowns to single wells with very little recharge. After the presentation the board voiced their concerns about how to inform the public about groundwater depletion and concerns about adding more subdivisions to those areas. The Board recommended that staff provide informational reports about the depletion in newspapers, flyers for realtors, and during training seminars. Mr. Swierc announced that he will present his groundwater depletion study at the AWRA Conference October 18-19. Ms. Moore announced that she will send the AWRA Conference invitation to the Board.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance: Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator, announced that she will present the 1st quarter finance report at the October board meeting. With the absence of a finance coordinator for the District, the District's book keeping is being completed by the county's treasures department.

Watershed Activities: Jennifer McBroom, Watershed Outreach Coordinator, announced there will be a volunteer Litter Pick Up on September 30 at 9:30 am along the first 2 miles of York Road.

Tryan Project Update: All permits for the Tryan project have been submitted and the goal is to have construction begin in November.

WQPD Data Compilation: Peter Schade, Water Quality Specialist, announced that he is working to compile all water flow restoration data into one central data source which will provide information where the water flow restoration data originated, how it was collected, how it was reconciled, and what type of lab work was completed. Mr. Schade is also working with the Department of Environmental Quality to have a portion of Prickly Pear Creek reclassified.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Jeff Ryan announced that he will be meeting with representative from FEMA to discuss the flood plain requirements imposed on restoration projects.

Dick Sloan will give a presentation on zinc reduction for the Upper Tenmile at the October board meeting.

Depending on weather condition, the Upper Tenmile Tour may be rescheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Stan Frasier, Chair