

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59601
316 N. Park, Room 226
October 27, 2014

Members Present

Stan Frasier, chair
Commissioner Susan Good Geise
Jennifer Lowell
Eric Regensburger
David Donohue
Randall Camp
Amanda Harrow
Jeff Ryan

Staff

Kathy Moore
Jim Wilbur
James Swierc
Jolene Helgerson
Melanie Reynolds
Norman Rostocki

Guests Present

Members Absent

Mayor Jamie Schell, vice-chair

Stan Frasier, chair, called the 200th 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.

MINUTES

Mr. Frasier asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes September 23, 2014. Commissioner Good Geise made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jennifer Lowell seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No additions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Rostocki also presented the WQPD 2015 fiscal year cash flow statement and comparison to budget and cash flow analysis on pages 7-8 of the board packet. As of September 30, 2014, we are 25% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$101,794; total revenues received are \$20,513 or 6% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$80,965 or 14% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$60,452; ending cash balance is \$37,089.

WATER WATCHERS PROGRAM

Gary Burton, of the WQPD, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 20th season of the Water Watchers Program. Mr. Burton stated that the program is a community outreach program for all School District 1 and East Helena 4th and 5th graders. Water Watchers I consists of 4th graders who participate during the spring in classroom activities and a half-day field trip to Prickly Pear Creek to learn about water pollution and the effects it has on humans and animals. Water Watchers II consists

of 5th graders who participate during the fall in class room activities and an all-day field trip to Moose Creek Campground and a tour of the Tenmile Treatment Plant or the City of Helena Waste Water Treatment Plant. The program is currently funded by the WQPD with field trip bus transportation supplemented by a DEQ 319 grants.

UPPER TENMILE FLUME & RESERVOIR PROJECT UPDATE

Randal Camp with the City of Helena Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the Upper Temile Flume and Reservoir Project. Mr. Camp highlighted the need for immediate action to thin out the 490-acres surrounding the reservoir that has been damaged by pine beetles. If not done, a forest fire in that area could cause severe contamination to the reservoir and affect the City of Helena's drinking water. A collaborative committee was created to address the issues that impact the city's water supply in the Upper Tenmile Watershed.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watershed Activities: Jennifer McBroom, Watershed Outreach Coordinator, attended a Valley Flood Committee meeting. There was no October Watershed group meeting.

Presentation to MT American Water Resources Association (AWRA) & Geological Society of America (GSA): James Swierc, Hydrologists for the WQPD gave presentations to the AWRA on the Emerald Ridge groundwater depletion and to the GSA on the results of the Non-Source Point loading study in the Lake Helena watershed. Mr. Swierc will present the Emerald Ridge groundwater presentation to the Board at the December board meeting. Commissioner Good Geise requested an update on the decision rendered by Judge Sherlock regarding exempt wells.

There being no board member discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Stan Frasier, chair