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 classroom 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 Tenmile 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.

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Stan Frasier, chair