

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Helena, MT 59601  
316 N. Park, Room 226  
September 24, 2013

Members Present

Jamie Schell, vice-chair  
Jennifer Lowell  
Randall Camp

Members Absent

Stan Frasier, chair  
Commissioner Susan Good Geise  
Eric Regensburger  
Kris Goss  
Kammy Johnson

Staff

Kathy Moore  
Jim Wilbur  
James Swierc  
Jennifer McBroom  
Jolene Helgerson  
Norman Rostocki

Guests Present

George Thebarga, Community Planning &  
Development

Jamie Schell, vice-chair, called the 193<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was not established.

**INTRODUCTION**

Introductions of new board member Randall Camp, board members and staff were made. Mr. Camp is replacing John Rundquist as the representative of the Helena City Commission.

**MINUTES**

A quorum was not established.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No additions were made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Norman Rostocki, Finance Coordinator, presented the WQPD 2013 fiscal year end cash flow statement and comparison to budget on page 9 of the board packet. As of June 30, 2013, we are 100% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$114,340; total revenues received are \$299,182 or 101% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$299,350 or 92% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$167.49; ending cash balance is \$119,679.

Mr. Rostocki also presented the WQPD FY 14 cash flow statement and comparison to budget on page 8 of the board packet. As of August 31, 2013, we are 16% through the fiscal year, beginning cash is \$119,748; total revenues received are \$9,637 or 3% amount budgeted; total expenditures are

\$50,483 or 16% amount budgeted; revenues are under expenditures by \$40,845; ending cash balance is \$78,902.

### **COUNTY GROWTH POLICY REVISION & PLANNING DEPARTMENT CHANGES**

George Theborge, director of Lewis & Clark County's Community Development and Planning Department, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lewis and Clark County Community Development Update (see Attachment "A"). Mr. Theborge has been tasked by the county commissioners to update the county growth policy, revise the subdivision regulations, and implement a county-wide zoning within two years. Key issues involving the county growth policy in the Helena Valley is the availability of water for development, wastewater disposal, road conditions and congestion, and fire protection. Mr. Theborge highlighted the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Controlled Groundwater Area for the North Hills and the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) North Hills Groundwater Study of 2012, which focused on the depletion of water in wells due to drought and development in the Helena area. Mr. Theborge also spoke about a Helena Area Wastewater Treatment study that was conducted in 1998 for the Helena Valley that considered creating a wastewater treatment facility for the valley but due to low development at the time, a wastewater facility was not constructed. The goals for the growth policy are to create land use policies that are necessary, objective, fair, and effective for the Helena Valley area and develop broad support for these growth policies. In answer to a question from Jamie Schell, Mr. Theborge plans to have the growth policy completed by the spring of 2014. The development and planning staff will send letters and surveys to stakeholders, hold public meetings and open houses to discuss the results of the survey, and then present a completed county growth policy. In answer to a question by Jim Wilbur, Water Quality District Coordinator, Mr. Theborge said the next step in the water polices is to compile Part 1 Zoning from 50 districts down to a manageable 7-8 districts and create conformity.

### **DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

Kathy Moore, division administrator for the Environmental Services Division, presented the District Strategic Planning proposed schedule (see Attachment "C"). Ms. Moore highlighted the strategic plan components for revision or change. The Board agreed to have the strategic planning during regularly scheduled board meetings, hiring a facilitator, electronic surveys and correspondence through emails for ideas on values and the vision and mission, proposed timeline, and include stakeholders in the strategic planning process.

### **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

USGS Gage Funding Update: The District's USGS gage has reached full funding through donor donations for the year. The stream gage located on Tenmile Creek near Rimini runs through October 2013 to September 2014.

WQPD Tours-"ASARCO Smelter & Upper Tenmile Super Fund Area: Board members and staff toured the Asarco Smelter on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The next tour for the Upper Tenmile Superfund Mining Area is scheduled for September 30 at 11:00 am.

METG Stream Relocation: Mr. Wilbur presented a map of the Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG) Prickly Pear stream relocation plan. The complete relocation along with updates on Asarco cleanup can be found on the METG web site. Mr. Schell noted that the Trust will have the 2014 interim measure workplan available for comment this December.

“Water Matters” Update: Staff is continuing to work with Karen Filipovich on the edits to the “Water Matter” brochure and will have a draft available for review in the future.

**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

The District is re-advertising for the general public board position recently held by Gary Ingman.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Jamie Schell, vice-chair