

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Helena, MT 59601
316 N. Park, Room 226
August 23, 2011

Members Present

Steve Ackerlund
Chris Anderson
Kammy Johnson
Spencer Shropshire
John Rundquist
Stan Frasier

Staff

Jim Wilbur
Jennifer McBroom
Jolene Loomis
Scott Winfield
Melanie Reynolds

Members Absent

Mike Murray
Gary Ingman

Guests Present

Spencer Shropshire called the 174th 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. Introductions of attending board members and staff were made.

Jim Wilbur, Water Quality District Coordinator, acknowledged on pages 2-4 of the board packet the resignation of Eric Woodland; Kammy Johnson's appointment for a second term to the WQPD; and Steve Ackerlund replacing Chris Deveny as the representative from the Board of Health.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were made.

MINUTES

Spencer Shropshire asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from June 28, 2011. John Rundquist moved to accept the minutes as written. Stan Frasier seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Scott Winfield, Finance Director, presented the cash flow statement and comparison to budget for the WQPD on page 12 of the board packet. As of June 30, 2011, we are 100% through the year, beginning cash is \$71,855; total revenues received are \$334,158 or 110% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$290,617 or 95% amount budgeted; revenues are over expenditures by \$43,540; ending cash balance is \$115,396.

Scott Winfield presented the cash flow statement and comparison to budget for the WQPD on page 12A of the board packet. As of July 31, 2011, we are 8% through the year, beginning cash is \$115,396; total revenues received are \$6,624 or 2.4% amount budgeted; total expenditures are \$15,398 or 5.2% amount budgeted; revenues is under expenditures by \$8,773; ending cash balance is \$106,622.

Scott referenced e-mails between Kathy Moore, District Administrator, and Gary Ingman and Gary Ingman to Eric Bryson on pages 12B-13 of the board packet discussing the final fiscal year 2011 budget having a reserve account balance above what is allowed by state law. Scott noted that the 7% fee increase requested by the Board would not be necessary for fiscal year 2012 due to this increase. At the end of fiscal year 2012, the Board may need to take action on a fee increase for fiscal year 2013.

PRESENTATION

Paul Spangler with the Emergency Disaster Service was unable to present and discuss the 2011 floods through out Helena and in East Helena. On Mr. Spangler's behalf, Jim Wilbur presented several PowerPoint slides of the flood along Prickly Pear and Ten Mile Creek. Jim noted that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is available to those seeking flood assistance on the 1st floor of the City-County Building. Anderson-Montgomery Consulting Engineers will present to the Commissioners possible solutions to the flooding issues that arose. After the Commissioners review, public meetings will be held to determine which plan to implement. The Board requested that Anderson-Montgomery Consulting Engineers give a presentation regarding their findings at a future board meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After Board member discussion, John Rundquist nominated Gary Ingman to continue as the WQPD board chair. Stan Frasier seconded the motion and also nominated Spencer Shropshire as vice-chair. John Rundquist accepted the amendment to the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Surface Water Network Sampling: Jim stated that the June flooding damaged the District's monitoring gauges and tru track housing units. The District has had to replace 6 of the monitoring gauges and housings. This work was completed the beginning of August and the District has conducted 24 water quality samples in 21 surface water locations within the watershed. More sampling will be conducted in October.

319 Grant Applications: Jim highlighted the preliminary 319 Grant Applications from the District on pages 21-23 of the board packet. Final application submittal is due the first week of October.

Running Water for Helena: The 2nd Annual Running Water for Helena was held on July 31st. The event involved a 10-mile run and a 5K run/walk along Tenmile Creek on Rimini Road and ending at the Water Treatment Facility. The City of Helena, along with Montana Discovery Foundation, Tri-County Fire Safe Working Group, and the Lake Helena Watershed Group are bringing awareness of the importance of the Tenmile Watershed to the Helena community.

Lake Helena Watershed Festival: The 4th Annual Lake Helena Watershed Festival was held on August 20th at Women's Park in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. Around 250 people attend and participated in several educational booths, music, and children activities.

Drumlummon Mine Memo: Jim highlighted the Drumlummon Mine correspondence between the mine and the Board of Health (BOH) and the WQPD on pages 33-42 of the board packet. Jim noted that a meeting with the mine and the residents of Marysville is being held on August 22 to discuss the communities concerns regarding mining operations. Commissioner Mike Murray and Kathy Moore, division administrator for the Environmental Services Division, will be attending the meeting. Stan Frasier noted that the Conservation District is looking into to see if the access road created by the mine near Silver Creek had a permit.

Septic Maintenance Program: Jim stated that the Septic Maintenance Program took affect as of July 1, 2011. Beth Norberg, sanitarian for the Environmental Services Division, has completed the first phase of the letters of notification which will be sent to home owners in the high to medium-high aquifer sensitivity areas. Included in the letter will be a septic maintenance fee schedule, a fact sheet, Section 8 of On-Site Wastewater Regulations, and general education for septic systems.

District Brochure: Jim presented the 2011 WQPD brochure (See Attachment "A"). The printing was funded by the DEQ Source Water Protection Program.

MBMG Studies: Jim stated that the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) has scheduled a public meeting for September 28, 2011 in room 125 on the UM Helena campus regarding the reports on the groundwater investigation studies of the North Hills and Scratchgravel Hills. James Swierc, hydrologist for the District, will be there to give a presentation on his findings. Jim will schedule a meeting with the principals of the project to reexamine the District's well measurement network regarding the 120 plus wells that have been check monthly the last year.

Jim noted that two monitoring wells located on Airport west near Home Depot were damaged by Helena Sand & Gravel when they were harvesting soils for Centennial Park. The District will reinstate the wells at a later date.

Helena Area Groundwater Project: James will install 8 surface water piezometers in September as part of the second phase of the Helena Area Groundwater Project. The flooding in June did not allow for James to install the piezometers this summer.

Stemple Pass Jail: James will assist the County and DEQ with monitoring of leaks coming from the old Stemple Pass Jail.

There being no board member discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Spencer Shropshire, vice-chair