

**SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
January 18, 2024

Tom Morris	President	PRESENT	Cheri Thompson	Director	PRESENT
Pat Goodover	Vice President	PRESENT	Troy Spence	Director	PRESENT
Jason Gilpin	Director	PRESENT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	PRESENT
Bill Decker	Manager	PRESENT			

Public Attendance – Appendix A

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. The meeting was held remotely at the Barn, 2920 Highway 83, Seeley Lake, MT and via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Pat Goodover moved to accept the agenda.** Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Aye
Pat Goodover	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye
Cheri Thompson	Aye
Troy Spence	Aye

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

Tom Morris noted that it was a full agenda and requested that the meeting be kept moving along.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Morris requested public comment. Cheri Thompson noted that she would like to question some of the facts put forward by the Missoula City/County Health Department (MCCHD) at the Seeley Lake Community Council (SLCC) meeting, such as the groundwater flow. Discussion followed and the Board agreed to put this on the agenda for next month.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**MINUTES:**

October 19, 2023

**Tom Morris moved to accept the minutes for the regular meeting (October 19, 2023) as circulated.** Cheri Thompson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Aye
Pat Goodover	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye
Cheri Thompson	Aye
Troy Spence	Aye

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Invoices

Tom Morris noted that the invoices were for December and January. Tom Morris reviewed the January invoices.

**Pat Goodover moved to approve the invoices and pay them.** Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. Cheri Thompson requested more information on the WET invoice. Jess Alexander reviewed their recent work. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Aye
Pat Goodover	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye
Cheri Thompson	Aye
Troy Spence	Aye

September 2023 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the September financial reports, noting that it was quiet month.

October 2023 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the October financial reports, noting that it had been another quiet month

**MANGER'S REPORT:**

Bill Decker reviewed his report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Action Plan for 2023-2024 - Committee Reports

Pathfinder Article & Email Newsletter

Bill Decker noted that he had talked to the editor of the Pathfinder, who would try to attend the meeting.

## Mission Update

None.

## Environmental Deoxyribonucleic Acid (eDNA) Sampling

Bill Decker noted that four samples had been taken and explained the procedure. Bill Decker informed the Board that the bailer in the well by the carwash had become stuck in the well while he was taking the sample. The water already taken from the well had been used for this sample. No results for this testing had been received to date.

## Test Result Map

Tom Morris noted that this would be covered in the WET presentation.

## Clearwater RV Dump Station

Tom Morris noted that there was nothing new.

## Monitoring Well & Lake Testing

Tom Morris noted that WET's presentation would cover this item.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### WET Presentation

Jess Alexander reviewed the report that he had submitted to the Board, explaining what each of the colored sections referred to, and explaining why he had chosen these areas.

Jess Alexander reviewed the total nitrogen concentration figures. There was discussion regarding the flow and level of the groundwater and utilizing the transducers to gain a better understanding of the groundwater flow. Jess Alexander recommended surveying the wells and doing a hydraulic model. There was further discussion on the groundwater flow.

Jess Alexander outlined where he recommended drilling additional monitoring wells. Tom Morris suggested putting this on the agenda for the next meeting. Pat Goodover requested that WET provide a dollar amount for drilling the additional monitoring wells, to discuss at the next meeting. Tom Morris requested estimates for the hydraulic model, four additional monitoring wells and the survey of the wells, for the next meeting. Shannon Therriault added that Missoula County might be able to survey the wells for free. There was discussion regarding Missoula County needing written access agreements for the transducers to be installed in the monitoring wells. The discussion returned to the groundwater flow.

Jess Alexander reviewed the testing data for the monitoring wells and the sampling schedule moving forward. Jess Alexander reviewed the results of the statistical analysis that he had run on the

monitoring wells at Lindey's, the Baptist Church and Kurt's. Discussion followed on the nitrogen concentrations and how often the monitoring wells should be tested.

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: February 15, 2023**

The Board discussed and agreed to hold the February in person at the Barn and via Zoom.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Tom Morris noted that the following items should be added to the February agenda: Action Plan – Committee Reports – Pathfinder Article; Mission Update; Test Result Map, Clearwater RV Dump Station, eDNA Sampling, Monitoring Well & Lake Sampling, WET proposal, Written access for the transducers on the two properties, the Contractor for the Lazy Acre RV Park and MCCHD.

The Board discussed the upcoming board election.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:**

**Cheri moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm.** Tom Morris seconded the motion.

Attest:

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Tom Morris, President

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Felicity Derry, Secretary

APPENDIX A

SEELEY LAKE – MISSOULA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT  
 Regular Board Meeting  
 The Barn, 2020 Highway 83 & Virtual Meeting Via Zoom  
 January 18, 2024

NAME	ADDRESS/EMAIL	PHONE #
Jeanna Miller, MCCHD		
Shannon Therriault, MCCHD		
Alaina Evans, MCCHD		
Jess Alexander, WET		
Nathan Bourne		
Claire Muller		
Joel Adema		
M. Shoreland		