

SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 4, 2021

Tom Morris	President	PRESENT	Pat Goodover	Director	PRESENT*
Beth Hutchinson	Vice President	ABSENT	Walt Hill	Director	PRESENT
Jason Gilpin	Director	PRESENT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	PRESENT
Jean Curtiss	Manager	PRESENT	Kim Myre	Missoula Co	PRESENT

*Joined the meeting at 8:58pm
Public Attendance - Appendix A

CALL TO ORDER:

Technical issues delayed the beginning of the meeting, which was scheduled to begin at 8:00pm. The meeting was called to order by Tom Morris at 8:45pm after the technical difficulties had been resolved. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom, due to COVID-19.

Jean Curtiss noted that the attorney (Jean Faure) had suggested that the Board present a unified letter. The letter had been drafted with assistance from Dan Semmens and Jean Faure.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Tom Morris requested that everybody be respectful and mindful of the current litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft & Send a Unified Letter to the Editor to the Pathfinder

The draft letter was shared onscreen to enable the public to view the document. Tom Morris reviewed the language in the draft letter and questioned the redundancy of the second paragraph with the memo that had been mailed prior to the bond election.

Walt Hill appreciated Tom Morris' comments, but felt that the repetition in the second paragraph was needed and felt that it was a cohesive letter.

Pat Goodover joined the meeting.

Pat Goodover had requested that two sentences be highlighted and had no additional comments.

Jason Gilpin had no comments to add.

The Board reviewed the draft letter with Jean Curtiss and were satisfied that all of their comments had been included.

Tom Morris requested public comment.

Colleen Krause questioned that alternative systems were not mentioned in the letter. Tom Morris noted that the Board had resolved to pursue the system that was on the ballot and were therefore obligated to move forward with that.

Colleen Krause felt that the letter was redundant, not unifying and was a waste of time.

Nathan Bourne noted that the Pathfinder only allowed capital letters and not bold print. Nathan Bourne also questioned the length of time that the USDA had held the funding for the District. Discussion followed on the length of time that had been referenced. Nathan Bourne questioned if some of the wording could be considered as advocacy. Jean Curtiss noted that the District's bond counsel had reviewed the letter; however, the language in question was edited.

Pat Goodover requested input from Jim Erven. Jim Erven felt that the references to the Health Department were accurate and that it was good to reiterate that information. Discussion followed on adding contact information.

The language in the final paragraph was reviewed further.

Walt Hill moved to send the letter to the Pathfinder. Pat Goodover seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent
Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting would be February 18, 2021.

The Board discussed moving the next meeting until after the election and agreed that the meeting should be moved to Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:00pm.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Tom Morris noted that Election Results, 2022 Budget and an Executive Session for administration should be added to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING:

Tom Morris moved to adjourned the meeting at 9:20pm. Jason Gilpin seconded the motion.

Attest:

Tom Morris, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary