

SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 15, 2018

ROLL CALL

Mike Boltz	President	PRESENT	Mike Lindemer	Vice President	PRESENT
Bob Skiles	Director	PRESENT	Davy Good	Director	PRESENT**
Mark Butcher	Director	PRESENT*	Felicity Derry	Secretary	PRESENT
Greg Robertson	Missoula Co	PRESENT*	Kim Myre	Missoula Co	PRESENT

* Present via phone

** Arrived 5:28pm

Public Attendance - Appendix A

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by Mike Boltz at 5:27pm at The County Offices, located on Highway 83 N.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vince Chappell noted that the well testing in December 2017 was completed. The nitrate level for well#1 was 10.9mg/L, which was over the state limit for drinking water. The chloride level was 120mg/L and was consistent with the last three tests. Mike Lindemer noted that the chloride and nitrate levels were climbing. Vince Chappell agreed that they were, with some fluctuation. The nitrate level in well#2 was a little higher than it had been. The chloride level had jumped up to the 100mg/L. There was bacteria and coliform in the well. The well was approximately 50' deep. Coliform that far down was not good. The trends were consistently climbing. The nitrate level for well#3 was 5.46mg/L, it had been consistent for the year. Last year it was approximately one point lower. The chloride level was 76mg/L. Coliform was present. The chloride level was higher than normal for the lake tests. The nitrate level had stayed in the same range. Last year the nitrate level in the lake was consistently 0.02 lower, so it had risen a little bit. The nitrate level at the Riverview Bridge had stayed consistent for the year. The chloride level had jumped a little. The Lions Club pond again had a low nitrate level at 0.02mg/L. The chloride level was not quite as high as in the wells. The three test wells at the proposed plant site were all perfect. They were well within the limits for the state permit.

Mike Lindemer asked how deep the wells were. Vince Chappell replied that well#1 was 36', well#2 was 50' and well#3 was 18'. Topography caused the different levels. Mike Boltz asked if there was any correlation with water usage. Vince Chappell replied that there really was not. It was hard to judge due things such as lawn watering and the car wash. The Water District's numbers were different than what flowed into septic systems. It would be the same when the plant was in operation. Irrigation would affect ground water flows to some extent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MINUTES:

January 18, 2017

The minutes for the board meeting held on January 18, 2018 were presented to the Board for review.

Mike Lindemer moved to approve the minutes of board meeting held on January 18, 201 as presented. Davy Good seconded the motion, which was then passed.

INVOICES:

January 2018

Felicity Derry reviewed the invoices for the Board. Discussion on the project timeline followed.

Davy Good moved to approve and pay all of the January 2018 invoices as presented. Mark Butcher seconded the motion, which was then passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

November 2017

Felicity Derry reviewed the November 2017 financial reports for the Board, noting that a large amount of fee assessment had been received, but otherwise it had been a fairly quiet month with the usual transactions.

Mark Butcher moved to approve the financial reports for November 2017 as presented. Davy Good seconded the motion, which was then passed.

MANGER'S REPORT:

Greg Robertson joined the meeting via telephone at 5:41pm. There had been a number of conference calls to work through the interim financing. The best deal was the State Revolving Fund (SRF). Utilizing SRF would also give the District an express DEQ review of the construction plans, which would result in a better product for the project. There would be another call next month to finalize the financing with SRF. Great West Engineering (GWE) had delivered the right of way plan. He had not reviewed yet but would forward it to be circulated to the Board. He would meet with the surveyor next week to start developing the deed exhibits. They would start being secured in the spring. The Board should let him know if they had any questions or suggestions. He would continue to secure the necessary easements. A letter had been received from Rural Development (RD) with a number of outstanding items that needed to be worked on to meet their start up conditions. That would be done over the next several weeks. There had been regular conference calls with the participating funding agencies to maintain coordination. They were heading in the right direction and gaining some momentum. Greg Robertson asked if the Board had any questions.

Mike Boltz felt that the Board needed to address the 60-lot development. It would be the closest thing built to the plant. He felt that the Board should send a letter to Powell County strongly protesting the use of septic tanks. Greg Robertson said that the Board had the right to make any kind of commentary they felt was appropriate. The development was not too far away from the plant. He felt that the level of density would not justify the expense. However, that would not preclude the Board from making comment. If the Board wished he would draft a letter outlining their concerns. Mike Boltz noted that the Board should comment on it. Greg Robertson said that he would forward a letter before the next meeting.

Greg Robertson left the meeting 5:48pm.

Discussion followed on the possibility of using Skype for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: March 15, 2018

ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

Mike Boltz adjourned the meeting at 5:51pm.

Attest:

Mike Boltz, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary