

SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2023

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 6:03pm. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Tom Morris moved to approve the agenda. Troy Spence seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Tom Morris requested that everybody try to keep things moving along and visit about the things that they needed to.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Marie Watson

Tom Morris read Marie Watson's email. Bill Decker informed the Board that he had been in contact with Marie Watson and she now had the information that she needed.

MINUTES:

November 17, 2022

Pat Goodover moved to approve the minutes (November 17, 2022). Tom Morris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Invoices – December 2022, January & February 2023

Tom Morris reviewed the invoices for December 2022, January & February 2023. Adding the date to the Manager's reports was discussed. The ME Lab testing invoices were reviewed. The cost of drilling the monitoring wells was reviewed, as well as WET's availability and cost to drill wells. Tom Morris noted that the Board needed to formerly approve the invoices, which had been paid as specified at the November 2022 meeting.

Cheri Thompson moved to approve retroactively, Tom Morris paying the invoices (for December 2022, January & February 2023). Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

October 2022 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the October financial reports, noting that it had been a very quiet month and that all of the October checks were written in November, as she had COVID at the end of October.

November 2022 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the November financial reports.

December 2022 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the December financial reports. The District's reserve funds were discussed and the large amount of interest received in the Missoula County account was reviewed. Moving money from the Citizens Alliance account to the Missoula County account was discussed.

MANGER'S REPORT:

Bill Decker noted that it had been a slow month. Bill Decker had completed the well sampling in the latter part of December, so the next round would be done at the end of March. Hopefully at that point some of the dry wells would have water to sample. Offering the sampling as an educational opportunity for the high school kids was discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Plan for 2021-2022 - Committee Reports

Pathfinder Article & Email Newsletter

Cheri Thompson noted that there would be an article for the next meeting.

Mission Update

None

Environmental Deoxyribonucleic Acid (eDNA) Sampling

The letter of support for the Clearwater Resource Council (CRC) and the cost of the eDNA sampling were discussed. Karen Williams will get back to the Board on the cost of the eDNA testing. The content of the letter was discussed.

Pat Goodover moved to ask Tom Morris to sign this document and once it was seconded.

Cheri Thompson seconded the motion. The Board discussed amending the letter to specify that the eDNA testing was in Seeley Lake.

Pat Goodover moved to modify his original motion to include that (amending the letter to specify that the eDNA testing was in Seeley Lake). Cheri Thompson seconded that motion.

There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

Karen Williams noted that CRC was applying for several grants. Once the grants had been received, probably in May, CRC would like to coordinate with the District on the timing and the frequency of the sampling. Bill Decker added that he and McKenzie would be geo-marking the well and sample sites. Karen Williams noted that would be used to add the sites to their geo database of sampling sites to generate a map. Karen Williams and Jess Alexander discussed the coordinates of the wells and that WET would provide those to CRC.

Test Result Map

WET had provided a monitoring well map, which was shared via Zoom to enable the attendees to review it. Jess Alexander reviewed the monitoring wells that had been dug, noting that in places they had to drill much deeper than they had expected. Previous data had shown there was water at 20-30 feet. WET had dug as deep as they could, but a lot of the wells were dry, demonstrating that the water table was quite deep. Jess Alexander then reviewed the sampling data from the monitoring wells.

Discussion followed on the flow of the groundwater, how long the District should sample and if there was any benefit for the District to dig more wells next year, once a year of sampling had been completed. Reaching out to the community to sample some private wells for nitrates was discussed.

Jess Alexander gave some background on two planning grants that WET could compile applications for on the District's behalf, if the Board so desired. The grant applications and if e-signatures would be acceptable were discussed.

Pat Goodover moved to authorize the president and/or vice president to sign any grant documents or requests as presented at this board meeting. Tom Morris seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimous

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

Clearwater RV Dump Station

Bill Decker noted that the Community Council was working with Mike Hopkins to compose a request for funding to repair or replace the Clearwater RV dump station. A letter of support from the District was not needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

WET Community Outreach

Jess Alexander noted that previously WET had offered to do a Q&A with the community; however, that would be in the future, as the District was currently not to that point.

FY2024 Budget

Tom Morris noted that the Board should start thinking about the budget, to enable the FY2024 budget to be finalized in the next several months.

Fact Letter to the Pathfinder

Troy Spence noted that more information was needed before the facts could be put out there. Discussion followed.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: March 16, 2023

The Board discussed the next meeting being held in April and the Pathfinder article.

Tom Morris moved to allow Cheri Thompson to share her letter/article with the manager and for him to individually get responses from the Board members, so that she could put a letter/article in the Pathfinder. Discussion followed on who should do this. **Tom Morris amended his motion, that Cheri Thompson could contact Felicity with the letter/article and then share that with the individual Board members, for comments back to Felicity.** Pat Goodover seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

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

Tom Morris moved to have the next meeting on April 20, 2023 via Zoom at 6pm. Pat Goodover seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

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, FY2024 Budget Action.

ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

Tom Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Jason Gilpin seconded the motion.

Attest:

Tom Morris, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary

