

Seeley Lake – Missoula County Sewer District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Location	Seeley Lake Community Foundation, 3150 MT Hwy 83N		
Date	March 19, 2026	Time	6:00pm
Zoom	Meeting link on homepage at www.SeeleySewer.org		
Meeting ID	899 6021 4403	Passcode	032580

Attendees					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Morris, President	05/2028	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tyler Smith, Director	05/2028
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pat Goodover, Vice President	05/2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Troy Spence, Director	05/2026
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Thompson, Director	05/2026	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carrie Sokoloski, Manager	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Talia Malone, Secretary				

I. Call to Order
A. President Tom Morris calls meeting to order at 6:02 PM
II. Agenda Approval
A. President Morris moves to approve agenda as presented.
B. Director Spence seconded motion.
C. Agenda approved.
III. President's Comment
A. President Morris noted a busy agenda and would like everyone to be respectful and conscientious of time and to focus on items on the agenda.
IV. Public Comment
• None
V. Correspondence
• None
VI. Minutes
• Director Smith moves to approve February minutes as presented.
• Director Spence seconded motion.
• February minutes approved unanimously.
VII. Financial Reports
• President Morris makes a motion to approve monthly expenditures as presented.
• Vice President Goodover seconded motion.
• Financial Reports approved unanimously.
VIII. Manager's Report
• None
IX. Old Business
A. Land Acquisition
1. New potential land option discussed: Pyramid owners and potential buyer of the mill, are open to carving out a 10-acre parcel.

2. Proposed 10-acre area would be south/east of the previously viewed area; not in low water area.
3. Informal starting price at \$50k/acre with expectation it could be negotiable but nothing on paper until funding is in hand.
4. Engineer from WET (Water Environmental Technologies) described early site investigation needs; Initial feasibility work for the new parcel would include test pits/soil classification with a rough estimate suggested of about a half a dozen test pits—exact number depends on site review.
5. Rapid infiltration bed (RI) disposal option has a key restriction: RI systems must be at least 500 ft from water supply wells.
6. Effluent requirements for rapid infiltration were stated as less than 5 turbidity and total nitrogen.
7. Wetherall parcel noted as having substantial prior test data held by the county, but groundwater monitoring wells would still be required for permitting.
8. Groundwater discharge permitting may require drilling monitoring and collecting background aquifer data for three consecutive quarters.
9. Monitoring wells: minimum of three wells needed to establish groundwater gradient—preference to install 4-5 to reduce risk for dry wells and elevation issues.
10. Surface water considerations discussed as more site-specific and involving non-degradation and fate/transport analysis.

B. Annexation

1. No new progress reported; prior idea to form a committee has a couple volunteers. Director Thompson identified as lead but currently out of town.

C. Employee Agreements

1. Board received agreements and Department of Labor and Industry denial letter on contract exemption.
2. Employment agreements show as standard for government entities; no benefits and requirements for workers' comp.
3. President Morris motions to approve employee agreements
4. Vice President Goodover seconded
5. Board approves employee agreements

D. Amend PER scope of work

1. No amendments made; waiting on feasibility of Pyramid property.

X. New Business

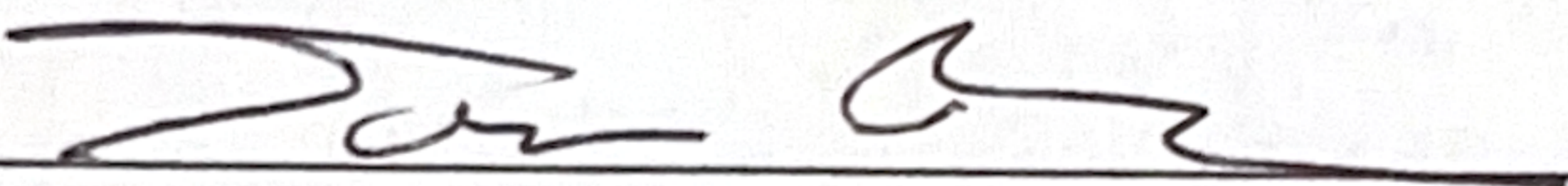
A. Future grants and check presentation

1. Application for the next appropriation round was submitted.
2. Ongoing sentiment that additional funding is still needed (discussion referenced needing another 20 million overall) and that controlling end-user fees is critical and that some debt maybe be necessary but minimal.
3. Zinke presented a 10 million check to the district; awaiting HUD contract/instructions.

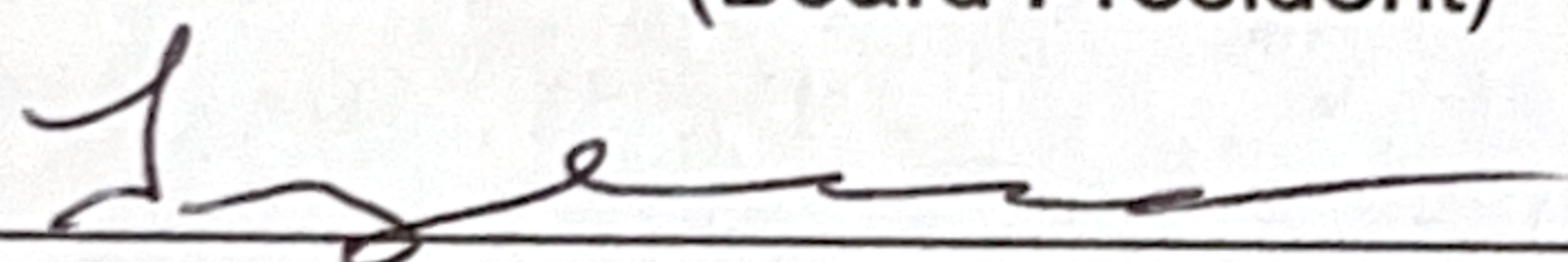
B. Potential land exploration and costs

1. Board authorized spending up to \$2,500 in exploration costs and to check feasibility of Pyramid property, clarifying that authorized funds would be for items like equipment rental (backhoe) and consultants/engineers, with no conflict of interest.

2. Backhoe rental pricing shared at \$310/day or \$215/half-day; operator needs liability insurance. 3. Director Smith offered to provide a certificate of liability and to run backhoe beginning of April, if needed. C. Secretary resignation/ Advertise 1. Talia Malone announced resignation as secretary effective May 1 st ; will help with transition until replacement is found. 2. Secretary job will be posted on the sewer district's website.	
XI. Adjournment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Morris motions to adjourn meeting • Director Smith seconded motion • Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM 	
XII. Next Meeting	April 16, 2026

Minutes approved: 

(Board President)



(Board Director)

