

SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2022

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 6:02pm and was held remotely via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Tom Morris noted that Vince Chappell had requested to be moved to earlier in the agenda. After discussion the Board agreed to reposition Vince’s item to directly after the Manager’s Report.

Tom Morris moved to approve the agenda as amended. Pat Goodover seconded the motion. There was no further 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 requested that everyone should respect each other’s time and be courteous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Morris noted that he had been contacted by a member of the public regarding a possibility of some Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) money being available for the District’s project. Tom Morris volunteered to research this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MINUTES:

May 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

Tom Morris moved to accept the minutes (May 19, 2022) 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 – May 2022

Tom Morris noted that an updated insurance premium had been circulated and then reviewed the May invoices.

Pat Goodover moved to pay the invoices. Tom Morris 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

April 2022 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the April financial reports.

MANGERS REPORT:

Bill Decker noted that after he had compiled the totals from the scoring sheets, SepticNet was the clear favorite. The committee (Cheri Thompson, Pat Goodover, Bill Decker, Mike Richards, Nathan Bourne and John Richards) was set to meet with SepticNet on June 29th, 2022 at The Barn. Discussion followed on including the Missoula City/County Health Department (MCCHD) in the meetings.

Morrison Maierle would be the second meeting, then IMEG & AquaTech. Bill Decker was in the process of scheduling these three meetings. All of these meetings would be in person and via Zoom. The Zoom and in-person protocols were discussed.

Well & Lake Monitoring

Vince Chappell noted that he had experienced some health issues in December 2021 and the testing was not completed. The March results for well#1 were very similar to March 2021, but both the

nitrate and chlorides levels were a little higher. The well depth showed that there was more groundwater flushing through this year, which influenced the results.

The level of nitrates in well#3 was similar to previous years. Both well#1 and well#3 were contaminated with coliform.

There was no detect for nitrates in the lake sample at the bay, which was similar to years past. On the whole the level of chlorides was also similar to last year, although in March 2021 the level was much higher. As the plants take up a lot of the nutrients in the lake, high levels of nutrients here would be unexpected. All of the lake samples were positive for coliform and E. coli.

The nitrate and chloride levels at the Riverview Bridge were similar to last year. There were high levels of coliform and E. coli.

The nitrate level in the Lions Club Pond was a little higher than in March 2021. The chloride level was higher than in the lake, as the groundwater from the town had more influence. There were high levels of both coliform and E. coli.

Chappell noted that the MCCHD performed the coliform testing on the well samples. There were missing results as the samples did not arrive at the lab on time. However, the same samples could be mailed to Kalispell and arrive on time. Chappell suggested that the District stop using the Health Department Lab, which had proved to be unreliable, and go back to using the lab in Kalispell. This would add approximately \$120 per quarter to the cost of testing. The only way to ensure that the tests reached Missoula was to drive them there, which was not cost effective.

Chappell reviewed the effects of nitrates in the lake, noting that even though the levels were lower than in the wells, there was still an issue. While there was most likely some influence from septic systems, there were other influences.

Cheri Thompson questioned whether the coliform peak in June at the Riverview Bridge was impacted by the outhouses along the river. Chappell felt there was an impact, but the elevated level was not solely from human impact.

Cheri Thompson and Brian Clifton, MCCHD, reviewed what was under the County's purview and the potential for the County to monitor whether the state lands were contributing to the pollution in the groundwater. Chappell added that the June results were affected by the run off from the mountains. Tom Morris commented that the District had approached the state regarding the lease properties decades ago and that the Board needed to concentrate on serving those within the boundaries of the Sewer District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Plan for 2021-2022

Committee Reports

Cheri Thompson noted that the website reorganization was still in progress and that the next article had been circulated. There were no objections from the Board.

Cheri Thompson moved to accept her article. Pat Goodover 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

Mission Update

None.

Environmental Deoxyribonucleic Acid (eDNA) Sampling

Caryn Miske noted that in June the dissolved organic carbon samples, samples to detect whitening agents and some additional E. coli samples would be collected. These samples should help with the eDNA testing and result in meaningful data that would help to get a better understanding of the situation and address the concerns that have been raised.

The sample sites were reviewed and discussed. Whether DEQ had been involved was discussed. Caryn Miske noted that she would tweak the sampling sites as the Board had requested.

Finalize FY2023 Budget

An amended FY2023 budget was circulated to the Board. The Board reviewed and discussed the amended FY2023 budget and the unspent funds from the FY2022 that would be used to offset the amount being assessed for FY2023. The bank account balances were reviewed.

Resolution#06162022a - FY2023 Budget

Cheri Thompson moved to approve the budget (FY2023). Pat Goodover seconded the motion. Using a resolution to approve the budget was discussed. **Cheri Thompson resolved to approve the FY2023 budget in the amount of \$116,805 and assess members \$32,407.02.** Pat Goodover seconded the resolution. There was no further discussion. The resolution was unanimous.

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

Test Map

Cheri Thompson noted that the work on the test map was ongoing.

Committee Summary Report

Bill Decker would secure three sets of the qualifications from the Board for the committee to use.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fee Assessment Methodology Resolution#06162022b

Tom Morris noted that the Board had previously agreed that the equal assessment methodology would be the most equitable.

Cheri Thompson moved to accept the old method. Discussion followed on using a resolution to approve the fee assessment methodology.

Cheri Thompson resolved to approve the equal assessment methodology to assess the FY2023 budget to properties within the District. Tom Morris seconded the resolution. The amount per lot was reviewed. The resolution was unanimous.

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

Fee Assessment Public Hearing

Allowing sufficient time for the notice of hearing prior to the meeting, when to set the public meeting and buying the stamps for the mailing was reviewed and discussed.

Cheri Thompson moved that the Secretary and the District Manager assemble and mail this document (Notice of Hearing) so that the public hearing will be held at the next regular board meeting in July. Pat Goodover 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

Meeting Location

The Board discussed holding the public hearing at the Barn.

Tom Morris moved to meet at the Barn and Zoom next month. Felicity Derry informed the Board that she would not be able to attend the July meeting. Cheri Thompson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

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

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: July 21, 2021

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

This meeting will be held at the Barn and will start with the hearing of protest and then the board meeting will convene. Tom Morris noted that the following items should be added to the July agenda: Action Plan – Committee Reports – FEMA, Army Corps of Engineers; ME Lab Testing; Mission Update; Test Result Map; eDNA Sampling and the Committee Summary Report.

ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

Tom Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.

Attest:

Tom Morris, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary

