

SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 18, 2019

Pat Goodover	President	PRESENT	Walt Hill	Vice President	ABSENT
Mike Boltz	Director	PRESENT	Davy Good	Director	PRESENT
Beth Hutchinson	Director	ABSENT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	ABSENT
Jean Curtiss	Manager	PRESENT	Kim Myre	Missoula Co	PRESENT

Public Attendance - Appendix A

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Pat Goodover at 5:15pm at The Community Hall, located at 3248 Highway 83 N, Seeley Lake.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

Pat Goodover thanked the public for attending the meeting and welcomed their comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Discharge Permit Renewal

This letter informed the District that the discharge permit would need to be renewed shortly.

Notice of Hearing – Pine Street Easement

This letter was to inform the Board of a hearing for the easement.

Richard Lewis

This letter to the County Commissioners was wanting to refuse the Pine Street easement.

Don Larson

This email was to Dave Strohmaier regarding the Pine Street easement.

MINUTES:

June 20, 2019

The minutes for the Board meeting held on June 20, 2019 were presented to the Board. The minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Invoices – June 2019

Kim Myre reviewed the invoices for the Board.

Davy Good moved to approve the June 2019 invoices for payment as presented. Mike Boltz seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Jean Curtiss noted that she would be working with a Clearwater Research Council volunteer to do some community outreach on water quality. Consideration to move the RV dump property from Phase III to Phase II had been discussed with the owner. The need for an environmental assessment for the carwash had originated from the lender of a potential buyer, and not from the Health Department. Discussion had been initiated with MEC to possibly utilize the power easement.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. User Agreement

Jean Curtiss distributed the latest draft to the Board for review, which was now called a Temporary Right of Entry for Construction. The debt service would be shown and the Rules & Regulations were referenced. Jean Curtiss outlined the agreement, who could sign it and how long it would last.

B. Rules & Regulations – Resolution#08152019A

The Rules & Regulations needed to be in place prior to the completion of the Temporary Right of Entry for Construction. The Rules & Regulations had been reviewed at the past two meetings. The corresponding resolution had been developed with input from the attorney. Pat Goodover then read the meshed together Resolution#08152019A (Appendix B)

Colleen Krause thought that legal wells needed to be set up and also questioned the reason for the Board to mandate connection to the sewer. Jim Erven noted that the Health Department supported as many connections as possible to address the pollution issue, as effectively as possible. Also, that the Bureau of Mines and the University of Montana did have more test sites, which showed a widespread

problem, along with the three wells that continued to be sampled. The data clearly showed a widespread nitrate pollution issue due to the onsite septic systems in the community.

Becki Robbins was concerned that people in her neighborhood would lose their homes due to the cost of the sewer, and wondered if more people could pay the debt. It was noted that the MCAs stated that only properties that benefited from an improvement could be assessed.

Jim Erven stated that the Board of Health and DEQ had the authority and the responsibility to require corrective measures if the sewer did not move forward. A violation of state law existed, and doing nothing was probably not an option. Pat Goodover proposed that the cost of the system to the property owner with no grants would be a great deal more than the current cost of the sewer system. The Board would work very hard to lower the cost to the people that could not afford \$100 a month, but the system had to be in place to do that. The resort tax was another solution.

The cost and funding for the project was reviewed. Reviewing alternative options was discussed. Jim Erven confirmed that the alternative option that had been suggested was not approved by the state for nitrogen removal, and it did not remove nitrate. Therefore, it was not the solution to Seeley Lake's issue.

Jon Beal confirmed the process used to develop Resolution#08152019A.

Mike Boltz moved to approve that the meshed together Resolution#08152019A be mailed to all property owners for public comment at the August 15, 2019 meeting. Davy Good seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

C. Legal Update

Jon Beal recapped that a lawsuit had been filed to stop the project and dissemination of any information and attorney fees had been requested. The District's attorney had moved to dismiss all of their claims. The case was still pending before judge Townsend, who would be retiring in August.

D. Sub-District I O&M Budget & Plan

Jean Curtiss reviewed the budget for the Board and the ways it could be charged to the customers. The biosolid bags and the possibility of eco composting were discussed. This O&M budget would be placed on the website.

E. Sidewalk Replacement

There was no change to the Board's position to not include sidewalk and asphalt replacement in the project.

F. DEQ Project Certification

This was a DEQ requirement for the collection system and the recovery facility. The certification was reviewed.

Davy Good moved to authorize the President to sign the DEQ Project Certification for the collection system and the recovery facility. Mike Boltz seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

G. Great West Engineering Contract Amendment #2 Phase II Design

The contract amendment for designing Phase II was reviewed.

Davy Good moved to approve the President to sign the Great West Engineering Contract Amendment#2. Mike Boltz seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

H. TSEP Management Plan

This updated TSEP Project Management Plan replaced the outdated original version. The Board approved by consensus that the President sign the TSEP Project Management Plan.

I. District Manager Contract & Job Description

The Board discussed several options for extending the District Manager’s contract.

Pat Goodover moved to extend Jean Curtiss’ contract to the point in time when she was no longer needed, unless the Board decided earlier to do otherwise. Davy Good seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RRGL Grant Agreement – Phase II

The grant would be used for Phase II engineering.

Davy Good moved to authorize the President to sign the RRGL grant agreement. Mike Boltz seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

B. TSEP 2015 Grant – Extension Letter

This letter was to request an extension to the 2015 TSEP grant.

Davy Good moved to authorize the President to sign the extension letter. Mike Boltz seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

C. TSEP 2021 Grant – Amend Start Up Conditions

The request that TSEP allow the District to go out to bid for Phase II before Phase I was substantially built was being finalized.

D. Bio-Solid Bag Use for Treatment Plant

Jean Curtiss noted that the change to bio-solid bags for sludge disposal would result in a small design change to the plant and a contact amendment from GWE.

Davy Good moved to proceed with the bio-solid bags. Mike Boltz seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

The Board discussed transferring the Lindey's RV dump property from Phase III to Phase II, and that Mike Lindemer was agreeable to the proposal.

Pat Goodover moved to transfer the Lindey's RV dump property to Phase II. Davy Good seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

E. Grinder Pump Maintenance Phase I Collection

The longevity, maintenance and responsibility of the grinder pumps were discussed.

Davy Good moved that the District would be responsible for the maintenance of the grinder pumps and to keep some replacement pumps in inventory. Mike Boltz seconded the motion. The Board discussed the electrical supply to the pumps. The motion was carried.

Pat Goodover	Aye
Walt Hill	Absent
Mike Boltz	Aye
Davy Good	Aye
Beth Hutchinson	Absent

Solar power for the lift station was discussed.

Cleaning the lines with a vacuum truck was discussed.

The possibility of the Water District expanding down Boy Scout Road was questioned. It was noted that the Water District currently had no plans to expand down Boy Scout Road.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: August 15 2019

The regular meeting would begin at 5:15pm and the public hearing would begin at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

Pat Goodover adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Attest:

Pat Goodover, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary