

Seeley Lake Sewer District
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, August 15, 2022
PLACE: The Barn, 2920 Highway 83, Seeley Lake & Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82671415251?pwd=MnB4enFqZ2swcTR2YjRnQjEvOUVRdz09>
Telephone: 1 669 900 6833
Meeting ID: 826 7141 5251
Password: 821600
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Tom Morris, President	O	05/2024
Pat Goodover, Vice President	O	05/2026
Jason Gilpin, Director	O	05/2024
Cheri Thompson, Director	O	05/2026
Troy Spence, Director	O	05/2026
Felicity Derry, Secretary	O	

1. OPENING: Scheduled for 6:00 PM Via Zoom
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
3. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: On Items not on the Agenda of the Meeting and within the Jurisdiction of the Sewer District [MCA 2-3-103 (1)a]
5. CORRESPONDENCE: None
6. MINUTES: July 28, 2022 - *Action*
7. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Invoices – *Action*
8. MANAGER'S REPORT: Status Report
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a} Action Plan for 2021-2022 Committee Reports
 - i FEMA -*Discussion/Action*
 - ii Army Corps of Engineers - *Discussion/Action*
 - iii Pathfinder Article - *Discussion/Action*
 - b} Mission Update – *Discussion/Action*
 - c} eDNA Sampling - *Discussion/Action*
 - d} Test Result Map – *Discussion/Action*
 - e} WET Sample Well Drilling – *Discussion/Action*
 - f} ME Lab Testing & Budget Amendment – *Discussion/Action*
10. NEW BUSINESS: Committee Summary Report - AquaTech -*Discussion/Action*
11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: September 15, 2022
12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:
13. ADJOURNMENT:

SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
July 28, 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	ABSENT
Bill Decker	Manager	PRESENT			
Public Attendance - Appendix A					

CALL TO ORDER:

The hearing was called to order by Tom Morris. The meeting was held at the Barn and remotely via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report of Written Protests received

Tom Morris read the one and only written protest.

Resolution# 07282022 Setting Assessments

Tom Morris read Resolution# 07282022 Setting Assessments

Pat Goodover moved to approve Resolution#07282022 Setting Assessments. Troy Spence seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed by unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Tom Morris concluded the hearing at 6:08pm.

Attest:

Tom Morris, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary

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Pat Goodover	Vice President	PRESENT	Troy Spence	Director	PRESENT
Jason Gilpin	Director	PRESENT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	ABSENT
Bill Decker	Manager	PRESENT			
Public Attendance - Appendix A					

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm and was held at The Barn, 2920 Highway 83, Seeley Lake and remotely via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Tom Morris moved to approve the agenda. 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 asked for comments that were not on the agenda. There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Morris asked for public comment. There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MINUTES:

June 16, 2022 Regular Meeting

Pat Goodover moved to accept the minutes. Cheri Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Invoices – June 2022

May 2022

Tom Morris moved to approve the financials and to pay the invoices. Pat Goodover seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

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

MANGERS REPORT:

The Manager's report was given by Bill Decker. Cheri Thompson approved of Bill Decker's timesheet, but requested that he include his hourly rate on the timesheet. Bill Decker agreed to do so.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Plan for 2021-2022

Committee Reports

FEMA

Tom Morris reported that he had not been able to contact the resident regarding the possible FEMA project funding.

Army Corps of Engineers

Cheri Thompson noted that the Corps of Engineers did not fund a previous project, but built the project.

Mission Update

None.

Environmental Deoxyribonucleic Acid (eDNA) Sampling

The Board discussed the testing map provided by the Clearwater Research Council (CRC) indicating more test sites than in the original plan. Basically, every inlet to the lake. No action was taken as CRC was not present at the meeting. There were no new sampling results from CRC.

Test Results Map

Cheri Thompson submitted her article for the Pathfinder.

Tom Morris moved for Cheri Thompson to put her article in the Pathfinder. 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

NEW BUSINESS:

ME Lab Testing

Vince Chappell had stated that the testing was not completed on time and was no valid, yet the District was still being charged. Vince Chappell said it could be done more reliably at the Flathead lab.

Tom Morris moved to ask Vince Chappell to move the testing to the Flathead lab and to put it on the agenda to amend the testing budget at the next regular board meeting. Cheri Thompson 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

Committee Summary Report

Bill Decker gave a committee summary report.

Troy Spence wondered why we were told there was only one option by the previous engineers.

Cheri Thompson mentioned the test wells at NAPA. Tom Morris said those wells were used for remediation and would not be suitable. Cheri Thompson stated that the wells at NAPA were not used for remediation and could be considered for additional monitoring. Tom Morris said remediation was used in that area and if nitrates were there, they should be.

Pat Goodover suggested using testing to isolate the problem.

Nathan Bourne spoke about how WET/SepticNET may be a real good solution for parts of the district, but that WET would work with other systems if they could be the solution.

Tom Morris questioned that test wells were not part of WETs proposed schedule. Bill Decker answered that the well drilling was separate to the project, if there was a project

Pat Goodover asked if a proposal from WET should be brought forward at the next meeting as an action item? Pat Goodover suggested we put it on the agenda and ask WET for a proposal.

Tom Morris requested that this be put on the agenda as action item.

Cheri Thompson asked about the cost of additional testing and did the budget need to be amended?

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: August 18, 2022

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Tom Morris noted that the following items should be added to the August agenda: Action Plan – Committee Reports – FEMA, Army Corps of Engineers & Cheri’s article, Mission Update, ME Lab Testing, Approve the Amended Budget & Additional Wells.

ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Tom Morris, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary

**Seeley Lake Sewer District
Invoices for July 2022**

District:

Seeley Lake Water District - <i>Inv#211 July 2022</i>		\$70.20
Bill Decker - <i>July/August 2022</i>		\$715.00
Felicity Derry - <i>July/August 2022</i>		\$0.00
		\$785.20

Account Balances as of 07/30/2022

Citizens Alliance Account	\$32,698.48		\$32,698.48
Reserve	\$28,000.00		\$28,000.00
Missoula County Account	\$204,007.52	(\$785.20)	\$204,007.52
	\$236,706.00		\$236,706.00

Seeley Lake - Missoula County Water District

PO Box 503
 Seeley Lake, MT 59868-0503

Phone # 406-677-2559

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
8/1/2022	211

BILL TO
Seeley Lake Sewer District PO Box 403 Seeley Lake, MT 59868-0403

SHIP TO

P.O. NUMBER	TERMS	REP	SHIP	VIA	
	Due on Receipt		8/1/2022	Vince	

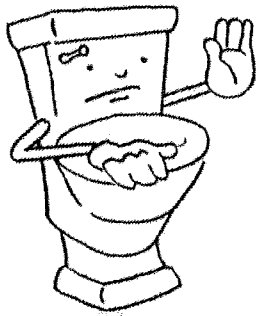
QUANTITY	ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH	AMOUNT
4	MiscI	Bookkeeping & Admin July 2022	15.00	60.00
204	MiscO	Copies	0.05	10.20

THANK YOU!	Total	\$70.20
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Manager's report July/August

Mrs. Robert Evans, requested we change her mailing address to 1995 Bellawood Lanes Missoula MT 59801

I made 6 mail runs.	15 minutes each	1.5hrs
Attended 6/28 NOH/ Regular board meeting		1 hr.
Attended the 6/20 Morrison Maerile selection Committee meeting.		2hrs
Attended the 6/29 AquaTech Selection Committee meeting		3 hrs
6/29 Gave a tour of the district to Tom and James Bartlett		2.75 hrs
I had 17 email conversations concerning the district 15minutes ea.		4.25 hrs
I had 27 phone calls concerning the district 15 minutes ea.		6.75 hrs
Prepared Agenda for 8/18/2022 Regular board meeting		1.25 hrs
Prepared minutes from July 28 Regular board Meeting and Public Hearing		2.5 hrs
Prepared summary from Morrison Maeirle meeting		2.5 hrs
		Total hrs 27.5x\$26hr=\$715



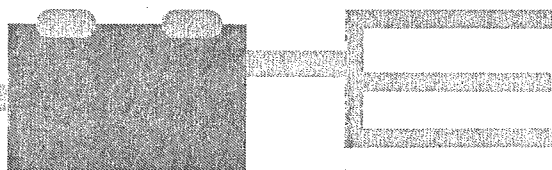
Sewer District - LOWDOWN BULLETIN

Testing Again

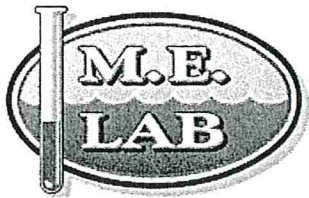
As the Pathfinder has been documenting over the years, the district has been testing and testing and testing. The question the sewer board has been discussing heavily is the validity of the results of this testing. The decision is that although there is a lot of test results there really isn't much depth. There is a lot of data for a very few points. This has led to a substantial discussion concerning the true point of the lake contamination. Is it downtown and the business district? Is it the area on the east side of the highway where the area of highest density is located? Is it the houses actually on the lake? Dogtown? Where?

This discussion has led the board to decide that we need to do more testing. Last year's budget had money allocated for some new wells. Now comes the big question 'WHERE'. As part of the interviewing process, this is a question the committee has been asking all the interviewees. Seeking professional help to determine what is our problem, so that it can be properly solved, is the current plan the board is working on.

One thing we do know though is that not all of the current septic systems in use today are good. Do you know or are you assuming that your system is a legal permitted system. Do you have a copy of the permit. Do you know what year it was put in, who put it in, the size, the style. I think it would really surprise some people to know that there are still car bodies or railroad tie lined holes or some other creative vessel receiving your daily waste. Do you have a valid drain field or does it just sink into the ground to the aquifer? These too are questions that will need to be assessed as we move forward with the evaluation of our current system of waste water treatment and the contamination.



**NEXT MONTH
'How to check on your
own septic system'**



Montana Environmental Laboratory LLC

P.O. Box 8900
 Kalispell, MT 59904
 www.melab.us

INVOICE

Invoice Date: 04/08/2022
 Invoice #: 2202902

Felicity Derry
 Seeley Lake Sewer District
 P.O. Box 403
 Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Order#: M2202902
PO #:
Project: Quarterly Monitoring Wells

Service	Procedure Description	QTY	Price	Price Factor	Invoice Amount
* Laboratory	Coliform	3	\$45.00	15%	\$114.75
	Chloride	5	\$22.00	15%	\$93.50
	Nitrate + Nitrite, Total	5	\$25.00	15%	\$106.25
Office	Additional copies or faxes	1	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
	Postage	1	\$45.00	0%	\$45.00

Balance Due: \$360.50

MCCHD \$175.00 -
 \$185.50

* Each additional test would cost \$38.25.



Seeley Lake Sewer District
 Operating Budget
 FY23 (07/01/22 - 06/30/23)
 Adopted 06 16 22

DESCRIPTION	FY2023
Audit	\$0.00
Bookkeeping	\$3,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,000.00
Election	\$1,000.00
Equipment	\$50.00
Income Survey	\$750.00
Insurance-Liability	\$3,000.00
Legal	\$15,000.00
Licenses & Fees	\$65.00
Meals, etc.	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$350.00
Postage	\$300.00
Public Relations	\$750.00
Manager	\$25,685.00
Secretary	\$6,000.00
Training	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00
Nutrient Budget Analysis	\$5,515.00
Water Testing	\$1,600.00
Well/Lake Monitoring	\$2,740.00
SSHS	\$0.00
Reserve	\$0.00
Grant Match	\$0.00
Grant Writing Contracts	\$0.00
Repay Reserve	\$0.00
Pine Dr Easement Purchase	\$0.00
Drill 5 Wells	\$25,000.00
Engineering Costs	\$25,000.00
Repay Missoula Co Loan	\$0.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$116,805.00</u>
DISTRICT RESERVE OFFSET	-\$84,397.98
TOTAL AMOUNT BEING ASSESSED & SENT TO DOR	<u>\$32,407.02</u>

Selection Committee Meeting with Morrison Maeirle 6/29/22 Summary

Attending from Morrison Maeirle

Jason Mercer, Aaron McConkey, Eric Blanksma.

Selection committee members attending

Bill Decker, Cheri Thompson, Michael Richards, John Richards, Pat Goodover, Nathan Bourne.

The meeting was an informal discussion with questions and answers from both Morrison Maeirle and the selection committee members. It was a wide-ranging discussion.

One of the first topics of discussion was the RV dump at Lyndys. The actual design/construction, the history, its proximity to the lake and to a monitoring well. M/M thought that could be a concern for groundwater and surface water degradation.

Committee members asked if there had been enough data collected over the years to determine the need for a treatment system. M/M thought there needed to be more testing

Additional wells were discussed and did the district know where to place them and how many would be adequate. the Bureau of Mines wells and groundwater flows were discussed.

The three current monitoring wells were discussed. It was determined that one monitoring well had collapsed and the other two had shown elevated levels of nitrates but not violation levels. The well behind Kirks was stable, possibly due to the new level two system installed by Rovero's. The well by Lindey's was showing slightly increased levels.

A new subdivision of 30 units had been approved by the county, however the equipment being proposed was not on the state's approved treatment equipment list. It was discussed that there was confusion as to why some developments were approved for one level of treatment and others were not.

M/M was asked how many wells they would suggest. M/M responded that the key was putting them in the right places. It might involve looking at what is flowing into the district from offsite. It is possible the groundwater is flowing into the district at an elevated level.

It was asked if M/M could drill the monitoring wells. M/m does not have a monitoring well drilling operation. They would contact a well driller and oversee the process. agreed 5 wells make sense

It was asked if the wells from the Bureau of Mines would be available and suitable for testing. Are the wells by NAPA available, does the proposed RV park have monitoring wells?

Cherie questioned how the groundwater flow lines were determined and were they accurate. M/M responded that to challenge existing data requires new data collection.

District boundaries changes were discussed along River Drive and state lease lands, it was questioned if we could justify spending money outside of the district to monitor areas outside of the district.

It was asked if buried sawdust from the mill could negatively affect the groundwater. There was discussion but no definitive answer to this.

The committee asked M/M what do you see as your role in helping the district. M/M answered their role would be to determine what are we trying to accomplish, what do we need to learn from additional from data. M/M has experience with onsite systems, and works with different suppliers. M/M will

recommend options based on those things. This area may need onsite treatment, other areas might require a bigger cluster. They would look at all treatment systems and have no preconceived ideas of the solutions. /M would work with the district with public involvement. Public participation has been low and residents have questioned for years the need for a treatment project. More monitoring might indicate the need for a project hasn't gone away. More information, what the data shows will have an impact when it comes to a vote. We have to overcome objections early in the process; and get ahead of the naysayers before a project can be approved by the residents of the district.

M/M provided a map of the district and outlying areas. The map indicated a 1/4 and 1/2 mile buffer zone around the lake. It was explained that these areas might have more stringent discharge limits and greater treatment due to the proximity of the lake.

It was mentioned growth is hampered due to current water rights. A lengthy discussion followed revolving around the reuse of water for irrigation purposes. What areas would be suitable for reuse. The sports fields and the mill were mentioned and. The mill currently uses city water for its boilers. Would the effluent discharge from the district treatment work in their boilers? Possible, but what if the mill closes? there must be contingency plans. Reuse of the effluent for application on the golf course was discussed.

It was asked how close the monitoring wells could be. Not too close as they would be effectively testing the same water.

The status of the state lease land was discussed, it was said the lease is current and is a 100-year lease.

M/M said a treatment plant resembling a home could be built right in the district and would not detract from the neighborhood with noise or odor.

The mill's housing problem was discussed, would they be open to discussions with the district for taking its effluent. It was said the public advocated for the mill when it was in financial trouble and has a very good relationship with the town.

M/M stated again that they would be coming into this without any preconceived ideas of the solution to our problem. A committee member questioned If a part of the district has no problem is that area mandated to upgrade? M/M responded our recommendation as a district is to continue to monitor as that may become part of the problem. If an area were not part of the project, how would they fit into the rate structure?

Nathan asked about the per alternatives evaluations. Jason commented there was not much discussion on cluster onsite systems and M/M wants to come into this without any bias as to what some else determined.