

**SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**August 16, 2018**

**ROLL CALL**

Beth Hutchinson	President	PRESENT	Troy Spence	Vice President	PRESENT
Juli Cole	Director	PRESENT	Davy Good	Director	ABSENT
Mike Boltz	Director	ABSENT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	PRESENT
Greg Robertson	Missoula Co	ABSENT	Kim Myre	Missoula Co	PRESENT

Public Attendance - Appendix A

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Beth Hutchinson opened the board meeting for the Seeley Lake Sewer District for Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 5:16pm. Beth Hutchinson: Felicity can you do the roll call please?

Felicity Derry: Juli Cole: present  
Troy Spence: present  
Beth Hutchinson: present

Felicity Derry: Davy and Mike are absent.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

Beth Hutchinson: I have a couple of comments as president. One of the things that has been going through my mind is the relationship between flexibility and rigidity. And I'm just tossing this out for you to think about. Flexibility I think is a skill. It is something that we use to solve problems, to deal with other people, to deal with ideas and things like that. Rigidity I think is a tool. Sometimes we need to use that tool and sometimes it's better if we don't. Sometimes we need to use that tool to encourage flexibility. Sometimes we need to use that tool when we are not being heard but I would hope that everybody from now on can give really serious thought to umm, the direction and the projection that you are making as to whether you are being flexible, so that you can deal with lots of different information and it does not mean that you have to agree with it all, but you are processing it all. And that you feel free to be rigid when you feel a tool is needed to get people to hear you but don't use rigidity to separate us from each other at large.

Umm, after attending the trial on Wednesday I was lucky enough to have a nice conversation with Greg Roberts. We probably spent ten minutes together and covered five or six topics. And I think that between us we recognized that there is a lot of room for flexibility. He was not able to be here tonight; he flew out somewhere. But he has now been loosened up by the circumstance of changing officers to communicate with an awful lot of things and he mentioned to me options that are very flexible that should suit everybody's needs in terms of getting more information and getting it properly, as well as finding really effective ways to make use of some of the wonderful grant that Jon Tester secured for us recently. I think it is really important for us to understand what that grant is for. How it can be used because we need to write to Jon and thank him very much for putting his energy into securing it for us.

I also had a chance to talk to Rochelle at the courthouse and asked if she would be willing to help us on some tasks, and I'm going to be approaching lots and lots of people to see if there are ways that we can work together to get the information we need, given that we now have an even more compressed period of time to secure it. Umm, we had a really generous offer from George Hauser, knowing that three people are new to the Board and know that sometimes the Board chose to operate in a more casual fashion than always using Robert's Rules of Order. So, he has that given his background of many years of parliamentarian, he would offer to run a class for us so that we could become more skilled and facilitate the meeting in a better way. And one of the things that I was going to ask you Rochelle, seeing as you also expressed a lot of experience with that is you could be thinking of scenarios, situations that we could run into that we could practice our skills during class. This class won't be held until September because George got operated on yesterday for a hip replacement. But I at least am looking forward to it.

Umm if you didn't put your email on the sign in I would really encourage you to because we want to keep you updated. And sometimes things will be happening in between meetings, where it is important for you to know what is occurring. We think the paper does a very good job of covering things but there maybe things the paper wants to cover and things we want to cover beyond that, or in a slightly different way. So, if you'll get your emails on there that would be really helpful.

And the last thing I wanted to mention, I don't know how many of you have spent enough time in Seeley to be really familiar with Lloyd Hallgren. He is the sheriff we ah, for a really, really long time. He was a person who knew when to exercise flexibility and when to be rigid. Umm he is very ill. He has been brought home with chemo and he has expressed a desire to have visitors appropriately, but beyond that I don't think he would object to getting some cards from those of you who know him, to thank him for the service that he gave to this town.

## **MINUTES:**

### Board Meeting Held on July 19, 2018

Beth Hutchinson: Okay moving on to the minutes. As I look at who is here we are not in a position to address the minutes today. I was not here for the entire meeting last time and we have only two people that could vote. Beyond that because of the circumstances that we are in with legal issues we are going to be moving to verbatim minutes. And so, this will give us a chance to catch up and turn last week's, or last month's, minutes into verbatim minutes and use them going forward. I have already spoken with Felicity about this and expressed that if she has any stress, because it is hard doing minutes, if she has any stress with it, we will secure some more help for her. Umm, with verbatim minutes. Let me back track. Minutes are a legal document once they are passed. With verbatim minutes, I think the entire constituency will be in better shape.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

### Invoices

Beth Hutchinson: And the financial report. Felicity Derry: So, umm there are no monthly financials because I have not received the reports I need to complete them. So that would be for June, so they will have to be done at the next meeting. Umm, as far as, hold on let me see where they are. Okay here we go. There is nothing that different with the umm, invoices. There is the Water District. Montana Rural Water is an organization that helps districts, sewer and water districts, with umm, general administrative things, umm, also once you are up and running they help you, umm, if you have problems with a system. Umm they will help you with rates and fee structures and that kind of

thing. There is also the Missoula County Elections for the election in May. There is also, umm the fee assessment mailing is included umm, as well. There is an invoice from myself and a Great West Engineering invoice.

Beth Hutchinson: Thank you. I have a couple of questions. Umm Kim, this is just curiosity. It appears you sent out three hundred and forty-five notices. So, I assume that means that you worked hard to save money by one to multiple properties. Kim Myre: Exactly. Beth Hutchinson: And then the labels, umm six ninety. Was there any reason that that was? I mean it's not much money but I was just curious. Kim Myre: Well there is a return address label and a mailing label. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, okay thanks. Now I understand. There is a question that I think is fairly serious with regard to Great West. And I don't know if we should handle it with the TSEP letter? Felicity Derry: I would do it now. Beth Hutchinson: Do it now, okay. All right I'm going to just give you quick information about the TSEP letter. Our grant was rejected because several pieces, well not several, two pieces that are important were missing. And so, I need to understand on the money that we pay to Great West for TSEP consulting, which we are looking at the back page. Umm, the contract amount was six thousand. Billed prior was sixteen thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and ninety-seven cents. The current bill is for thirty fifty. So, I need an explanation of how those figures relate to each other as well as questioning if the people that are managing putting out our grants do not meet the requirements for the grants and we get rejected. If we should be paying them?

Felicity Derry: So, I did talk to Amy about that letter. And, umm and she has. They did not like the way that the environmental assessment was noticed. Beth Hutchinson: hmm, hmm. Felicity Derry: And so, she was in contact with them and would like to set another meeting date for that. And she believes that that will suffice and our application will not be rejected. Beth Hutchinson: Well that's good. Umm. how does the six thousand dollars contracted relate to the prior billed, which is roughly ten thous, no roughly eleven thousand dollars different? Is this like a multiple ongoing year after year relationship that is being recorded under prior billed? Felicity Derry: No this is umm, this what has already been billed, I believe. Beth Hutchinson: How can it be eleven thousand dollars beyond the contract for a grant application. Felicity Derry: Because we should have a contract amendment. Beth Hutchinson: Oh. Felicity Derry: At some point in the near future. Beth Hutchinson: Thank you. Does anybody else on the board have any questions? Juli Cole: No. Beth Hutchinson: No. All right, then we will move on this TSEP grant, and Felicity expressed... Felicity Derry: Ahh, we need to approve those, or not approve those. Beth Hutchinson: Oh, thank you. Would somebody like to make a motion.

Troy Spence: I make a motion to approve these invoices. Juli Cole: I will second it. Beth Hutchinson: All those in favor? This time since I would be the third person I can vote? Felicity Derry: Only if it is tie. Beth Hutchinson: Well then, we don't have enough people to approve the. Felicity Derry: Well then yes. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, then Aye.

Beth Hutchinson: Okay. So, the financial reports have been approved and moving on to correspondence.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **TSEP**

Beth Hutchinson: The two parts to the TSEP, umm. They had an issue with the check list.

Nathan Bourne: Can we clarify that this TSEP is for design of phase II? Beth Hutchinson: Yes, that is correct. And I will clarify a little further. That is the Treasure State Endowment Program. Oh, okay thanks. All right, so the first thing had to do with, which I had underlined, umm the check list. Do you know, the second thing had to do with the check list? Then the first thing had to do with the notice. The environmental checklist. Yeah. So, they were going to handle all that? Felicity Derry: Yes. Beth Hutchinson: Okay because it was supposed to be corrected by tomorrow, but they are used to negotiating? Felicity Derry: Yes. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, thank you.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Beth Hutchinson: All right so we are going to suspend public comment right now because we have an hour scheduled for information on the assessment. If there are public comments on other issues that are not on this agenda we will make time for them at the end of the meeting. And the manager's report.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Beth Hutchinson: Kim did Greg send anything on to you? Kim Myre: No. Beth Hutchinson: No. Because I thought he was going to send a list of things that the Tester grant could be used for, no? Kim Myre: No. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. All right moving on to old business.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### Filling Holes in Essential Information

Beth Hutchinson: The first topic is filling holes in essential information. For those of you who were not here for the special meeting. Jon Beal took some of this on as part of his job. And he has written a letter to Great West mentioning to them that he will be contacting them for some holes of information regarding costs and possibly other things. But we will be pursuing that also side by side with the Board. Umm. and now if the Board has some ideas of holes that we can mention for our list because Jon also wanted to have as much as a thorough list of what the holes were as we could create.

Juli Cole: Holes as in questions that we have? About. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, any information or questions that we have. It is a broad coverage. Juli Cole: It is very broad. Beth Hutchinson: It is open to anything you feel that we need. Juli Cole: I would really like to know what we can do with the Tester, ahh. What our scope is for that? What we are allowed or not allowed to use? Can we use it for operating cost or does it have to be earmarked for something specific? Or. Beth Hutchinson: Okay that's one thing. Troy Spence: Income survey. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. And we already mentioned comprehensive costs. Mark Butcher: Sorry I didn't hear, what did you say? Beth Hutchinson: Okay, sorry. We already mentioned comprehensive costs. So, at this point. Mark Butcher: What was the next one? Beth Hutchinson: I'm going to repeat them, okay. Comprehensive costs, the scope of the Tester grant, the income survey and other things still may come along. It is open. And at this point because we are talking about a specific agenda item if the audience has any holes that anyone recognizes you are invited to contribute them and I will add them to the list. So, I will repeat them one more time. What we have identified tonight. Comprehensive costs, the scope of the Tester grant and the income survey. Anything from the public? Nathan Bourne: One, one thing that people question quite a bit is the test wells and the data behind that. I don't know if it is possible to figure out how to show that in a different way. Or how to, or if there is any other. Beth Hutchinson: How to communicate more effectively? Nathan

Bourne: Or if there is other things that should be done with that. But that seems to be an arguing point. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Anything else? The other thing is that you can always notify us in between meetings if something comes to mind. Because I know that an awful lot of these questions come up as you are living your daily stuff. And you know you might not write it down, you might not get it in here but we certainly want to address everyone's concerns. Beth Hutchinson: Jean.

Jean Curtiss: I have looked at the website and you might want to add your emails on there if you would like to have communications. Because I did not find them on the website, anyway. Beth Hutchinson: For the Board. And that was an issue that I felt we needed to discuss. Because when our emails are public information by in large when we are working on Board things. We have the option of getting an email system via the County. And I believe, Felicity, you said that it would probably come to three hundred and sixty dollars to cover us all. Felicity Derry: That was not for the County. Jean Curtiss: It won't cost anything, just create the email. Beth Hutchinson: Oh, it won't cost. That's excellent. Because I do think we should get on a secure a reliable email system. If we're all using our personal systems that can become really cumbersome. Umm, would anybody want to make a motion on that? Jean Curtiss: You will need to agree to use them in the way that the rest of us in the County. Beth Hutchinson: Definitely. Definitely. For our formal board work

Juli Cole: I will make a motion. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Juli Cole: Motion to. Beth Hutchinson: I move. I move that. Juli Cole: I move that. Beth Hutchinson: That we use the County system. Juli Cole: That we use the County system. Mark Butcher: You do know that the three of you talking together is considered a meeting. Beth Hutchinson: And can you give me the context that we would? We are aware of that. And we did have some further questions on it because we kept being asked to have a conference call with five of us that made us very nervous. Umm, now we can do it because we have retained an attorney. But are you saying, that if we are on the County system and we sent an email to four people that would constitute a meeting? Mark Butcher: As long as we could all see it. I'm not a lawyer. All I know is that we could not talk three at all. Jean Curtiss: You cannot discuss things via emails. Beth Hutchinson: Can you discuss one to one? Mark Butcher: Yes, you can but three is like two more than one. Beth Hutchinson: Well I realize that I am trying to find out where the break point is. Mark Butcher: Three. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, so two can three can't. Okay, so that's what our understanding is. Jean can you clarify that a little more? Jean Curtiss: Sure. So, I would just suggest that you have an email so people can contact you. And, you know, you could for example ask Greg to send you the paperwork for Tester's stuff. You shouldn't then communicate amongst yourselves as to, oh that's a good idea we could do blah ditty with that. Except in a meeting, so the public can see you. Unless, as he said, you did so everybody saw. Umm, so it's that fine line. The city council in Missoula a few years ago made the front page because they were emailing back and forth during a meeting. The public couldn't see them. So even though you would now have a public email, even with your private emails you should not be communicating back and forth about something that you are going to make a decision on. That is kind of the thing that you keep. Or you shouldn't. It's called ex parte. If you are communicating with someone and learning something that is going to influence your decision, you make in public. The one thing you can do for example is if you come up to me and say there is. By the way for those who don't know I'm a County Commissioner, so I'm on the front page more than once. If someone wants to tell me why I shouldn't have approved a subdivision that's right next door. Or something like that. If they have told me that, then I need to disclose it in a meeting because it is going to influence my decision. Beth Hutchinson: Uh huh. Jean Curtiss: Or even if I don't think it was anything new, you should always do that. It is just that you have to start thinking of yourselves. You are elected, you are representing people and you need to be transparent. Beth Hutchinson: Uh huh. Jean Curtiss: So, communicating back and forth and you can, is everybody going to be there on Tuesday. But if you

are talking about how you are going to make a decision and how you are going to spend money, those kinds of things. Just make sure you don't umm, do it amongst yourselves where the public can't see it. Juli Cole: Would it be better to have one email, one point of contact. Jean Curtiss: That is the other thing you can do. We have the Board of County Commissioners email. When people send it to us then our staff distributes it to the three of us. You could have it so Felicity sent it out. Or maybe the chair does it and then distributes, so they only send it once.

Beth Hutchinson: Well that sounds like a good idea. I have one more question because in the past probably two or three meetings ago the public was saying we need you to talk to each other. Now where does that. Jean Curtiss: There is a difference between going and having coffee and saying how can we get along, that kind of thing. Two people can do that. I cannot do it with my commissioners because two of us makes a quorum. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, thank you. And thank you Mark. Jean Curtiss: And the other thing, this will be later. Missoula County offers board training for all of the boards and it will be offered in Seeley Lake on September 25 at 6:30pm. And Dan Clark from the local government center at MSU does a really good job. He will explain all of what I have said in a lot better way. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, that's great because I was going to see if the date for that had been set. Jean Curtiss: It has and it is open to any board in Seeley Lake, County or not.

Mark Butcher: So. Beth Hutchinson: Mark could you wait until you are called. Mark. Mark Butcher: I'll wait. Are you ready to hear me? Now I have forgotten what I was going to say. There was nothing really private to do with this board. If you going to say it, say it. Going forward, say it like you mean it. It's the right thing to do. Beth Hutchinson: I think we agree with you. Mark Butcher: I agree too. Always has as far as I have been on the Board, which I'm retired or fired or. It is what it is. Thank you. Beth Hutchinson: Thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: Okay let's see. Felicity Derry: I forgot with the TSEP letter they wanted us to try to set a meeting. They had suggested September 6<sup>th</sup>. Would that work? Beth Hutchinson: No, it would have to be between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and around there. Felicity Derry: Ok, I will have Amy email you because she needs it to be quicker than that. It needs to be in that first week in September. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, then maybe Troy can take care of it. Felicity Derry: Ok. Beth Hutchinson: Thanks. Felicity Derry: So, no wait a minute, but is that good for you. Troy Spence: Yeah, I just need a set date. Felicity Derry: So, the 6<sup>th</sup> would work. Would that work for you? Troy Spence: What's the 6<sup>th</sup>? Felicity Derry: It's a Thursday. Juli Cole: What time? Felicity Derry: Umm, five fifteen. Juli Cole: It's not going to work for me. Felicity Derry: Okay. Is there a time that would? Or a date that would? Is there a better day? Juli Cole: seven fifteen will work. Troy Spence: Is that too late? Felicity Derry: Umm, Amy does have to drive back to Helena, so just be aware of that. I mean that is a long, pretty late. So. Juli Cole: So, do we both need to be there? Felicity Derry: Well we need to have a quorum there and so. Juli Cole: So, there if only two of us there that doesn't make a quorum, she can't make it. Felicity Derry: Well no, I need to circulate dates. I was trying to get a date that would work for as many people as possible. Troy Spence: I can do five fifteen. You can pull it off somehow? Juli Cole: I can't. Felicity Derry: All right, well I'll figure out some different dates and will go from there. Sorry. Beth Hutchinson: Walt was next.

Walt Hill: In chit chatting around I learned last weekend, apparently this is hearsay, that the road department, Montana Department of Transportation, used to take monthly water samples for several years at the bridges here and at Owl Creek. Also, at the junction. I don't think that data has ever been produced to my knowledge at the sewer meetings. Beth Hutchinson: Oh, that would be

good. Walt Hill: Yeah, well it would give us additional stuff to look at. Beth Hutchinson: Okay I will contact them. Thanks. Nathan?

Nathan Bourne: I was hoping to catch you before you moved on from the email business. The issue of two people meeting together is that if you meet and discuss something and then you take that discussion and then visit there. Those kinds of things are what you can't be. The discussion that forms the decision of the board needs to be made in the public. And that is something that has been an issue on a few other boards in town. Is that when you show up and it is obvious that there have been emails passed between umm, and that's just something to watch for, to make sure that you're not. The idea that two can talk and discuss something, you know that discussion ought to be happening at these meetings, rather than privately, so. Beth Hutchinson: Well, at the risk of making all of your bottoms sore we'll be having plenty of discussion. As much as I can possibly encourage. So, we are going to try really, really hard. We are very aware of situations of non-transparency. The nuances of it. We are going to be continuously learning and I can guarantee that we will not be crossing the line intentionally, but I suspect once in a while we'll fall there by mistake. But there will be plenty of discussion. Oh, no. Thanks. Okay, umm, so we're just dealing with discussion, no action tonight on filling the holes.

### Income Survey

Beth Hutchinson: The income survey. Davy was the person who took on that task and unfortunately, he can't be here tonight but he had spoken to me a month ago, having checked up on income possibilities with the County with the planning department. And they were thinking about it, probably in context with the community development block grant. Umm, they were talking 2019 and 2020, which seems too late. When I spoke to Greg yesterday he said he would speak to them and see if they could get it moved up for the immediate near future. And he would also look into some other opportunities to secure an income survey. So that's where we are on that. Where are we on time?

Walt Hill: Can I make a comment on that? Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Walt Hill: There have been a number of CDBG surveys tried with the Water District and elsewhere. And all of them have failed for lack of, what do I want to call it, agreement from the people being surveyed to attribute any information. Unless there is a better way to do it than door to door, mail, calling I think it is destined to failure. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't try, right? Beth Hutchinson: Right. Walt Hill: Historically we have tried it a number of times and failed on every try. Beth Hutchinson: And I appreciate that it's been really a challenge. I think that we're going to have to try to publicize why it's so urgently needed. Walt Hill: People don't want to tell their income. Beth Hutchinson: Well there are ways to set it up so it is within brackets that are good enough for our purposes. It would not be, oh I make \$7000.42 a year. So, I think we are conscious of that. We also need to include an age dimension to it. Because it's possible that we have what they call a cohort of people that are elderly, that are low income, that will be moving out at a certain point, which would then impact the amount of money we would have to secure for low income. There are a lot of complications. This whole business of helping the low income, also because if properties are sold and their particular assessment has been covered but then they are sold to someone who is more affluent that has to be addressed. We are going to be working on a lot of dimensions here. Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: In the 2012 PER it indicates that there was an income survey that was successfully completed by the County but it was too old to use for that. And then subsequent income surveys that were attempted by essentially, by District employees, by the manager. And that one had

significant problems gaining the traction. But there was also a lot of people that were going around telling people not to fill it out because they thought they made too much. You know that kind of a thing. When the County had done it previously they actually did get numbers that were usable for those grants, but it was too old a number to use this last go around. Umm, but you can look that up in the 2012 PER.

Beth Hutchinson: So, their methodology being successful might be something to model after. The Forest Service seems to be relatively successful in getting some information, and the University of Montana has a place where that gets done pretty effectively. Our whole urgency is quick, quick, quick, plus to develop the trust with the community by communicating openly and transparently, so that they'll see that this is going to be really important.

### By-Laws

Beth Hutchinson: The by-laws. Looking at the clock umm, I think if it is all right with the Board, we will postpone that until a future date. Troy Spence: That will work. Juli Cole: I have no problem with that. Beth Hutchinson: Okay.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Amendment or Reconsideration of Resolution#

Beth Hutchinson: Umm, in new business with have the amendment or reconsideration of a resolution that Jon Beal mentioned several times in our special meeting. He kept saying it was in 2006. We finally figured out the resolution probably, or 2016. Umm, we figured out it was in 2017. And we feel that we located it. This was the resolution following the notice and protest period where there was an endorsement of the project. Our interest in revisiting it is that we feel, or there seems to be a feeling, that endorsing that exactly the way it is doesn't go along with what our campaign statements and our feelings were. So, we would be looking in the next meeting to modifying it a little bit regarding this critical information we need. So, I think, yeah Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: The questions that I have with that is if you can, if you can modify that resolution because that resolution was based upon the notice and protest that went to the landowners. So that might be a question for your attorney. Is can you even modify that without changing that notice and protest process? Beth Hutchinson: Okay, we would be in a position to rescind it, but we didn't really want to go that far because it seemed threatening. Jean.

Jean Curtiss: I would agree with Nathan, that. Beth Hutchinson: No Mike. Jean Curtiss: That your resolution reflects what happened with the notice and protest. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Jean Curtiss: and endorsement of the project, so you can't, you can't rescind it either because it already happened. So, it is a reflection of what the voters said. So, I doubt that. Visit with your attorney, but. Beth Hutchinson: All right, well we'll, we'll. Jean Curtiss: A resolution is to tell the story of what happened. Beth Hutchinson: We will continue to visit that in terms of making sure that what we are doing is permissible. Or what we're not doing. Dennis.

Dennis Clarke: Will you also, umm ensure that in doing that. If you make any changes does that in any way jeopardize any of the. Beth Hutchinson: The funding. Dennis Clarke: Yeah, any of the funding. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, okay. Dennis Clarke: Because I thought Jon Beal made it very clear on Monday that would be the case. Any changes would jeopardize the funding. Beth Hutchinson: All right we will take that under advisement. Tammy.



Tammy Lewis: No, and to just kind of go with that, that you guys have mentioned your election several times that, but that was not to rescind this. Your election is in a sense a separate matter, because you ran on that, you were going to open up the process, it was not that it was going to stop the project. I would just keep that in mind as you revisit that. Your election was not to rescind the resolution. Beth Hutchinson: No, we never said it was to rescind. Tammy Lewis: No, I mean, but to give you the permission to rescind it without a lot of public hearing. Beth Hutchinson: Right. Tammy Lewis: And a lot of voices. Beth Hutchinson: I appreciate that. Okay, umm.

### Lawsuit – Donald Larson

Beth Hutchinson: An update on the lawsuit is very minimal. There was the hearing yesterday. Umm the judge. Felicity Derry: Tuesday. Beth Hutchinson: Oh, yeah Tuesday. There was a hearing on Tuesday. The judge listened to the presentation Attorney Dowdall. Umm, our attorney said that he questioned if there was legal connection as far as an argument, but nothing has been decided. No injunction was issued. The judge is reading all of the materials that was submitted to her more carefully and I believe it is about 60 days until she sets up a new time to either continue with the situation or make some kind of decision from her bench. Yes Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: What I got out of that was that the decision for the preliminary injunction would come within weeks. Because she was, she wanted to make sure that if he had shown enough cause that continuing this project forward would be hurting, causing harm, that it would come to an end sooner rather than waiting that sixty days. Umm, so my understanding was. Beth Hutchinson: Within weeks. Nathan Bourne: Within a week or two. Jean Curtiss: I would agree with that. She said that the attorneys all had to respond by next week. I expect her to make a decision shortly after that as to whether the injunction is granted or whether it's just thrown out. Beth Hutchinson: Well thank you. Where I was sitting everybody was leaping up. Better clarification is very handy.

### Employee Roles and Responsibilities

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, employee roles and responsibilities. I think we will have to postpone again because the formal hearing begins in about five minutes. And I think everybody needs to shake loose for a few minutes. So, I would entertain a motion to recess our meeting. And the recess would be for the duration of the hearing.

Troy Spence: I make a motion to recess. Beth Hutchinson: For the duration. Troy Spence: For the duration of the meeting.

Jean Curtiss: So, can I ask a question? Beth Hutchinson: Yeah. Jean Curtiss: Normally when we leave hearings we do not recess to start another one. Does it need to be separate? We, like at the Health Board or the Commission while you might have a hearing time, we don't recess to do it because you are the same body. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, we're the same body and Jean the question came to my mind umm, because I've had experience other places and it seemed to separate the hearing from the decision-making thing. Because in the past in this body I've seen the decision made as part of the hearing which didn't seem to be appropriate. That's the only reason I did it that way. Jean Curtiss: You only do it if you are referring in. So, I get to wear a lot of different hats and when I'm in the planning and zoning commission I do recess the hearing because there are other people on the planning and zoning commission. But here I would just say that you just open the hearing and take testimony on the hearing. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah right. Jean Curtiss: Then you

close the hearing and Beth Hutchinson: Yes, but what if I. I want people to shake themselves loose. Jean Curtiss: You can recess for a few minutes. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, that's what I. Okay so shorten the recess. Thank you. Would you restate so that we have a recess of about five minutes?

Troy Spence: I make a motion to recess for five minutes (At 5:59pm). Juli Cole: Second it. Beth Hutchinson: All those in favor. Juli Cole: Aye. Beth Hutchinson: Aye.

## **PUBLIC HEARING OPENING:**

The public hearing was called to order by Beth Hutchinson at 6:08pm at The Seeley Lake Community Hall, located at 3248 Highway 83 N. Beth Hutchinson: Do we need to read this? Felicity Derry: Well you need to um, ask for peoples. Beth Hutchinson: Right I know that, but do we need to read the document first? Felicity Derry: No. Beth Hutchinson: No.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Beth Hutchinson: So, the annual assessment fee has been put forth and it is now appropriate for anyone who has comments either for or against the fee to speak. Kim. Kim Myre: Well I need to correct that. That is not what this hearing is for. Um, in April the administrative budget was approved by the Board. In May, they adopted the resolution for the assessments the way they were proposed, which is keeping the assessments the same that they have been for the last six years. This hearing is to protest the assessment methodology. It is not a yes or no on the assessment. The assessment has already been adopted. That was adopted in May. Beth Hutchinson: Oh. Kim Myre: This hearing is only to hear protest on the assessment methodology. Beth Hutchinson: Does everybody understand that? Okay, Kim could you possibly go to the podium and explain that.

Kim Myre: Okay so there are four different ways that you can assess property. One of them is by area method. One is by assessed value. One is street footage and one is by equal amounts. So, in 2013, the fiscal year 2013 the board adopted. Well you can also use any combination of those. So, they adopted two ways. Area and equal assessment. And what they did back then and what has been adopted already again for fiscal year nineteen is if there is a dwelling unit on the property it's assessed equally. And if it is vacant land it is assessed by area. And so, it is the same exact way it's been since 2013. The calculations change just a little bit because module homes come and go. So, what might be vacant land one year might have a dwelling on it the next year. So roughly 52% of the area has dwelling units. So that would be \$76.90 a year for those parcels. And for the vacant land it is approximately 48% and if you do the math it comes out to 0.157c per square foot. It is basically the same as it's always been. But the Board adopted that in May so this hearing is set to discuss methodology.

Beth Hutchinson: Does anybody have any questions? Does it make sense now? Phil.

Bruce Hall: Bruce Hall. Beth Hutchinson: Bruce, sorry. Bruce Hall: Um, I don't have a question but I have a suggestion that since this is a repeat of last year's explanation of it might you post that as part of your website. Beth Hutchinson: That would be a good idea.

Kim Myre: There is one more piece to this. Um, so it has been properly noticed. It has been noticed in the Pathfinder. We mailed out a letter to everybody for tonight's hearing, but there is also a 30-day comment period where you can protest in writing, similar to how we did the notice and protest period. And so, since the. Well the letter went out a little bit early. It wasn't scheduled to go until August 1<sup>st</sup> and it was in the Pathfinder August 2<sup>nd</sup>, which actually came out on August 1<sup>st</sup>. So, I'm thinking for the 30-day period then the last day for written comment would probably be August 31<sup>st</sup>. So, what I would suggest is considering a motion to authorize the resolution immediately after August 31<sup>st</sup>. I have to have the tax roll to the department of revenue by September 6<sup>th</sup>. I'll be on vacation, so my date to submit it is August 31<sup>st</sup>. So, we don't have a whole lot of time. I would need the signed resolution on August 31<sup>st</sup> if I can get it. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Thank you. Yes.

Franny Trexler: I have a question. You said something about you broke it down by square foot. How can it be broken down by square foot if each lot is different sizes? And everyone is paying the same amount. Kim Myre: They vary. No, no the square footage assessments vary by lot. Franny Trexler: Oh, okay. Kim Myre: It's so much per square foot. Franny Trexler: Okay I thought you said one price. Kim Myre: It's 0.157 cents a square foot. Franny Trexler: Thank you. Beth Hutchinson: Tom.

Tom Morris: Hey, Tom Morris. I understand that the public notice was given legally and all that. If what Kim just got up and said was added to that it probably would mean a lot less people would come. You know, I thought you had an opportunity to protest the assessment. That's not true. You only have an opportunity to protest the methodology, which I can't protest. Kim Myre: The MCA was quoted in the letter. Tom Morris: It did just, it did not highlight that. Beth Hutchinson: So what you are saying is in the future to define it for the help of everybody that forgets or didn't get it the first time. You know there are some things I know people who do the communicating think I've done it and done it and done it and done it. You always have to do it again because you're dealing with a changing population. With a population that gets distracted. People need help. And the more we can communicate with them and reassure them that they understand, or have a way to contact people to understand the better off we're going to be. Kim Myre: We also include three ways to contact people in the letter. Beth Hutchinson: Right but. Kim Myre: And we have by the way, we haven't received any written protests as of this point. Beth Hutchinson: We understand that, but I think we still just need to find every single way we can to keep communicating. And I don't personally mind doing it so if some people are worn out with it I'd be more than happy to jump in and help with it. I mean I have just found how much it makes things easier.

Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Nathan Bourne: So, the point at which you would actually protest the assessment, the value of the assessment, would have been in May. Kim Myre: May. The Board, yeah. Nathan Bourne: At the Board meeting where the, where the, this was actually adopted. Kim Myre: The Board you know has a right to set an assessment each year for an operating budget. And that is exactly what they did. The only thing that is up for discussion really is how they collect it.

Beth Hutchinson: Does anybody else have any questions? All right so we'll get to the point. Is there anybody who wishes to protest the methodology for setting the assessments? Okay, now you made a recommendation that I be able to sign this on August 31<sup>st</sup>, depending on whether protests come in. Kim Myre: That's an option. It has always been signed at this meeting. Beth Hutchinson: I'm not quite finished asking my question. Um, how is that judgement made. Do we need to have another Board meeting, or do we? Kim Myre: No. The motion would simple say pending less than 50% of the property owners protesting this assessment methodology then the chair is authorized to

sign the resolution on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Beth Hutchinson: All right that is really clear. Does one of you remember enough of that to restate it and make a motion. Juli Cole: About you signing the paper for the 31<sup>st</sup>? Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, you have to repeat what Kim said. Juli Cole: Okay, I'll do my best Kim.

Juli Cole: I'll make a motion to have the assessment signed by the 31<sup>st</sup> so that you can, um put it into action and what not. Beth Hutchinson: If, if. You have to get the if in there. Kim Myre: If less than 50% protest. Juli Cole: If less than 50% people protest. And then if more than 50% people protest. Kim Myre: Don't sign it and there won't be an assessment. Juli Cole: Don't sign it.

Beth Hutchinson: Yes.

Dennis Clarke: 50% of the property owners in the District protest? Kim Myre: Technically I think it is like it was in the notice and protest period. 50% of the value. We have never had to actually build a spreadsheet and do that because there have never been enough people that protested it to do that. It would be a spreadsheet similar to what we did in the notice and protest.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. Jean Curtiss: I would just suggest since I know that you are not always here physically to sign it Beth, that you might want to say or the acting, or the vice chair on your behalf. And you might want to also say since Kim needs it protests received by 5pm or something so that Troy could sign it at 6pm. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Would they accept an electronic signature because I'm familiar how to do that? Jean Curtiss: If you've got it set up. I don't know do you Kim? Kim Myre: I'm not familiar with that. Beth Hutchinson: A fax generally is acceptable, but it would be fine for Troy to sign it. Troy Spence: I can sign it. Beth Hutchinson: All right, so we need a motion for that, I think.

Jean Curtiss: It was discussed here, because the vice chair can always sign on your behalf. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: That's what I was going to say in the by-laws the vice chair can sign things in absence of the chair, so. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Jean Curtiss: I just wanted to bring it up. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, that's great.

Troy Spence: I'll second her motion. Beth Hutchinson: All those in favor? Juli Cole: Aye. Troy Spence: Aye. Beth Hutchinson: Aye.

Oral protests:	0
Written protests:	0
Petition protests:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

## **ADJOURNMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

Beth Hutchinson: The hearing is now closed the hearing and we will go back to the regular. Oh, we got that out of order. We should have closed the hearing and then done that. Will you forgive us? (At 6:18pm)

## User Agreements

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, I overlooked one part on new business that somebody pointed out and it has to do with user agreements. And since Troy wanted that put on the agenda I'm going to let him lead the discussion on it. Troy Spence: Okay, we were notified by Dan Johnson at one of our meetings that in order for this to move forward we need 148 signed contracts. Felicity Derry: He actually said at the meeting 140. Troy Spence: Okay, 140. Sorry. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, hold on a minute. Felicity Derry: In the June meeting he said 140. Beth Hutchinson: All right it is in writing at 148, so we better check the figure. Felicity Derry: Okay. I was just saying that he said that at the meeting. Troy Spence: We need to get a hold of him and I guess Great West. They will write up the contracts and see if we agree how they are wrote up and move forward. Beth Hutchinson: All right, my understanding on that was that there was a point in terms of the completeness of the engineering that it would be issued, but I really would like to see, is the form that would be used. We can't move forward and execute it until we have reached a certain stage of development. Do you have any comments? Juli? No.

Jean Curtis: I would just say that seems like it would be something you would add to the list of things that you wanted from Great West. Just to get that all clarified.

Beth Hutchinson: Does anybody else in the audience have any comments on the user contracts? Or any concerns? Or anything that you believe should be in it in order to communicate better. Yes, Walt.

Walt Hill: My memory is short. There was something that was taken home to home by engineers and people signed these documents. And I'm wondering if this is the same thing? Beth Hutchinson: Amy (Shannon) can. Walt Hill: Because I know that they went door to door and had a signed agreement on something and so, and I think there was 128, or something. A number that had been done. Beth Hutchinson: When would this have been done Walt? Walt Hill: Within my memory. Juli Cole: Well that narrowed it down. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, but this. Felicity Derry: Was that when the engineers went around and asked where everyone's septic tanks was? Is that what you mean? Walt Hill: Yes. Felicity Derry: Okay. Beth Hutchinson: It seems to me that this would be different because it depends on the umm, notice and protest information which was considerably after that. Walt Hill: Okay I didn't know if that would supply it, or be part of so. Beth Hutchinson: No, I think these would have to be fresh contracts.

All right you and I have been having a lot of. You are Amy, right? Or not. Shannon Therriault: Me. Beth Hutchinson: You. Shannon Therriault: No, Shannon from the Health Department. Beth Hutchinson: Oh, okay. I was hoping you were Amy. Sorry. Because she, she could have answered a few things here.

Beth Hutchinson: Dennis. Dennis Clarke: It was my understanding that a user agreement, of which we need fifty percent out of sub one, had already been started. I thought Greg Robertson had said something about that. Beth Hutchinson: No, they haven't, haven't been. Juli Cole: I have never seen anything. I'm in Phase I, I've never, nobody's ever come to my house. Beth Hutchinson: No one thing I do remember a little part of it distinctly was said that Great West would produce the form at the time a certain degree of development had been reached. Either in terms of the conclusion of the engineering or at the bid point. That they needed something like that if it was concrete. So, we will investigate it further. Okay.

Umm, going back on old and new business. I would appreciate being able to create a few committees. And anybody in the public would like to serve with a Board member on a committee umm, here is your chance to volunteer. Umm, so on the income survey. Is there anybody in the public who would be interested in serving on a committee on that? This will be opened up further to the public, but. Franny Trexler: What does that entail? Beth Hutchinson: Well I think that it would entail being a guinea pig to see if this survey that gets created is workable for the general public. I think it would entail feeling free to comment on things that you need to see in it. The way it's presented and format so it is less threatening than asking people directly what their income is. And you'd be working with Davy. All right then I'll leave that one open.

Umm, another committee would have to do with the user contracts. Is there anybody that would be interested in working on the user contracts? We don't have a Board member aligned with it yet, but. Troy Spence: I will do it. Beth Hutchinson: You would like to do that. So that would be Troy. Okay. Umm, that's pretty good for right now. Those two things are important.

All right, umm. Let's see. I did say that I would open it up to public comment if there was time and I think that there is time. So, at this point public comment is open and you may comment on anything that was not on the agenda. Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: Since you made me flip over the letter of conditions. I went past the page that had the conflict of interest policy. Beth Hutchinson: Umm, hmm. Nathan Bourne: And I believe the Board now has a conflict of interest policy in place. And I was curious as to when the Board would actually be filling those out and submitting them. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Umm, being new we are constantly being shown raw parts of our body. Umm, so I don't know if the previous full Board had gotten to sign those. Mike do you know? Felicity Derry: They did. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Kim Myre: No they didn't. Beth Hutchinson: They didn't. Felicity Derry: They did. I thought they did. Nathan Bourne: They created the policy. Beth Hutchinson: But they didn't sign? Kim Myre: It hasn't even been submitted to Rural Development yet. Beth Hutchinson: Oh. Kim Myre: We were waiting for a Board that is moving forward with the project. So that we can. Nathan Bourne: So, they are not going to do those conflicts of interest statements until the project is. Kim Myre: I'm just saying that nothing has been done with that. I'm not aware of any action to move forward on the Rural Development letter of conditions. I'm just hearing about all these other things we're doing. Are we? Beth Hutchinson: All right I'll follow up on it. Thank you. And as soon as whatever technicalities need to be addressed we'll be sure to sign them. Thank you. Any other comments? Yes Rochelle.

Rachelle Harman: I, I just need to establish the fact that you had mentioned about approaching me and assisting with your research, or your. Beth Hutchinson: Some task, yes. Rachelle Harman: And I will not be available for that. Beth Hutchinson: Oh, you won't. Rachelle Harman: I need to establish that with you, I do not have the time. I am not available to do that. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, well thank you for keeping me updated. Walt.

Walt Hill: Dan Johnson from Rural Development made a statement approximately a month plus ago, dealing with, you know, compliance with the course of the activity that's going on to actually build the sewer. I see us as tap dancing around all edges. But there is a timeline out here, that is. The clock is ticking and I'm curious as to umm, what is being done to fulfill that obligation. Because my understanding was, I think it didn't have to do with the funding itself, but the order of events. What's the proper term. Beth Hutchinson: The schedule. Walt Hill: Pardon. Nathan Bourne: Just the schedule of the letter of conditions. Walt Hill: All right, and is progress being

made on that? Are we still in good graces with Rural Development? And if not, what are we doing about it or what can we do to accelerate this? Because time's a wasting and I'm not hearing the central issue being addressed. The only thing I've heard is we need more time to learn more, which was available in the past but apparently is not as much available today. So, I'm just concerned that we lose funding by default. Beth Hutchinson: I don't think that we are in a position to lose funding by default. Greg created a new schedule. Umm, I don't believe everybody on the Board has actually been able to see it because of the format. And the lack of capacity to run it off in a ledger sheet. But I have seen it. Umm, it gives us time to do the things we need to do. We are not asking for more time. We are mourning the fact that we lost time and we need to condense our actions at this point to stay along with the schedule. Walt Hill: That's my concern exactly, so. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah. Walt Hill: But I have not heard it openly discussed until just now. That there's a new schedule already submitted and things are well. Beth Hutchinson: Well I wish we could have had time to discuss it. It was on previous agendas that were removed from action. Anybody else? Walt Hill: There are other issues that need to be discussed on that one. Beth Hutchinson: Umm, all right, well what are some other issues Walt? We don't want to miss them. Walt Hill: Well the issue that I have, and many others have. I have been going to sewer meetings for over a decade now and I've gone to virtually all of them. Two of your faces are brand new to me, and yours only recently has appeared on those meetings. Well, I've been here a long time Beth. Beth Hutchinson: Well you can check the sign in. Walt Hill: My point is that there has been time to look into the issues. These were discussed and you know gerrymandered around and changed and everything over the last decade. And now we are told you need more time to develop a. I just, as a concerned citizen I am very, very distraught with this course of action. And I admit that you have a lot to learn, but some of that learning curve has already passed. Because those issues were discussed and discussed. And I think I can speak because I was at those meetings. And I was at those meetings for about a decade. Beth Hutchinson: Walt I'm really glad that we had somebody in the constituency that was as dedicated as you were. I really am. Walt Hill: Well thank you that doesn't help me. Beth Hutchinson: Also, your individual participation doesn't mean that the entire constituency was well informed. And that is the reality of human beings. And we feel, and we ran on the, umm platform you might say, that we wanted to make sure, as everybody in the constituency that we could possibly reach was sufficiently informed. So that we could bring the bunch of people together instead of constantly having push, push, crab, crab. We're not asking for more time. We're asking for the consideration of getting all the information that we've been asked for by all kinds of people who don't like to come to meetings, or come to meetings but have not had their questions answered. And we are going to try our hardest to get that bundle of information together. We're not asking for more time. We are going to have to work harder. That's obviously the case because we've lost three months. And we doing our level best to work harder to get that information. Walt Hill: Thank you. Beth Hutchinson: Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: Can you email me that schedule. Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Nathan Bourne: Thanks.

Dalton Clarke: Is that schedule available on the website? Beth Hutchinson: Umm, the website is a category that we have been asking. Felicity Derry: Could you ask people their names please? Beth Hutchinson: Oh yeah, I'm sorry. Felicity reminded me that we need to ask people their names. Some people she knows well enough that she didn't bring it up. Dalton Clarke: Sorry, my name is Dalton Clarke. Felicity Derry: Thank you. Beth Hutchinson: The website is something that is totally beyond, I think, our comprehension. We don't know if that website is active at this point or not because it was largely funded by a special effort last year. Umm, I will check into that. It was on the list of, you know, administrative things to do. Kim Myre: I can speak to that. Beth Hutchinson:

Oh, Kim. Kim Myre: There is a gal in Public Works that manages all of the websites that are on the Public Works webpage and that's one of them. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, so are you thinking that it might be put in the same general territory as the agenda and the minutes. Or on the other website where they listed documents available? Kim Myre: I'm not familiar with the website that has. Beth Hutchinson: Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: There is two websites right now. There is the website that Great West Engineering set up that's called seelelakeinfrastructure.com. And there's some documents on there, mainly regarding the PER and environmental assessment for Phase II. But it is a little bit confusing that there is actually two different websites. So that one has little tabs that says documents for the project. But if you happen to land on that one. So, if you do a google search and land on that one, on that website it has like no information about the Board. The other website is on the County's page even though what you are talking about with Partnerscreative created, seelelakesewer.org I believe is the. Felicity Derry: Seeley Sewer. Nathan Bourne: SeeleySewer.org takes you. It's a direct link to the County's umm, to the Sewer District site on the County page.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, to simplify matters in a quicker period of time I'm going to ask Kim. Do you think you could get multiple copies of that run off on the ledger? Kim Myre: I don't have it. Beth Hutchinson: Well Greg would. I'm sure Greg would send it to you. Kim Myre: I. Beth Hutchinson: Excuse me. I'm sure Greg would send it to you. And if you could get multiple copies run off. Kim is located in the County building north of town and if you could give her what, ten days to two weeks. Umm, maybe you could catch her phone number. Dalton Clarke: I appreciate you trying to accommodate us. Me and my wife are, are the future of Seeley Lake and we will be property owners here just by hand down, and stuff like that. So, I'm very interested in all of this sort of stuff. And earlier it seemed like there was, based on Kim's presentation of the, the misinformation, or the inability for people to be informed around here. I'm just thinking that all a, a functional website would do, would really help, you know, would be another option for people to inform themselves should they choose to. Umm, and right now I live out of town. Beth Hutchinson: Well I appreciate the points you're making because they're really important and they fit into the whole issue of how to inform people well. We've got to, we, we. It now sounds as though there are three websites. How people are going to know what's on what website I don't know. Juli Cole: We need to consolidate it into one website and get it out to the public. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, and that's going to take more time than running off some sheets in case anybody else wants to see them. So, we are going to have to do two things. We're going to have to run some sheets. And we're going to have to deal with three websites. Juli Cole: Well if we have three websites and we have two of them that point to one, then we can consolidate it into one. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah. Juli Cole: And then we don't need sheets run off we can just have them electronically emailed and then we just put them on the website. Beth Hutchinson: Are you having enough time to follow through with that? Juli Cole: I just need to know what website we're going to use and be the administrator. I'd be happy to put stuff on it, it's not that difficult. Beth Hutchinson: That would be great. Kim Myre: I think it has to be a County employee. Beth Hutchinson: Oh, okay. And I really like the County website, it's really fast to get to. It's really easy to remember. So, if you'd want to follow up on that I'd really appreciate it.

Colleen Krause: Beth, I went on the site this afternoon and I had put in there Seeley Lake Sewer District and it took me to, to the main site. Beth Hutchinson: The County? Colleen Krause: And, and there was a lot of old business on there. There really wasn't a lot of. Juli Cole: Can we have our own or do we need to go through the County website? Beth Hutchinson: The County has a, I don't know what you, a page or whatever set up for us that has a lot of stuff. So somehow, we just



have to make sure everything's tied into that. Juli Cole: Do we know who's the administrator? Kim Myre: I can get you the information. Juli Cole: Okay, thanks Kim. Okay, I'll follow up on that. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, thank you. Mark.

Mark Butcher: Mark Butcher. What kind of paperwork did Rural Development give you? Can you tell us? How much time is left? Last time I remember it, today was the day he wanted an answer. Beth Hutchinson: I think you misunderstood what he said. Mark Butcher: He said a month. Beth Hutchinson: He said a month but that was for Greg to redo the schedule. It wasn't a deadline on doing anything, except for Greg to redo the schedule. Mark Butcher: Do you have a date? Beth Hutchinson: We can't really have a date until all the costs are in and all the bids are done. I think given the schedule that Greg put forth we're in pretty comfortable shape through the end of the year. There's still time in the early part of the year, because Greg didn't see putting out the umm, bids until February. So, creating a scene of panic is not helpful to anybody. We just have to keep defining what we need to do. Finding people who will work on it to help. And getting it done. Mark Butcher: So, they're going to give you four more months? Beth Hutchinson: It isn't a question of giving four more months. It's a question that Greg was given an assignment. Greg did the assignment. I wish that it had come to the Board. It was on the proposed agenda for June, but that agenda got changed and we're not worrying about that kind of stuff. We're worrying, well we're not worrying, we're trying to do work. We're trying to work collaboratively and we're trying to make sure that we are doing things as correctly as possible. Yes. Mark Butcher: So, you do have a paper document of what you are saying right now? Beth Hutchinson: Well I don't know if it would satisfy you. Umm, what I do know is that Greg created a schedule. And that we are trying to stay, as much as possible, ahead of that schedule or with it. Mark Butcher: Thank you. Beth Hutchinson: Your welcome. Yes, what is your name?

Dave Stewart: My name is Dave Stewart and my family owns property in district two. We've been following this, like you, the process of the whole thing. And it is concerning knowing that we have money from all these different places available. And I know from the work that I do, those funds are limited in time. And the processes that have gone on and the things that had happened. And I agree with you Walt, there has been ample time for people to get informed. If they haven't gotten informed it's not the Board's fault, it's the individual's fault. And to come in at the latter part of it and complain about it is useless. And this process has been going on. We have the money. We have the engineering at about 60%, if I'm correct, with Great West, right? The engineering firm? They still have to create the documents. They have to have the approval to finish the documents so contractors can bid on it. And if they don't get that approval to finish the documentation then the contractors can't bid on it and the project gets delayed. And it would be a shame for the environment and for the community to have this project delayed any further. Beth Hutchinson: Thank you. Yes

Franny Trexler. My name is Franny Trexler and I'm right up the street here in the District. Ah, I think a lot of people are informed. And a lot of people feel that sewer is not the best possible way. And I have been following this for ten years. Those that continue to oppose the sewer would like more information. And I'm not saying that it's not the only way. Or, or that septic is the only way to go. But you, we are ready to go. There are a lot of people who are informed that do oppose the Sewer District. And I do think that the people up there were voted in, were voted in on the platform that we need more information. Not that we don't need a sewer, but we need more information. So, I don't think it's for lack of information or being kept abreast of these things. Beth Hutchinson: Thank you Franny. Anybody else? Jean.

Jean Curtiss: Just a couple of things. The vote umm, last fall authorized you to move forward. Beth Hutchinson: Umm, point of order on that one. It was a notice and protest. Jean Curtiss: Yes it was. Beth Hutchinson: It was not a vote, and that's, you know this what happens. This is one of the things that's got people severely confused, cause it's so much easier to say vote, than notice and protest. But they are two entirely. Jean Curtiss: The notice and protest said that the majority authorized you to go forward. Beth Hutchinson: No it didn't. Jean Curtiss: You do really need to, umm, Mr. Stewart is correct in that you have to be ready to go to bid. And that, so you have to get to a point where you tell Great West to finalize the design. Because nobody can bid. There will be no exact numbers until the bids come in. So, you do need to get to that point. I hope you can do that quickly. Umm, even from the time. If you gave them the authorization to go to bid today, it's going take a couple years to get this built, so you have plenty of time to do the income surveys and find other ways to help folks. Again, the reason that we have sixteen to seventeen million dollars lined up to forward with this project is because people wouldn't fill out the income surveys but we did a census block. So, they know that the general area, the majority in Phase I is low income. Umm, I know that there are some that are concerned about what is it going to cost for Phase II and Phase III and Phase IV. We don't know. You can estimate. You can say you think this program will be available to help fund Phase II, Phase III, Phase IV, but you can't get exact numbers. And I think that is the part where people get stuck. Umm, so I would hope that you quickly get to the point to let Great West know to go forward and maybe you're meeting with them on September 7<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup>, or whatever happens that week will get you there. Hopefully you can get the answers that you've outlined today. But it takes a while for them to finalize that project. And I know Mr. Stewart is a, works in the industry and understands how long it takes to get final documents ready to go to bid. The other is the operation and maintenance. I know people are concerned about that. There is a system down in the four corners area down by Bozeman that is very similar, or the exact same system, that the Board has looked at. That's the best they can do to base it on for what it's going to cost for the O&M. For the operations and maintenance. So, umm, it is true that we all have to inform ourselves. And you can't ever really get everybody. If you haven't made it to every single meeting, nobody will ever totally catch up. I appreciate the fact that you want to make sure that the public knows as much as possible. But I just encourage you to quickly realize you can't have everybody informed to the degree they want to. And some people don't want the answers they have. I have eighteen years of experience of that.

Beth Hutchinson: All right. There was one point in there about Great West. It's my understanding that Great West is moving right along. That whatever Great West is working on at this stage takes a certain amount of time and they're doing it. Jean Curtiss: I don't know that you've authorized them to go forward. Beth Hutchinson: They have been authorized to complete the engineering plans which were not completed for Phase I. Jean Curtiss: I hope so. Beth Hutchinson: Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: That was actually in the invoices. And it stuck out to me because Great West spent something like thirty hours during the month of June working on the preliminary design. And it just surprised me that they weren't putting more hours in on it. But they were working on it. That's, you're being billed for the preliminary design in there. Beth Hutchinson: Umm, hmm.

Kim Myre: In June Greg told the Board that Great West had requested a work session. So that they can get the information they need to go to final design. And you all didn't schedule it. I mentioned it again at the July meeting and you all didn't schedule that. So as far as I know Great West is waiting for the Board to schedule a work session so that they can get the answers they need to do the final engineering. And we are now two months behind their request. Beth Hutchinson: I think that requests like that need to be put in writing so that they can be sent to the Board members in

writing, so they can be acted on more effectively. Kim Myre: It was in the Manager's Report in June. It's in the minutes. Beth Hutchinson: Well I think it's still needs to be addressed directly to the Board as a separate report. Kim Myre: I don't think that the engineering is moving forward.

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, I will check on that. Thank you. I do. At this point. This wasn't something I intended to bring up but I was trying to get information and I had spoken with Great West. And they brought up something that needed to be done and I was attempting to talk to the appropriate people. And at that point there is an email from the former president of this organization fundamentally forbidding anybody to work with us. So, please have some tolerance. We do not want to delay. There are things that we as new board members have questions about that are very reasonable. There are things, that in some cases, that we need to be learning and in other cases that we know. Umm, you do not take an exam to get on a board. You do not take an exam to get to be a senator. There is always a learning curve. And I promise you that we are working like dogs. And we are enthusiastic about it. And it is really hard when we need support from people and they say well we did it. Well we did it because what we are hearing, or what I'm hearing because I can't speak for everybody, is exactly what constituents have been hearing of. Okay so you did it, I missed it, should I die, or should I keep trying to get the information? I see people in here who have asked questions at meetings over and over and over and have not gotten answers. Some of you have asked questions and you are satisfied with your answers. There has been a lot of contention between the constituency in the past. This is something that we are going to erase. And I don't mind hearing what you expect, what you want, and all that sort of stuff. It's important to us. I appreciate what Dave had to say. I appreciate what I see in Kim's posture as frustration. We can't create, or we can't correct it when we don't hear it in a way that we can deal with it. And Kim I'm really sorry that we didn't understand the jist of what you were telling us. Kim Myre: What didn't you understand? Beth Hutchinson: I missed it entirely. Kim Myre: It was Greg at the June meeting in his Manager's Report. And it was in the minutes. So, I'm not sure how that got missed. Beth Hutchinson: All right but I'm saying honestly, I missed it and I'm sorry I missed it. I will catch up on it. Yes.

Kyle Zumwalt: Kyle Zumwalt, a local business owner. So, she's saying, or you're saying that you want a letter from Great Northern requesting approval to move forward, or are you going to? Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, that's not uncommon. Kyle Zumwalt: Or are you just going to give them, are you going to look into the situation and give them the approval to go forward? So that we can move the Sewer Board? Beth Hutchinson: Well I can't independently give them that approval. Umm, I need the kind of contact that is effective for me to deal with. And I think that it's reasonable to expect if the engineering firm needs support, to write a letter to us and ask for it. Kyle Zumwalt: You are under, what I caught, that you are under the impression that they had the approval two months ago. So. Beth Hutchinson: The last. Kyle Zumwalt: Is that something you will check into? Is there a miscommunication there? Beth Hutchinson: I think there is Kyle. I honestly think there is. Yes, and we need to work on that. Kyle Zumwalt: Okay, so are you going to move forward and take care of? Beth Hutchinson: I am now in a position, since people, since as president I haven't forbidden anybody to work with me. Umm, I am now going to contact Great West and find out what we need to do. What's that? Kyle Zumwalt: Was that remark about the ex-president? Beth Hutchinson: It references the email he sent me, which anybody can see in black and white, where he forbids people to work together. Kyle Zumwalt: You guys need to work together better. Beth Hutchinson: Well you are absolutely right Kyle. Kyle Zumwalt: Umm, and talking bad about other Board members is un, is unacceptable. Beth Hutchinson: Well if you take talking bad about somebody mentioning that your hands were tied together that's your

interpretation. I do not wish to talk badly. I wish to express the fact that I had been contacting people for information and then I was cut off. Yes Dave.

Dave Stewart: Umm, typically in a contracting situation, in, if. I'm not questioning you about an email, but. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah. Dave Stewart: It's kind of irrelevant because Great West works for the Board. Beth Hutchinson: Right. Dave Stewart: Whoever's on there. And I'm assuming you have a contract with them to perform this work. Beth Hutchinson: Right. Dave Stewart: So, you people are now the Board. Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Dave Stewart: They work for you. Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Dave Stewart: And you have to give them the direction to go forward. Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Dave Stewart: They don't ask you. You tell them. They're your employee. Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Dave Stewart: That's how it typically works. So, if you want to move forward in the design phase because what they give you in the beginning is a design that you can get an estimate. Not a bid price but a guess of what the system is going to cost you. After you get that ball park number, then you give them approval to give plans that are, can be out to bid to contractors. And those plans are much more detailed. And then you give those to, you give them the approval to move forward with that. They produce those documents, then it goes out to bid to the contractors. Beth Hutchinson: Right. Dave Stewart: But they contractually, if I understand correctly, work for you the Board. Beth Hutchinson: Right. Dave Stewart: You give them the direction of what you want them to do. They don't, typically they don't need to ask that question. You get to a point where you say yup we want to continue, and if I'm understanding it correctly, that's already been done in the past. So, the Board should tell them to continue with the drawings. Get the drawings to a point that are biddable to contractors and get them out to the public. Beth Hutchinson: Right. Dave Stewart: It was my understanding from, I haven't been at meetings, but I have been following it in the paper, through the website because the County website does have the meeting minutes and agendas, and so anyone that has internet can go to that website and look at all those meetings. They're there. But I was under the impression that this has already been done and so now, from what I'm hearing from the meeting minutes back in June, that they are waiting for the Board's approval to move forward. And that's all they need. And then you can have bid documents and be ready to go to have people bidding. The other thing to understand too is that if you lose Rural Development money. So, for whatever reason they decided, their timeframe says, oh you haven't done anything with this money it's gone and then you have to go get more money from somewhere. Bonds, whatever it is. Interest rates, as I think everyone knows are starting to climb up. So, the cost of those bonds are going to increase and the cost of construction is going to increase. So, you guys, us as landowners and community people, we have money. It's not going to get any cheaper and all we have to do is move forward, like has been directed already from the previous Board and get the project started. Beth Hutchinson: I appreciate. This is my first meeting as president. I was not president for the other meetings. I do accept the fact that I missed Kim's point and I will be contacting Great West immediately. Yes.

Cindy Collins: Cindy Collins. This is a question, and I follow it through the paper too, but if in fact these things are in the minutes or whatever for the past two months you all just became the leaders of the thing. So, somebody else was in charge. Why didn't they follow through? Kim Myre: Beth was running that meeting. Beth Hutchinson: I covered that meeting. I was not in charge of the Board. Kim Myre: You ran the meeting. Beth Hutchinson: I ran the meeting. Cindy Collins: She ran the meeting, but she wasn't in charge of the Board. Why didn't the people that were responsible for that do what they were supposed to do. Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Excuse me everybody can we listen please?

Shannon Therriault: At the last meeting I thought Juli asked for a work session. I thought you made a motion. Juli Cole: I thought I did too. Shannon Therriault: I thought she made a motion to have a work session. I don't know, maybe it just got lost. Who was going to make it happen? Juli Cole: To organize it. Shannon Therriault. That is what I was thinking you had done before. At the very end of the meeting.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, we have now heard that we had more miscommunication than we already thought we had. We now have heard that we need to assign specific people to carry through specific tasks. We need one more thing that if people who are employees and working for us, and are aware of something that we have overlooked, we need them to speak to us. And not get all concerned about what we missed but to help us, to remind us. We need help. Everybody always needs help and when there's a transition people need more help. We will appreciate the participation you can offer. Yes.

Kyle Zumwalt: Kyle Zumwalt again. Umm, when things are getting missed in the minutes. I mean they are in the minutes, but the work session got missed. That's as sixteen-million-dollar mistake. It could potentially turn into a sixteen-million-dollar mistake losing that money, by just not telling somebody yes let's move forward as far as Great Northern, umm Great Western. Beth Hutchinson: Thank you. Kyle Zumwalt: If we keep missing that for months on end and we lose our grant money because they didn't get a piece of paper. You know it is your responsibility as the president of the Board to go through the minutes and make sure things are not getting missed. Especially being a new president. Beth Hutchinson: Right. I appreciate that and I will be following that responsibility, and I will also ask my employees if there is anything I have overlooked to remind me too. You have a comment. Not, Jean behind you.

Andy Goodover: Andy Goodover. Umm, I would just say a comment on that. You say a lack of communication. I would argue it's a lack of follow-up. Lack of communication implies that there's multiple people involved in the responsibility of letting you know as the Board. Where in reality it's a lack of follow-up in the Board needs to make that themselves. In the same token, I hear like the buzz word communication, lack of communication as the other things. You can't expect to hold everybody's hand. If you put the information out, if it's in a letter. Whether or not people didn't understand that. They should have followed up and they should have asked more questions. But it's not up to you as a board to hold their hand. And everybody knows everything implicitly, and. It almost sounds like you want to go around and ask are you sure that you know that you understand this. In reality, like I said, you put the information out, it's out there. You put it on a website, you put it in a letter. If people don't understand what that means. You read it thoroughly that's on them. Beth Hutchinson: Thank you. One second. Yes, Colleen

Colleen Krause: Colleen Krause. Homeowner. Umm, listening to all of this it's like if this has been ready to go forward. Where was the old board, why didn't they put this forward before you all came in. I don't understand why this wasn't pushed in in March or April or May when the old Board was there, if people are saying this has been ready to go? That's all I'm asking. I mean why was it all up to you? I mean that's what I'm saying. I'm hearing everything was a go. So. Beth Hutchinson: Mike

Mike Lindemer: Can I comment on that? Beth Hutchinson: Sure. Mike Lindemer: All right, so we had the protest. When Rural Development, we had the financial package and we had the first vote. We protested the first vote because it wasn't right, on who was allowed to vote and who wasn't. It went to a second vote. That delayed us. It cost the Board, or the community us as

people, about two million dollars for the delay. We were ready to do, let me finish, let me finish, so, we have been doing everything in our power to move this forward as fast as we can. Rural Development basically, they are the ones that made us do the voting process. We could have just signed that paper, but they felt that we needed to go out for a vote for the financial package. They did. The Elections Office got things wrong. Everybody was confused who could vote, who couldn't vote. An estate could vote or they couldn't. It was forty-eight hours prior to when the vote was due is when people found out that people for estates could vote. So that's where things got construed. So, I'm blaming it a lot on, number one Rural Development was not very friending with us on that part. Number two the Elections Office had, and they even admitted that it was probably one of the more difficult ones to allow who's allowed to vote and who isn't. Jean Curtiss: And the legislature because they wrote goofy laws. Mike Lindemer: And there was a change in the Elections Office. So, and this other, umm, who could vote for the Board members, and when the election actually happened is not when it was actually supposed to have happened. Colleen Krause: Well how does that have to do with you dealing with the umm? Mike Lindemer: Dealing with moving forward: Colleen Krause: With the people that are doing all of the construction. Mike Lindemer: They, we don't have any money tied up. Greg had to work with bond counsel, all sorts of things. And we aren't you know, we can't do anything until that paperwork. It's like buying a piece of property. You have to have it surveyed. Now you have to have a contractor. Now you have to have a design for the house. Now you've got to go get a bank loan. This is a very complex project. Colleen Krause: Well I'm just saying, blaming on them. Mike Lindemer: Wow, wow, wow, I'm not blaming it on them. Beth Hutchinson: Hold it you two. Hold it, no I don't feel like Mike is blaming it on us. Mike Lindemer: But there is a lot of confusion. What people thought they were voting for, which was a financial package. Number two they thought they were voting against the sewer. The sewer was already, it's moving forward. Now as a community we are fighting and we are costing everybody more money. The longer, every time you delay, we had to pay Great West a bunch of money for the delay. I mean two-million-dollars, two-million-dollars we could have put towards what it would have cost. We could have been digging this fall.

Cris Volinkaty: If you guys are hiring people. Beth Hutchinson: Excuse me, excuse me. Mike are you finished? Mike Lindemer: Yes, I'm finished and umm, I'm sorry that you feel that way, but. Beth Hutchinson: Hold it. It's not appropriate to go back and forth. It's okay for you to talk and when you're finished, and then it's okay for you Colleen to ask another question. But back and forth doesn't work. Mike Lindemer: So anyway, I'm saying we did what we could, and things, it's not the Board's fault. I believe its partially Rural Development's fault and it's also the Elections Office's fault that we are in the situation we are. There's multiple other things I could say, but I'm not going to. Thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: Colleen did you have something else you wanted to ask? Colleen Krause: No, I just, like I said I just going by, I just felt people tonight are on you, on the Board that you haven't done certain things when I don't feel like you've been given a chance. Beth Hutchinson: Thank you. Wait, somebody over here was ahead of you, Dave? Troy Spence: Carlin was back there. Beth Hutchinson: Carlin, no. Umm, oh it was, is it Cris?

Cris Volinkaty: It is Cris. Beth Hutchinson: Can you state your whole name for the record? Thank you. Cris Volinkaty: Cristin Volinkaty. If somebody is your employee then you tell them I need this by such and such a date. We are paying these people that are doing this work. They've got to produce. That's how you run business. Timelines. Later, it's got to be now. Beth Hutchinson: That's true. Dave.

Dave Stewart: If I came across as if I was criticizing you or the Board, I apologize. Beth Hutchinson: Oh, Dave you did not. No, you did not. Dave Stewart: My whole point of being here tonight and listening and being involved is that I believe our community should have a sewer system. I think it's best for the environment and the health of the community. And I think it will help everything else. We can get into the who did what where and didn't it happen. We are at a point now where we have the money. The engineering firm is hired. They have drawings that are close to being ready for bid. And so, let's just move forward. And I apologize to anybody on the Board if I, if you felt I was attacking you or being negative. I'm just saying I think it is a great thing for the town we just have to move forward. Beth Hutchinson: Dennis.

Dennis Clarke: Yes, I hear what you said that it's up to the Board to direct Great West but if I understand, and I think I do, Kim's comments and Greg's comments at those previous meetings, Great West was at a point where they were asking for a work session to get answers to questions so that they could move forward. Juli Cole: I thought he was going to be here. I thought he was going to do that before the meeting. Beth Hutchinson: Umm, we're being, let Dennis go. Dennis Clarke: So, if your employee says I need to meet with you boss because I have questions before I can move forward. Then the boss needs to make the time to meet with them, and whoever in the past couple of months was not paying attention, or chose not to meet with them that's on us. That's on the Board. Great West needs to be able to have their questions answered that they need to ask so that they can finish up, as Dave said the documents so that we can take it out to bid.

Beth Hutchinson: One of the best things as I think we understand this concept right now, and there will be the work session, and I really think it's important for our public to feel that they can speak things that they are frustrated with us without us being reactive to them. Because it's really helpful to us. Thank you. Jean.

Jean Curtiss: I would think that the Board has the umm, the authority tonight to vote to find a date that works for you with Great West to set up a work session to answer their questions with regard to TSEP. Get the questions answered you outlined tonight, so that you can give direction for them to do this. Because while Mike is talking about losing two-million-dollars the price of steel, the price of labor, the price of everything is going up. And the longer you stall the more the system is going to cost the community. Beth Hutchinson: All right, I think we are not stalling and I do think we have established that date for the work shop already. Jean Curtiss: What date was that? Beth Hutchinson: That was September 6<sup>th</sup>, right? Felicity Derry: No, we didn't actually set it. Beth Hutchinson: Oh goodness. Umm, all right we will establish a date, and we have the training on September 25<sup>th</sup>, we have a board meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. And I would appreciate if we can get it either two days before the 20<sup>th</sup>, through that week or two days after the 25<sup>th</sup>. So. Kim Myre: That's another month. Felicity Derry: The Great West, the environmental assessment has to be that first week in September. Beth Hutchinson: All right, that's the environmental assessment. Okay. So, something is happening, a work session. Felicity Derry: Okay, all right. Beth Hutchinson: Yes.

Dan Smrdel: Dan Smrdel. On this work session, I believe that has to be noticed to the public so that the public can attend that session. And listening to everything here, you're at a time crunch, literally and it is costing you more money each day. You need to establish what your minimum time is for the notice to the public and to schedule that as soon as possible and make, make a commitment for everybody in the Board to be there so you at least have a quorum and go forward to that point. Felicity Derry: So that week of the 6<sup>th</sup> is the first week we can do it with the noticing schedule. Dan Smrdel: How long do you have that you have to notice that? Felicity Derry: We have to do it twice a week apart. So, we would do it in the next week and then the following week.

And then that gives us the 6<sup>th</sup>. Beth Hutchinson: You're going to have to do it. Felicity Derry: Because it would be the 30<sup>th</sup>. What's that? Dan Smrdel: Would that be different than a special meeting? Felicity Derry: That is a public hearing for the environmental assessment that Great West needs for the TSEP application for Phase II. Beth Hutchinson: I don't think everybody is talking about the same thing at this point. Felicity Derry: No, but that's. Dan Smrdel: But what I'm saying is we need to expedite this as soon as possible, you know and make sure that the Board is on the track to get this thing completed as soon as possible. Because it's costing more money each day. That every delay costs two-million-dollars according to Mike. So, you need to move forward as soon as possible. Beth Hutchinson: Yes.

Andy Goodover: I was just making note, like on that suggestion on that note that all these tasks that I heard you guys mention, like I'll do this or whatever, it might be a good idea for you Board members to set yourself deadlines. Like I will do this by next week, or something like that. So that, you know, there's transparency where people see. Like, all right this is what's going to get done by this time or whatever, so it's not open ended. Beth Hutchinson: I agree with you.

Dalton Clarke: And those things would be posted on the website. Sorry Dalton Clarke. One of the frustrating things about this is I don't know what's going on because I can't see a timeline anywhere, because I know I'm not here.

Franny Trexler: Where is the one that had the minutes on it? Juli Cole: The County one. Beth Hutchinson: Excuse me Franny, Franny. Umm, the meeting has to be focused for control up here. Would you like to comment? Franny Trexler: But I do have a comment on the website. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Franny Trexler: Is it my turn? Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Franny Trexler: Franny Trexler: Okay I need to clarify, because I'm confused. And septic or sewer whatever's best is what I want to go with. But I did not realize that it was, it was like in concrete that we were going forward with the umm, sewer. Is that in fact a fact? That the sewer is a done deal? I'm, I'm confused. Beth Hutchinson: You're not the only one. Juli Cole: We have a resolution. Beth Hutchinson: Tammy.

Tammy Lewis: I guess that is my question also, because with the resolution that said it's locked we're loaded we're going forward. And then at the beginning of this meeting there was a thing about modifying or rescinding the resolution and I don't think that legally can be done. Or that is definitely not in the best interest of the community. Or even the people here. You keep talking about all the people out there that have concerns and questions and maybe want to change it up. At this point, this is the plan and you guys need to do your best to implement this plan with the best cost and that's your duty at this point. It's not about changing it or going a different direction. Beth Hutchinson: Wait, wait, wait until she finished. Troy Spence: All right. Tammy Lewis: this is where we're at. We need to from here and not go backwards. Troy Spence: Tom. Beth Hutchinson: No hold on a second. Troy do you want to say something.

Troy Spence: So, Tammy I have something for you. If we don't get these signed contracts then who's to blame? If you can't move forward. Is it the Board because we can't get it? Tammy Lewis: Yes, well it depends. The sincerity with which you go after the contracts, but also the contracts as long as the people know that it's for the sewer. But that is not money on the, that's been a big misconception. And it is not ah, money for hook ups. I've heard stuff about that out there, that that has been kind of some disinformation that has been going around, that if I sign the contract I'm going to be on the hook for ten thousand to hook up. You need to make sure that when you approach the people with the contracts that you, yes that is part of your duty as the Board, unless



you assign it to somebody else, yes. Troy Spence: What I'm asking is if you don't get a hundred and forty people then what does that tell you about the people? They're not for it, right? Tammy Lewis: You're telling me that it's not going to happen. Troy Spence: No I'm not saying that. I'm saying if you don't get it. Tammy Lewis: Have you tried? Troy Spence: No, I'm not in a position to try yet. Tammy Lewis: What, wait may I ask? What are we waiting for? Beth Hutchinson: What we are waiting for is what I said earlier in this meeting that we were told two to three months ago that it fit into a particular part of the schedule, that certain things had to be done which are not completed. Tammy Lewis: And you guys now have those things in line to be completed? Beth Hutchinson: Well apparently, we do not have in line enough to permit the engineering company to move along and that we are going to correct. Tammy Lewis: And we have a timeline for this? May I, I don't want to, can you, take up the floor, but this is the third, fourth meeting you know. You've run a couple of them. Davy ran one, Mike ran one. Beth Hutchinson: I ran one. Tammy Lewis: Well technically you ran one and then you were at the special meeting. You did that one the other night. And then this is technically the third one. True? Beth Hutchinson: And the special meeting had nothing to do with any of this. It was a focused. Tammy Lewis: It was. I, I Beth Hutchinson: The point, the point is also this. Tammy Lewis: I'm just wondering timeline. I get, we are three months now from when you guys stepped on. I understand you had to catch up, you wanted to educate yourselves. I appreciate that. I hope that is what you have been doing and that we're there. But at some point, you need to take the steps, you need to go. You can't keep gathering or assigning committees or another meeting or another special meeting. It needs, we need progress. That is what RD I think is looking for. That's what this community is looking for. Hope that's where we're at with this. Troy Spence: And we need to make a motion. Beth Hutchinson: Wait a minute, wait a minute. People who come to meetings are looking for one thing. The people who don't come to meetings perhaps are less responsible. They're less able to express themselves, they're less whatever. Umm, it's really important to participate in the process. It does not mean that we have to once again polarize into groups. The point is we made a commitment to get information. We are going to get information within an expectable time period. That's a fact. We're going to do this. We're also going to try to catch up on things that didn't occur within the last three months as soon as we possibly can. I can't say a timeline because I will contact Great West tomorrow. I have to see what's on their mind and what to do about it. I will do this. So, there is another level. Jon Beal said that there are things that can be done if the community at large is still not comfortable with the sewer. If the community at large is not terrified about financial things. If there are alternatives. Really and truly there's no point in time until final contracts are signed that nothing can be done. It may upset people an awful lot to think that, but that is true. And I think that to keep beating on it, and beating on it, and beating on it is pointless. I would just ask you to wait a second. We made a commitment to move forward with doing everything that we were aware that we needed to for the proposed sewer project. We made a simultaneous commitment to gather all this information and to see ultimately what it said in contrast. That is my commitment. It doesn't mean that I am kicking the sewer to the ground. It doesn't mean that I'm racing out to sign papers for it. I am trying to behave in a responsible way. And if people, certain individuals, don't think that's a good thing that is totally their option, and I will continue to listen to what they say. But we are doing both. Now obviously Kim pointed out that we lost track. We're fixing it. We, I can't do anything more tonight than to say I'm calling Great West tomorrow. And I will do it. But I don't know what Great West is going to say. And I did report back that the last time I talked to Great West before I was cut off, that we needed something about a contract. And I was not well informed about what the heck that was at that point, but I reported it to someone that should have been. I'm the president. I take responsibility for trying to organize and run this system as efficiently as I possibly can. For hearing complaints and complaints are coming from all sides. They are not the same complaints and I'm listening seriously. I will continue to try to keep things up as soon as possible. But there is, there is

a point when I can't solve it tonight. And it starts to feel like I ought to have been able to solve it before I had the authority as president to do things. And I really understand that everybody has frustrations. We've got to stop with the frustrations. There are points during tonight's conversation where the communication was really helpful. Mike's explanation was supremely helpful. Other people's explanations or questions were supremely helpful. But then we shift into this constant row row row row. That isn't helpful. Because we've heard it and heard it and heard it. We can do things at a certain pace. Tonight, Walt expressed things that were very helpful. Can we get enough breathing room to get going now that we actually have the authority to do it? That's what we need. And if we are missing something and one of our employees knows about it, we need to hear because we are not mind readers, and some of this comes down guessing what was not done ex-number of whatevers before. We need help. But we need it put to us in a way that we can make use of it. Tom you had your hand up for a while.

Tom Morris: Well, because to try to keep the environment kind and friendly I'll try to be nice with what I have to say. I went to a lot of Sewer Board meetings too. I was, I served on the Sewer Board, I saw a railroad job happening over ten years ago. We were focused on one strategy and one strategy only. And when we talk about millions of dollars being lost that's on the one strategy. If you look at the PER there are actually alternative plans that were never even discussed or looked at for very much time, because it was one plan. Okay, we are not there yet. That was the PER, preliminary. That's the first word in it. So, don't say that we are stuck on this plan and that we are going to lose money. There is absolutely a possibility that the funding that's left available will do everything we need to do and be less expensive and do it more environmentally friendly. There are new technologies that could, that Great West might be able to come across before we even go to bid. It's not over with. We didn't lose anything yet. And there's always going to be funding available out there. You might have to, you might have to go after it again, okay. So, don't be afraid by it. I heard people say well we have money. I don't have the money to pay for what's been proposed. Maybe somebody else does, I don't. I'm not in favor of what's been proposed. That doesn't mean that we're not going to do it. It means that I'm not in favor and I'm telling you that tonight, okay. I don't agree with it. Now one other point I'd like to make before I, I shut up. Is that I believe that your board tonight has the ability to authorize you to give Great West the go ahead. If they need a meeting then you'll have to set that, if they need a work session. But I believe that your board has the ability. What I'm not sure about when it comes to parliamentary procedure because it was not on the agenda, whether or not that would be appropriate. That's all.

Beth Hutchinson: Thank you Tom. I'm going to look at the agenda really hard right now and see if any part of it has enough wiggle room to. And I'm wondering if going back to filling holes in essential information allows the wiggle room to authorize me to authorize Great West to go ahead. Jean would you have any comment on that since you've had a lot of experience with working with agendas. Jean Curtiss: So, I would say that you always have the authority to set the work session and learn stuff from Great West. And then maybe you put the actual, go forward as final. I think that the protest gave you the authority to go forward. I think you have that authority. But if you wanted it to be a little bit more transparent, or offer more umm, work, I would say you could set up the work session with Great West. The TSEP thing that needs to happen on the environmental assessment. And then go forward. You have the authority to go forward because of the notice and protest gave you that authority. Beth Hutchinson: All right there've been a lot of questions at, at least one past meeting about veering even in an iota from the agenda. So that's more what we're asking about. Nathan.

Nathan Bourne: I agree with Shannon. I think Juli actually made a motion and this was authorized to create a work session at the last meeting. Umm, creating, creating a work session is just scheduling. You're just picking a date. Jean even said that you could pick a date talking through emails. I mean you can talk outside of the meeting and pick a date. Because obviously you're going to have to contact Great West, ask them what dates work for them. See what dates work for everybody. I mean so that's, I think it's not necessary to, to try to split hairs over what day you're going to pick and all of that. Until you get Great West to give you some dates they can do it. And you really only need for the work session a forty-eight-hour notice if the Board all agrees for the dates. Beth Hutchinson: We need four people. One, two, three. Nathan Bourne: Which you know, you could certainly ask. Well I'm just saying that you can schedule that meeting outside of, umm, but it's not like that needs the notice that the environmental assessment meeting, that is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup>, needs. That's a totally different thing because that's meeting, meeting the TSEP requirements, not the public notice requirements. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah. Well part of this was I'm supposed to sign something. For that I need authorization. Nathan Bourne: Sign something for what? Beth Hutchinson: The contract. Jean Curtiss: No that's different. Beth Hutchinson: That's... Jean Curtiss: The one that was the resolution that you adopted tonight for the fee, that you have to sign. Nathan Bourne: For the assessment fee. Beth Hutchinson: Yes. Jean Curtiss: The public hearing on the environmental assessment is for them to say this is what we found in our environmental assessment so if that, the public can ask questions if they want to. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah, I wasn't linking it with that. It was the idea of signing the contract for Great West to move forward. Nathan Bourne: There is nothing to sign. You just need a work session. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Jean Curtiss: To give them direction of what to put in the product. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. Okay. All right.

Elden Rammell: I've got a question. Beth Hutchinson: would you identify yourself please? Elden Rammell: I'm Papa Smurf, Elden Rammell. I've been here a year longer than my buddy down there. And you have a situation here between tourism and people that live here. Now you've got a double-edged sword. You got a Sewer District here that you are trying to get in. But what are we going to do with the lake. How many people in here knows where Seeley Lake is? I imagine everybody does. Well, what kind of a town we gonna have without the lake? Our lake is dying. So, I think you've got another problem here. Investors are gonna come in here and there will be more people on the lake, there'll be more restrictions from the Forest Service for using it, so that would be less local people using it. So, is this what you want? You've got, there is a fine line here if you destroy that diamond in the rough out there. That's our tourist attraction here. So, are we gonna provide for people to come in and build motels and all this stuff? Do we need that? The reason they doing it because the lake out here. So, your lake is polluted. But why and where it comes from. I don't think it comes from in Seeley here myself. I don't, cause I tell you, back in the sixties and seventies, I shouldn't mention names, but this is all logged back in here on Plum Creek timber lands. All your water sheds were destroyed. So, your creeks are warming up here. And it's coming in this lake. And I was there. I know what happened. So, you can blame a lot of this on forestry. They went up there and took everything as they went. So, you, it's. We don't want another Placid Lake here. Where they restricted there. They got a campground or two and it's hard to get into. You have to have reservations. And this kind of stuff. Do we want that here? So, I think we'd better look at other things besides what we're doing here. We've got a lot of money going out if you're gonna provide for both of them. So, I was there. I seen what happened. And that was back in the sixties and seventies and partially the eighties. So, you have another problem on your hands. I'm not in the Sewer District. I've been in the woods for over sixty-years. So, I went to school of hard knocks. So, I'm sorry about the way I'm talking, but I've been there. I raised eight kids here. And I love Seeley Lake. Okay, that's all I have to say.

Beth Hutchinson: Thank you very much. Is there any other public comment? Rochelle.

Rachelle Harman: I just think, Rachelle Harman. I think it behooves the Board to remember that you are representing the whole, entire community. There's always going to be complaints. There's always going to be people that didn't get enough information. There's always going to be this, there's always going to be that. But the bottom line is the majority of this community wants this to go forward. And I really ask you to look at your situation or urgency. I don't feel a sense of urgency in your spirit, in your voice to move forward. And I really believe that's what the community is asking of you. So, I only speak for myself. But I really, really think it's necessary that you really get on this thing quickly. Kyle Zumwalt: I would second that. Tammy Lewis: Thank you.

Troy Spence: Okay, I'll answer back to you. How about we put an election ballot out. To people in the town. If they are for the sewer and not for the, you know for the sewer or not for it. Okay, not this well we're going to sell the bond, you vote on this, you know. We're gonna do this. People are confused. Put an actual ballot out there. Let's do it.

Rachelle Harman: It has already been done. Jean Curtiss: It has to be the people that pay for it, so that would be the people in the District. Rachelle Harman: It has already been done Troy. You as a Board represent the whole community who went forward. Beth Hutchinson: Sh, sh. Rachelle Harman: and have said yes, we want this. That's what your responsibility is. Beth Hutchinson: Hold on, hold on. Troy Spence: I never seen a ballot. Rachelle Harman: I want you to know that I am being represented correctly by this Board. Beth Hutchinson: One at a time please. Rochelle you said that it was voted on whether to have a sewer or not have a sewer. When was that done? Rachelle Harman: I'm sorry I don't have all of those dates. I voted. I know. I know. Jean Curtiss: The protest was to move forward. Beth Hutchinson: The notice and protest is absolutely not a vote. It is a process. Jean Curtiss: It is a direction. Beth Hutchinson: It is a process where people can protest if they want to and they have the courage to protest because their names will be shaken on the tree. Or people cannot protest and that's assumed to be support. It is not a ballot. When Troy spoke, I am clarifying, when Troy spoke, he said a ballot that is secret where people can express themselves without fear or ridicule or reprisal, which is completely different from notice and protest. Troy repeat your question so that people know exactly what you're talking about. Troy Spence: A ballot. Are you for the sewer, yes or no. Simple. Beth Hutchinson: Jean.

Jean Curtiss: But state law says that is how you go forward in a special district that has an assessment. It is a notice and protest. That's what the law allows. It doesn't say that there's a secret ballot. It is a different process. And so, while you might think that is a good idea, that is not what the law allows for you to go forward. You were given the authority to go forward with this project and sell bonds to pay for it. By the people in the District. Beth Hutchinson: So, you are saying that there's nothing in the law that allows the decision to actually be made by an election? Jean Curtiss: That is not how special districts are done. It is just like protesting zoning. It's the same thing, we don't, it's a different process than voting in people to represent you, or voting for a school bond. It's different. And the process was followed by the letter of the law. We clarified because the special district law, regulation or laws changed a few years ago. There was confusion by all in the elections office. And it was all figured out so it was done exactly right for the notice and protest. So.

Beth Hutchinson: All right. So, I'm not certain that my question was answered. So, in sewer law you're saying there is nothing that permits an election, yes or no? Jean Curtiss: I suppose you could

have one but it wouldn't have the authority in law for you to go forward. The process to allow you to go forward with this sewer project was followed to the letter of the law. Beth Hutchinson: One process of optional processes. Jean Curtiss: The process. There is one process. Beth Hutchinson: The only process was notice and protest. Jean Curtiss: Right. So, any time that we put something like this on the ballot we use bond counsel. Because there will be bonds. It is how this will get funded. The bond counsel that we use is Dorsey and Whitney in Missoula. They are known across the country as being experts in this. They interpreted the law, we followed the law. The Elections Office followed the law. The first vote that USDA required was something they made up anyway. It wasn't the law. Beth Hutchinson: I think USDA is taking it a little bit hard, because USDA wants a demonstration of public support. Jean Curtiss: They did. Beth Hutchinson: They asked. They tried one method. There were all kinds of complaints about it. They tried another method. Now there seems to be all kinds of complaints about it. This is confusing to the community at large. The whole common community. And if we can clarify some of what Jean said for the community that might help in terms of getting more acceptance. Maybe it won't. But this conversation about certain things is being extraordinarily useful. You were next.

Kyle Zumwalt: Kyle Zumwalt. Umm, you, we elected you as a board, and I'm just kind of reiterating, umm, that we elected you to continue this movement. Not to go back and have another election and try and sideline this entire project. You have assumed the responsibility as the president and we expect you to keep, I expect you to keep, pushing forward in the movement that the sewer has been going.

Beth Hutchinson: I hear that you expect that. Umm, whoever the people that elected us, god only knows, umm. Kyle Zumwalt: They are not here. Beth Hutchinson: They may or may not be here. I would presume they elected us because of what we put forth of what we wanted to do. Which doesn't seem to be legally allowable. After the conversation where Jean had input, umm, and I think we just have to double check all this. This is called trust but verify. Umm. Kyle Zumwalt: So, you're just going to slow and just slow it? Beth Hutchinson: Why do you keep saying slow? Why do you assume that one path can't be followed as the other path is being double checked on? Any Goodover: Will you set a deadline for finding this out? Beth Hutchinson: Yeah by the next meeting. By the next meeting for sure. Kim Myre: I can give the MCA to read. I studied it all day. It's the same exact one that we used for the protest for the assessment. Beth Hutchinson: I'm not quibbling about whether the notice and protest was applied properly. I do know there were some questions about the election. By in large I think that previous election, whatever it was actually aimed at, because people are still confused with that, I think by in large it worked out. There's, in an election there is frequently a little error, but on the whole, that works. So, we've now got multiple things that I think more or less worked. Umm, that's hah, I, some of it is the point legally. Some of the point is, in my opinion, appropriate representation of the District and we are trying to clean up appropriate representation of the District in the way that everybody can understand and talk back and forth and be speaking the same language. Yes.

Dan Smrdel: Yeah, Dan Smrdel. I think what this group tonight is asking for is a commitment to get your work session going as soon as possible. To go forward with authorizing Great West to proceed. Also, the Commissioner has explained to you the special district deal, and she has been here about eighteen years and is well versed in that. Ahh, the notice and protest period for what it's worth it holds to you, was done legally and it gives the authorization to the Board to proceed forward with the project. So, you know you talk about meeting outfits next week, or next month, but you've got a work session that you need to get done ASAP. In June, ahh the request was made by Greg. In July it was reiterated, ahh through Kim. At the meeting after that the Commissioner

offered to get a mediator involved or whatever and to also set up a work session at that time. Juli asked for a work session. There has been a lot of requests for a work session but they've not materialized. And I think you can get a tremendous amount of answers to your questions with a work session such as that with Great West.

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, did you hear me umm, give or take, half an hour ago. Dan Smrdel: I've heard a whole lot of things. Beth Hutchinson: But, but I made a commitment to contact Great West and get that done. Dan Smrdel: Yeah, but what I'm saying is I believe this group would take great comfort in finding out ASAP that you intend to schedule it. Beth Hutchinson: Well I made that commitment. Dan Smrdel: So, you're looking like next week, a week and a half. Beth Hutchinson: I, I, have to speak with Great West. Dan Smrdel: I understand that. Beth Hutchinson: I'm calling them tomorrow. I said that considerably earlier. I can't do it now. Dan Smrdel: I understand. Beth Hutchinson: But I made, I have, I have absolutely made that commitment. Dan Smrdel: That's all that people are asking for. Beth Hutchinson: Colleen.

Colleen Krause: I'd just like to address something to Jean about the notice and protest. I personally, and I don't mind saying, am against the sewer. But I don't think that was very fair for only the people who were against the sewer to have to, to have to fill out all the forms and that. Now I know for a fact there were some people in town that were afraid to put their name on because then people could go back and see that they had voted against it. And some of them that had businesses and that were afraid to do that because they didn't want to have repercussions come back to their business. I think it would have been very fair if it had been a yes or no. But only making the people who were against it have to sign the protest I think was not fair. Jean Curtiss: I did not write the law. You will have to talk to the legislature. But that's what the law says.

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, any other comments tonight? Well I really appreciate the constant interest on the part of so many of you. And I hope you will be able to keep it up. I hope we will be able to begin to have evidence that we are doing what we want to do, and get the information, and get the meetings and so forth. At this point if you have, I'm going to say what is expected of me, calling Great West getting a workshop set up. We have established the hearing time, I believe, for the EPA, or not the EPA, the environmental assessment process. And I don't know if I left anything out that's really urgent because if I did leave something out I'd like to be told. Does that cover it? There are other things we're going to be doing, but those are the urgent things. Franny.

Franny Trexler: Urr, the user agreements. And, and I was somewhere else so I missed the beginning of the meeting, did you already cover? Because I. What is the status of the user agreements because I, I, I'm skeptical that you are going to be able to get a hundred and eighty people to sign. Beth Hutchinson: It's not a hundred and eighty. Troy Spence: A hundred and forty. Franny Trexler: A hundred and forty, okay. But, but are you guys moving forward with that, is that also on that? Cause that seems to be, from what I'm hearing, equally, maybe not equally, but umm, umm kind of a critical nature. We need to know that, if we need that many people to sign, is, isn't that important that that be moving forward? Beth Hutchinson: It is, and we spoke about that, and we'll be working in partnership with Great West to get that moving forward and to see the proper forms for it and all.

Jean Curtiss: While we were sitting here I emailed Greg, who isn't in town, he said that we have all of the easements except, umm for. Umm so, we have the easements to go forward. Beth Hutchinson: Except for? Jean Curtiss: Except for. Three will be donated, at least I think so. One the District will have to buy, and it should be cheap. That's what he said. The user agreements are

required by Rural Development, and that's the piece that says property owners agree to connection, and the connection price is included in the budget. And that's some of the things that have been in the past tweaked because of money. That's some of the things that Senator Tester's money could go to, to change. That's why you need that work session so, they can drop the plans and the budget. So, while they will be asked to connect through the user fees. The cost of connection, which is not normal in a sewer district. When we do sewer districts, Shannon and I have worked on several, normally the cost to connect is upon the homeowners. That's why we've worked so hard to get extra money in this District, is because we didn't want that onus to be on the homeowners. So, umm there won't be a cost to connect. There will be a cost in the end to pay for the sewer, but you won't have to set aside money to rebuild your septic systems. Kyle Zumwalt: That's huge. Jean Curtiss: It is, it's huge.

Beth Hutchinson: All right. Anything else? Anything. Colleen.

Colleen Krause: Umm, what was the decision made on if the sewer goes in? I was under the impressions that at the last, or one of the meetings last year, that the homeowner would have to put their property back. Now when I was at a meeting when Boltz was ahh, the president here a couple of weeks ago he said oh no they'll put your property back. So, what is it? Are we paying to put it back or is, ahh, is the sewer, or, or is somebody going to put it back? Or are we going to have to be responsible?

Beth Hutchinson: I can answer that. Umm, Greg readjusted the complete restoration of peoples' yards and removed that to save money. What will happen is that the contractor will put the hole, fill the hole and do rough grading. Jean Curtiss: But the five hundred thousand from Tester gives you an option to put that back in, to restore peoples' yards if you want. That's what Greg told me when I talked a week or so ago. So that's why you need that work session so, they can work on that stuff.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, Umm. Anything else? All right, okay.

Elden Rammell: I got one more announcement here. We're going to get back to this lake thing again. The water temperature on Clearwater Lake, I mean Clearwater River, the West Fork is about sixty-two degrees. Deer Creek is about sixty-five. All right, West Fork is the main water source into the water here. When it comes out into where it's being pumped is sixty down? Tammy Lewis: sixty feet from the shore. Elden Rammell: sixty feet, it's fifty degrees. All right the other degrees coming in is, umm like the West Fork is sixty-five, or sixty, and ahh, and ahh, Deer Creek is sixty-five. All right there goes our fisheries. Right there. Your water temperature should be at fifty for good trout, well or any fish. Well we don't have that anymore. So why is it the Tamarack Resort ahh, let's say ahh, two hundred yards from there, the surface water is seventy degrees. I, I don't understand this. This has got nothing to with the sewer. Tammy Lewis: I think we should add it to their plate. What do you think? Elden Rammell: I think we should too. Tammy Lewis: Let's just, you know, save the fish. I know, I'm just lightening the moment.

Beth Hutchinson: All right we have one last request from a Board member to change the time of the meeting from five fifteen to six o'clock. That the person works constantly, has children, doesn't want to come in here smelling, and so would you like to make a motion?

Troy Spence: Yeah, I want to make a motion to change it to six o'clock. Jean Curtiss: Is that regular meetings. Beth Hutchinson: Yeah. Troy Spence: Yes. Juli Cole: I'll second that. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. And I don't think that we need a motion to change the ordinary meeting to the

senior center. I think that Tuesday's meeting worked well there. Nobody has to set it up and allow people space to be comfortable, and you know have humane distances and so forth. So, the next.

Walt Hill: Are we changing the date of the meeting, the day of the meeting too? Beth Hutchinson: Well. Walt Hill: Is it going to be Tuesday too? Beth Hutchinson: Don't push me to do it Walt. It will be. The next meeting, the next meeting will September 20<sup>th</sup> at six o'clock at the Senior Center. Kim Myre: Do you need a motion to pay for that? Felicity Derry: We do. Beth Hutchinson: Would someone like to make motion that we pay for that? Juli Cole: What is the cost of that? Beth Hutchinson: It is \$35 a meeting.

Juli Cole: I'll make a motion for that. To pay for the Senior Center, to have our meetings there. Troy Spence: I'll second it. Jean Curtiss: Is it in the budget? Beth Hutchinson: All those in favor? Juli Cole: Aye. Beth Hutchinson: Aye. It is not directly in the budget, but there are many things that have been spent in the last few years that weren't. And I think there's room for wiggle room in the reserve. And Kim thank you for pointing out that we needed to have a motion for that. I appreciate it.

Jean Curtiss: As you go forward I would suggest that you look at the budget and amend it to reflect the movements. Beth Hutchinson: Okay. All right now, I make a motion. No, I'm making a joke Kim. I make a motion that when you leave you put the chairs back, please.

Kim Myre: There's something that you didn't cover on the agenda. Beth Hutchinson: Okay, what is that? Kim Myre: Employee roles and responsibilities. Beth Hutchinson: We postponed that. Troy Spence: Postponed it. Kim Myre: Can I just ask a question? Beth Hutchinson: Sure. Kim Myre: You keep referring to employees. Who are your employees? Beth Hutchinson: Well that's one thing we're attempting to totally clarify. We have one employee that is our full employee. Tammy Lewis: No. Felicity Derry: I'm not an employee. I'm contract labor. Beth Hutchinson: You're contract labor. Felicity Derry: I'm not an employee. Kim Myre: And I work for Missoula County. Felicity Derry: So you have no employees. Beth Hutchinson: Well, all right this is what we are trying to clarify.

Jean Curtiss: So, you don't really have any employees. Beth Hutchinson: We don't have any employees. We have people who in some fashion are supposed to be helping us. By enlarge we have no idea what some of them are supposed to be doing. Umm, what we can call upon them for. And we wanted to find that out. So, what would you call your position? Kim Myre: My position is with Missoula County, Seeley Lake Projects and Operations Coordinator. Beth Hutchinson: Right. And when you are turned over to us to provide services then it's, we need to find that out, but we're not going to do it tonight. Kim Myre: It's the same title. You are a project for me. I work for Greg Robertson and this is part of my job as a project. Beth Hutchinson: All right well we'll.

Jean Curtiss: And your contract with Greg is just about up. Beth Hutchinson: November. Jean Curtiss: The County has loaned you him for a dollar a year for seven years. I don't think we have billed you the seven dollars, but umm, so anyway that's going to need to be negotiated if you want to keep Greg on as your project manager. If you're going to hire somebody because you're going forward. All that, but Kim really is Greg's support person not yours. She is a lot of information for you. Beth Hutchinson: All right well that's one thing that we were attempting to find out and I think in the next meeting we will try to understand it better and we will have to use a different word from employees. Okay is there a motion to adjourn?



**ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:**

Troy Spence: Make a motion to adjourn this meeting. Juli Cole: I'll second that. Beth Hutchinson: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor? Troy Spence: Aye. Juli Cole: Aye. Beth Hutchinson: Aye. Thank you.

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Beth Hutchinson, President

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Felicity Derry, Secretary