

**SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 16, 2021**

Tom Morris	President	PRESENT	Jason Gilpin	Director	PRESENT
Pat Goodover	Vice President	PRESENT	Cheri Thompson	Director	PRESENT**
	Director	VACANT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	PRESENT
	Manager	VACANT	Kim Myre	Missoula Co	PRESENT

\*Joined the meeting at 6:30pm

\*\*Left meeting at 6:42pm

Public Attendance - Appendix A

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Morris at 6:24pm. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom. Pat Goodover was experiencing audio problems and left the meeting. Tom Morris requested that everybody who was in attendance identify themselves for the record. There were times during the meeting where there were audio difficulties and consequently there were people who did not respond because of it.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Tom Morris noted that he would need to remove himself from the discussion of the Lawsuit Legal Fees and requested that this item be moved to follow correspondence, to allow Cheri Thompson to be present for that item. Also, that the 2021 budget would be discussed tonight and the 2022 budget would be on next month's agenda.

Pat Goodover rejoined the meeting at 6:30pm after resolving his technical issues.

There were no other changes to the agenda.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

Tom Morris requested that people be respectful of everybody's time and that there be no discussion of items that are not on the agenda, unless the Board has approved the discussion. Additionally, anybody wishing to speak should address the presiding officer and wait to be recognized, prior to speaking.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Don Larson (Appendix B)

Tom Morris read this email.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lawsuit Legal Fees

Tom Morris recused himself from this item and yielded the chair to Pat Goodover. Pat Goodover noted that the judge had ruled that each side would pay their legal costs. The Board discussed whether there was any justification to pay Don Larson’s legal fees.

**Pat Goodover moved to send Don Larson a letter/email that says we have reviewed your request and have decided that it is something we are not obligated to do, or interested in paying, or words to that effect.** Cheri Thompson suggested that it should be a letter rather than an email. Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Recused
Pat Goodover	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye
Cheri Thompson	Aye
Director	Vacant

Cheri Thompson left the meeting at 6:42pm.

Pat Goodover yielded the chair back to Tom Morris.

**MINUTES:**

August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Jason Gilpin moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Board Meeting.** Pat Goodover seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Aye
Pat Goodover	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye
Cheri Thompson	Absent
Director	Vacant

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Invoices – August 2021

Tom Morris reviewed the invoices.

**Tom Morris moved to approve all of the invoices for payment.** Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Aye
Pat Goodover	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye

Cheri Thompson      Absent  
Director              Vacant

June 2021 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the June 2021 financial reports and the balance of the District’s bank accounts.

July 2021 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the July 2021 financial reports, noting that the project had been closed out and the project detail was no longer reflected in the FY2022 reports.

**MANGERS REPORT:**

Currently there is no manager to present a report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Proposed Action Plan for 2021-2022

Nathan Bourne noted that the Action Plan had been adopted. Tom Morris concurred that it had been adopted and will be reflected on the agenda as such. There were no committee reports to review.

Amend 2021 Budget

Tom Morris noted that the 2021 budget needed to be closed out.

**Tom Morris moved to close out the 2021 budget.** Pat Goodover seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris              Aye  
Pat Goodover            Aye  
Jason Gilpin             Aye  
Cheri Thompson        Absent  
Director                 Vacant

Nutrient Budget Analysis

Caryn Miske noted that CRC was collecting baseline data for all six of the lakes, which could be a starting point for a nutrient budget, but additional data would need to be collected. Tom Morris suggested that this item be moved to the October agenda, once the budget had been amended and more information was available.

Caryn Miske agreed to facilitate an information sheet from the Flathead Biological Station for the next meeting.

### New Agreement with Seeley Swan High School

Gretchen Wilson noted that she was new to the high school and had met with CRC to review the data. There was a huge interest from the students in the program, which utilized real world science and kept the students engaged. Tom Morris questioned how many tests would be performed and the cost for those tests.

Joann Wallenburn replied that usually twenty samples would be collected throughout the year, at a cost of approximately \$2,600, but she would confirm that cost.

Joann Wallenburn then reviewed the program and its goals, noting that the school did additional testing inhouse and requested that if the Board chose to discontinue the program, that it be continued through October 1, 2021 to close out the water year.

Joanne Wallenburn continued, noting that CRC had received a grant to develop a watershed restoration plan for the Clearwater River. A watershed restoration plan would open the door to more grant money relating to water quality, which could be advantageous to the Sewer District. Joann Wallenburn urged the Board to continue supporting the program, which was beneficial to the community, as well as the District, and the high school data was being used to develop the watershed restoration plan.

The Board discussed whether to postpone a decision on this item until the next meeting, after the budget had been amended.

The Board discussed with Joann Wallenburn whether the MOU was still in effect and that a previous Board had approved that the agreement would automatically renew each year. Also, if a new agreement would be needed due to the increase of the cost of the tests. Caryn Miske added that CRC could confirm the annual cost of the tests.

Jason Gilpin suggested that this item be moved to the October meeting, until the Board gets more information. Pat Goodover agreed to this change.

### Dissolution of the District

Tom Morris noted that there had been discussion from the public regarding dissolution of the District being added to the agenda. Pat Goodover was against dissolving the Board, as there was a definite need to find a solution to the situation regarding nitrate and non-nitrate pollution. Dissolving the District would not help that. There was no public comment on this item.

### Mission Update

There was no discussion on this item.

## Income Survey

Pat Goodover had not heard from Beth Hutchinson on this.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Pay off Missoula County Loan

Tom Morris noted that the District had a \$21,912 loan from Missoula County that needed to be paid back.

**Tom Morris moved to pay that (the \$21,912 loan to Missoula County) back.** Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. Nathan Bourne asked if the \$110,000 County loan was reflected in the bank account balances. Felicity Derry replied that it had never been received into the District's account. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Aye
Pat Goodover	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye
Cheri Thompson	Absent
Director	Vacant

### Interlocal Agreement

Tom Morris noted that this agreement had been made during the old project, and would need to be reworked. The Board would like to continue the services extended by the County through Kim Myre, who was appreciated, with some modification. If there was another project the District would need grant administration. There was no public comment. Jason Gilpin suggested that the Board renew an amended agreement. Pat Goodover had been unable to print the agreement and therefore did not have much input. Tom Morris noted that the agreement expired in October and requested input from Kim Myre.

Nathan Bourne suggested that Tom Morris ask the County what they were willing to continue and let the County write the agreement for the Board to review. The current agreement also set aside \$100,000 for a subsidy and the District should ask the County to reserve that money to assist the District moving forward.

### District Email Addresses

Tom Morris noted that there were email addresses for each of the Board members, which would keep District business separate from personal emails. The Board discussed utilizing the email addresses and then discussion followed on FOIA requests.

**Tom Morris moved to activate the new email addresses and that they be posted on the Seeley Lake Sewer District website for public access.** Jason Gilpin and Pat Goodover seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

Tom Morris	Aye
Pat Goodover	Aye
Jason Gilpin	Aye
Cheri Thompson	Absent
Director	Vacant

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: October 21, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

There was discussion on the balance of the Citizens Alliance Bank account and that it should be added to the next agenda.

Tom Morris noted that the following items should be added to the October agenda: Citizens Alliance Account, SSHS MOU, the Action Plan, Amend the 2022 Budget, Mission Update, Income Survey, Interlocal Agreement, Nutrient Budget Analysis and Discussion on the Application for Board Position & Interim Manager.

Pat Goodover requested that a presentation on sewer systems be added to the next agenda.

Nathan Bourne questioned if the Dissolution of the District had been tabled. Tom Morris acknowledged that there had been some audio issues, but it had not been tabled. There had been input from Pat Goodover and there was no public comment.

Tom Morris requested that agenda items be sent by October 15, 2021 if possible.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:**

**Tom Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Pat Goodover and Jason Gilpin seconded the motion.**

Attest:

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Tom Morris, President

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Felicity Derry, Secretary