

SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2022

Tom Morris	President	PRESENT	Cheri Thompson	Director	PRESENT
Pat Goodover	Vice President	PRESENT	Troy Spence	Director	PRESENT
Jason Gilpin	Director	PRESENT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	PRESENT
Bill Decker	Manager	PRESENT			

Public Attendance - Appendix A

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm. The meeting was held in person at the Barn, 2920 Highway 83, Seeley Lake and remotely via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Tom Morris suggested moving Lake & Well Monitoring to directly after public comment.

Tom Morris moved to adjust the agenda so that Lake & Well Monitoring is directly after Public Comment. Cheri Thompson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Tom Morris noted that it was a full agenda and requested that everybody be respectful and move the meeting along.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Lake & Well Monitoring

Vince Chappell noted that the testing had been completed in September. However, the lab had not sent the bottles for the June tests, so there had been no testing in June. For Well#1 the level of both nitrates and chlorides were both higher than last year. Coliform was also present. Well#3 had similar levels for nitrates and chlorides as last year. The well depth had been slightly lower over the past

couple of years. There had been a high level of coliform in September. The bay lake sample had similar chloride levels as previous results and there was a no detect for nitrate. Both coliform and E. coli were present. The Riverview Bridge lake sample was consistent with the last two years. Coliform and E. coli were present. The Lions Club pond showed a higher level of chlorides than in March and there was a no detect for chlorides. Coliform and E. coli were off the chart.

Tom Morris questioned if the chloride level was due to flooding the pond with city water. Chappell noted that chlorides were not indicative of chlorine. Cheri Thompson questioned the presence of coliform in the wells? Chappell noted that over the past year or so the bacteria testing had been performed by Missoula County. Unfortunately, the majority of the time the lab failed to receive the tests on time. Prior to that the wells consistently tested positive for coliform. The coliform test results for the lake samples stayed about the same. It fluctuated with the flow and when there was more activity in the summer. The pond had the largest spikes. Discussion followed on the possible reasons for this and the ground water flow.

Pat Goodover questioned why Well#1 had high nitrates. Vince Chappell would not speculate why. Cheri Thompson questioned if the RV dump station effected the well. Vince Chappell noted that because of the location of the well, the RV dump station should have no effect on Well#1. Discussion followed on the RV dump station's water usage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MINUTES:

October 20, 2022

Pat Goodover moved to approve the minutes (October 20, 2022) as presented. Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Invoices – October 2022

Tom Morris reviewed the October invoices.

Tom Morris moved to pay the bills. Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

August 2022 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the August financial reports noting that it had been a very quiet month. The timing of the Fee Assessment income was discussed.

September 2022 Financial Reports

Felicity Derry reviewed the September financial reports noting that the Missoula County bank account always received a relatively large amount of interest compared to the Citizens Alliance bank account.

MANGER'S REPORT:

Bill Decker reviewed his report for October/November, noting that he had attended the Community Council meeting and marked the location of the fourteen monitoring wells, so that they could be located. Discussion followed on the locates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Plan for 2021-2022 - Committee Reports

Bill Decker noted that the committee had not met in the last two months.

Pathfinder Article & Email Newsletter

Cheri Thompson noted that the article would be held for a month, until things had settled down at the paper.

Mission Update

Cheri Thompson noted that Bill Decker had given the WET presentation at the Community Council meeting, which had stimulated some good conversations.

Environmental Deoxyribonucleic Acid (eDNA) Sampling

None

Test Result Map

None.

WET Sample Well Drilling

Bill Decker added that the wells would be drilled after Thanksgiving. Hopefully four to five wells could be completed in a day.

NEW BUSINESS:

WET Info & Contract

Bill Decker noted that the contract was fairly straight forward; however, suggested that it would be standard procedure to have the District's attorney review the contract. The contract did not have to be signed today. The Board discussed having the attorney review the contract

Cheri Thompson moved that we send this (contract) to the lawyer for review. Tom Morris was willing to second the motion, if it stated that Bill Decker would send the contract. **Cheri Thompson moved that Bill (Decker) send the contract to the attorney for review.** Tom Morris seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

Board Meeting Schedule & Location

Tom Morris noted that not much would be happening for the next month or two.

Tom Morris moved to not have regular meetings until February of 2023 and that we approve payment of normal bills up to the budgeted amount during that time period, as they come due. Pat Goodover seconded the motion. Discussion followed on holding a special meeting if it was warranted and circulating the bills to the Board for review each month. In the interim the Board should think about the budget. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP)

Bill Decker noted that the District had applied for the CTAP grant; however, there were no funds, so the application would be submitted in their new fiscal year, beginning October 2022.

There was discussion as to whether the WET contract would need to be signed before the meeting in February.

Tom Morris moved to sign the contract with WET as long as the attorney approves it. Cheri Thompson seconded the motion. The Board discussed that this item was on the agenda earlier in the meeting. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimous.

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

Clearwater RV Dump Station

Bill Decker noted that there had been discussion at the Community Council meeting that the Community Council would draft another letter regarding the RV dump station, in which the Sewer Board might want to participate. Bill Decker would circulate the draft letter to Board once he had received it. The required repairs to the Clearwater RV dump station and Fish, Wildlife & Park's owning an RV dump station were discussed.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: February 16, 2022

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Tom Morris noted that the following items should be added to the February agenda: Action Plan – Committee Reports – Pathfinder Article; Mission Update; Test Result Map, RV Dump Station, eDNA Sampling, WET Community Outreach – *Discussion/Action* and Fact Letter to the Pathfinder – *Discussion/Action*.

Discussion followed on testing the new monitoring wells and the added expense. There were no objections from the Board to the added testing expense.

ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

Cheri Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. Tom Morris seconded the motion.

Attest:

Tom Morris, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary

