

SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2018

ROLL CALL

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

Public Attendance - Appendix A

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Beth Hutchinson at 6:02pm at The Senior Center, located at 707 Pine Drive.

ROLL CALL:

Beth Hutchinson: Would you do the roll call please?

Felicity Derry: Umm, Mike? You here? You here? **Mike Boltz:** Yeah, I'm here. **Felicity Derry:** Davy? **Davy Good:** Here. **Felicity Derry:** Beth? **Beth Hutchinson:** Here. **Felicity Derry:** Troy? **Troy Spence:** Here. **Felicity Derry:** Okay, good deal.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, we have a lot of umm, extremely interesting things on the agenda tonight. Some pry, some surprises that came along, things like that. We will have to step out for an executive session once, possibly twice. Umm, there also is a diagram of the sewer plant and the distribution system that can be passed around. It's sitting on the table right there, in case you'd like to look at it. We're passing it around because it's detailed, and you probably need to have it up close to see it.

Umm, I would like to thank all the guests for coming tonight. We have several people from Missoula. That's really nice.

MINUTES:

September 6, 2018

Beth Hutchinson: Umm, we'll start out with the minutes, and the minutes for September 6th were priority minutes because they were needed for the TSEP grant. So, we're going to begin with them. We have begun doing verbatim minutes and it seemed like an important thing to have, given the fact that we do have a lawsuit. And so, we're working right now on helping Felicity, who has done an awesome job of getting minutes produced, and she's also tinkering with some formatting things so they're a little bit easier to read. I suggest that. How long does it take to get them on the website? A week or so? **Felicity Derry:** Umm, about that. **Beth Hutchinson:** About that. That when you are looking at them, that you look at them with a

helpful eye of anything, formatting that you think would make it easier, but it is a great deal of work that she has this particular month. So, as far as the minutes of September 6th, does anybody have any corrections or comments on them? If not, I'll entertain a motion for their approval.

Davy Good: I'll make a motion we approve these minutes. **Mike Boltz:** I'll second. **Beth Hutchinson:** It's been moved and seconded that the minutes for September 6th be approved. All those in favor say aye. **Troy Spence:** Aye. **Mike Boltz:** Aye. **Davy Good:** Aye. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay.

July 19, 2018

Beth Hutchinson: All right. So, then we can go back to July 19th. See if you have any corrections or comments? I have a question on page five, umm, Betsy Allen was speaking and she mentioned that the state was looking at legislation regarding some changes, and the framework had to do with Whitefish and Echo. I know Betsy isn't here tonight, but does anybody know anything about that legislation? No. Okay. **Nathan Bourne:** I think she was referring to, to an article that had come out in the Missoulian, or one of them. I think she was referring to something that had come out umm, talking about legislation that's, that they're considering for this upcoming session. So, you might look up. I think it was in the Missoulian. There was an article in there. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you Nathan.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, I have one or two punctuation things that I think would have been questions even though they sounded like statements. So, I don't think we need to deal with that. **Felicity Derry:** No. **Beth Hutchinson:** In this way. **Felicity Derry:** Okay. **Beth Hutchinson:** There is one thing that I am looking for. Umm, the part that I'm looking to correct is where I was not at the meeting because I left, I excused myself early, and when I read the minutes I saw that Mike Boltz said that umm, something about a phone call with me where I was ranting and raving, and that I hung up on him. I think ranting and raving is a loose judgement thing, but two months earlier he said he hung up on me, so I would like that corrected. **Felicity Derry:** But that's what he said in the meeting..... **Jean Curtiss:** That's what he said, so... **Felicity Derry:** ...and you want verbatim minutes, so that's what he said. **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh. **Felicity Derry:** So, you can't change what he said. **Beth Hutchinson:** I can't change what he said, but can I correct anything about it? **Felicity Derry:** Well no, you can comment on it, but it wouldn't be a representation of the meeting if you changed what he said. **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh, all right. Okay, well I won't change what he said but I will comment then that two months earlier, at a Board meeting he said he had, he had to hang up on me. That was all on that.

Nathan Bourne: I've got a couple on page twenty. **Beth Hutchinson:** Twenty, Nathan. **Nathan Bourne:** The second paragraph down, third line up from the bottom. It says "Board decision that Mike Boltz: No, you're not allowed to." Ahead of that where Mike said no you're not allowed to, somebody asked to speak in there and it wasn't identified. **Felicity Derry:** Somebody asked to speak? **Nathan Bourne:** Yeah, somebody said can I ask a question? Or can I speak, or something. You might go back and listen to that one. **Felicity Derry:** I couldn't hear that, at all. **Jean Curtiss:** There was some talking over. **Felicity Derry:** There were a lot of people talking at that point. **Nathan Bourne:** That one was fairly clear, I thought on mine. **Felicity Derry:** I couldn't hear it. **Nathan Bourne:** There was another, there was another set that was not as clear, that I disagree with what you have here, but it was really hard

to hear. So. **Felicity Derry:** I, I don't have that at all. So... **Nathan Bourne:** Okay.

Beth Hutchinson: This raises an issue on, when people are going to be speaking during public comment, I'd ask you to come up here to our red podium because Felicity is doing verbatim minutes she expressed that she's hearing paper shuffling and people kind of jumping on top of each other at the ends of periods of talk. And we are going to try to keep it better separated and speaking up. So, if you'll come up here to make your public comment, I'd appreciate it and I think Felicity would too. Okay anything else on these minutes? Is there a motion for their approval?

Davy Good: I'll make a motion we approve these minutes. **Mike Boltz:** I'll second. **Beth Hutchinson:** It has been moved and seconded that the minutes for July 19th be accepted. All in favor signify so by saying aye. **Troy Spence:** Aye. **Davy Good:** Aye. **Mike Boltz:** Aye. **Beth Hutchinson:** Aye.

August 16, 2018

Beth Hutchinson: All right we'll move on to August 16th. On page five, the second paragraph, in the middle of the fourth line down. Let's see, I think that's two separate words, in large. Cause it's not making something bigger, it's a context I think of in large. Does that make sense? **Felicity Derry:** Umm, sure I can do that.

Beth Hutchinson: And on page thirteen, third paragraph down, which is a real skinny one, and it's the second line down and it goes or, and I think it's what, not that. **Felicity Derry:** But you said... **Beth Hutchinson:** I said that. Okay. On page nineteen, this one's a hard one to get to. All right it's that very long second full para, or the first full paragraph. Okay and it would be one, two, three, four lines up, about five words in and the word, oh I'm sorry from the right. "All right, and Kim I'm really sorry that we don't understand", do you see that? And the next word is written jest, but I think it was jist, J I S T. **Felicity Derry:** Okay. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay? And on page twenty-nine, umm, the second paragraph from the bottom, and one, two, three, four, five, six and seven lines up, more or less in the middle, you have the word enlarge and I think they both would be in large. **Felicity Derry:** Okay. **Beth Hutchinson:** That's it. Anybody else? Would someone like to make a motion?

Davy Good: I'll make a motion to approve these minutes. **Mike Boltz:** I'll second. **Beth Hutchinson:** All those in favor aye, say aye. **Troy Spence:** Aye. **Mike Boltz:** Aye. **Beth Hutchinson:** Minutes have been passed. There's one set of minutes from the 13th that still remain to be completed. So that does it for the minutes tonight. Troy, did you have a question? **Troy Spence:** No. **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Invoices – August 2018

Beth Hutchinson: All right looking at the financial reports, the invoices for August. You have a question? Nope. Umm, I have a question on the invoice from the county water district. **Felicity Derry:** Yup. **Beth Hutchinson:** The bookkeeping for August. **Felicity Derry:** Umm hmm. **Beth Hutchinson:** Can you explain that just a little bit, just for understanding. **Felicity Derry:** It's not, it's not just.... **Beth Hutchinson:** Not just August, oh. **Felicity Derry:** ...bookkeeping, no. **Beth Hutchinson:** It's the whole nine yards. **Felicity Derry:**

It's everything. **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh, okay. **Felicity Derry:** So, I do, it's all the admin stuff that I do and August was an extremely busy month. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yes. **Felicity Derry:** I spent a good deal of doing sewer stuff. **Beth Hutchinson:** Right. **Felicity Derry:** So that's what it is. It's not strictly bookkeeping, it's bookkeeping and admin. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, and an information question also on the last page for Great West. **Felicity Derry:** Umm. **Beth Hutchinson:** Can you explain, or possibly Kim, the project coordinator, and then the project manager two, what their tasks are? How they differ? **Kim Myre:** I, I don't know. **Beth Hutchinson:** Well I just thought you might. **Felicity Derry:** I think that's something to ask Amy, on Monday. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, I'll ask her then. **Felicity Derry:** Because I don't know, I don't know how they assign their tasks. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay. All right well, for people who thought perhaps not much was going on with Great West, I would suggest that a fair amount was going on, because we've got some substantial billing here. Umm, the total for Great West Engineering was the highest invoice that we had, and it was for thirteen thousand six hundred thirty-three dollars and some change. Is there a motion to accept the invoices?

Davy Good: I make a motion that we accept these invoices. **Beth Hutchinson:** A second? **Mike Boltz:** Second. **Beth Hutchinson:** It's been moved and seconded to accept the invoices for August 2018. All those in favor say aye. **Davy Good:** Aye. **Troy Spence:** Aye. **Beth Hutchinson:** Aye. Okay.

Financials - June 2018

Beth Hutchinson: The financials, which I guess Felicity will report on. **Felicity Derry:** Umm, I don't have anything for June because umm, the County still hasn't closed out June. And so, they send me a report of the umm, account and I don't have that yet. And I was thinking that I would have had it by now, but they have not closed out their month so, I don't have that. So, those have not been done yet. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: Now the next two topics umm, are sensitive information that is somewhat related to the lawsuit, and I would appreciate guidance from somebody as to whether there are things that we can discuss openly in the meeting to begin with, or if we should begin with an executive session?

Jean Curtiss: You can close for personnel, if the person doesn't want to have it disclosed. You can close for umm, litigation strategy. Other than that, probably not. **Beth Hutchinson:** Can I talk to you for a second?

At this time Beth Hutchinson left the room to talk with Jean Curtiss.

Mike Boltz: I thought this was a public meeting. No? That's not very public. I'm not getting that at all. **Davy Good:** Do you have things to talk about? **Mike Boltz:** Well, end of the public meeting. Now it's a private meeting.

Beth Hutchinson returned to the room.

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, it doesn't seem like this requires a closed session.

Review of Insurance Policies – Pre July 2018 and Post July 2018

Beth Hutchinson: Approximately ten days ago we received communications from our attorney that the six, seventeen-year-old insurance policy for directors' insurance for errors and omissions and liability was not enforceable. That means as far as our lawsuit is concerned we are not covered by insurance. Umm, that obviously was a tremendous shock and it involves some thinking on the part of the Board about how to proceed because we do need to be fiscally accountable. And that leads into the second part there. So, the insurance is c, and the second part, the review of the financial obligations with respect to the District reserve, is where we have somewhat of a collision course. The last time I spoke with Felicity we had, just about, a hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars in the reserve, which has been intended for matching grants and subsidies, possibly for Phase I, things like that. It also has served to lubricate when there are a little bit of overruns. But we're looking possibly at significant overruns. We have need for match money, right now, approximately eighteen thousand dollars. Is that correct? Twenty-one? **Felicity Derry:** Somewhere around there. **Beth Hutchinson:** Somewhere in there. That's close enough. But we also then are looking at our attorney fees. I asked ten days ago for a summary of charges to this point and I was told I would get it in a few days, but it hasn't arrived. Umm, if we can't pay our attorney, we don't know with how we're dealing with going forward on things and we will have to discuss that later. And we have to then look at the other side that if we can't go forward, are we giving in, in which case we would have obligations on the other side, and if you take fairly sizable quantities of money and put them down there, it pretty much uses our reserve. And so, we're like this with our priorities. A not comfortable place to be.

Umm, I also asked, going back to insurance, if the attorney would determine, really carefully, whether our new insurance, which began July 1st, has appropriate coverage that we could count on. Not for using it for the other because they've already determined that they're not going to do that. They're not gonna pay for something they weren't getting paid for themselves. But going forward, if we have other obstacles that come along, are we appropriately covered as board members? And I do not have an answer on that either. So, we will let that sit for people to think about. I don't know if board members have comments on this?

Beth Hutchinson: Mike? **Mike Boltz:** No, I don't have any comments. **Beth Hutchinson:** Davy? **Davy Good:** Nope. **Beth Hutchinson:** Troy? **Troy Spence:** No.

Nathan Bourne: I have a question. Umm, who is the insurance purchaser, what was the, who is the agency that you purchased the insurance through seventeen years ago and has been maintaining it? **Beth Hutchinson:** Felicity, can you? **Felicity Derry:** Western States I believe.

Review of Financial Obligations as Relate to District Reserve

Beth Hutchinson: George. **George Hauser:** I have experience at a law suit in a homeowners' association and it is important that you earmark. You talked about several different categories that the funds that you currently have are there to cover. The Board needs to make a decision to earmark so many dollars to cover the matching funds, or whatever, and ah, anything else then. It makes it harder for a judge, if you can explain to him what that money is there for. And if you've got a resolution passed by the Board that states that whatever dollar

amount is for matching funds, and then whatever else, ah, it makes it more difficult for that money to come up for grabs from the plaintiffs. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you. I think that going forward that sounds like a very intelligent move. Any other comments?

Beth Hutchinson: Yes. **Dave Stewart:** I have a question. **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh, excuse me. Umm, this is where, remember to state your name, and it would be helpful if you'd come up front. Dave, right? **Dave Stewart:** How do you know that? I haven't stated my name yet. My name is Dave Stewart. I have property in what would be ah, zone 2. And I guess my question to the Board is, if you are concerned about these lawsuits and loses. I didn't think from what I read in the paper and other places that they were asking for damages. **Beth Hutchinson:** They were. They were asking for attorney's fees, damages, and one other thing.

Jean Curtiss: I don't think they're asking for any damages. **Mike Boltz:** I didn't read damages. **Dave Stewart:** What's that? **Mike Boltz:** I didn't read damages. I just read that they were trying to stop this. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, all right, well.... **Davy Good:** And attorney's fees. **Beth Hutchinson:** So, what I was referencing, I was talking about the lawsuit. **Mike Boltz:** Well that's up to the judge. **Beth Hutchinson:** I think we can avoid damages, but there would be attorney's fees if we negotiate a settlement. **Dave Stewart:** Possibly. I mean that's all up in the air right now.

Beth Hutchinson: George. Oh, excuse me what? **George Hauser:** George Hauser. **Beth Hutchinson:** He has a bad hip. He just got operated on. Thank you, Dave. **George Hauser:** The damages and things like that would be decided by a jury. More than likely this thing will go to a jury trial, if it proceeds. If, if the judge, that currently has it in front, I think it's a female, her. Then if she says it should go, it warrants going to a trial then it would probably be up to the jury to determine those damages. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you. Any other comments?

CORRESPONDENCE:

Juli Cole

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, umm. All right moving on to correspondence. We have a letter of, excuse me, resignation from director Juli Cole.

Department of Commerce

Beth Hutchinson: And we have a letter from the Department of Commerce. Did we already have that in the meeting? Cause I saw it before. **Felicity Derry:** I emailed it to you. **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh, you emailed it to me, okay. So, the ah, letter from the Department of Commerce had to do with the TSEP grant, and granting us an extension so that we could get the technicalities for the umm, Environmental Assessment hearing and all straightened out. And that got accomplished. The minutes are accomplished. So, as far as I know we're in good shape. Would you agree with that Kim? **Kim Myre:** I haven't been involved with that, Felicity has. **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh, Felicity? **Felicity Derry:** Yes, I would. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yes. Okay, thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, public comment. If we can limit public comment to a total of a half hour maximum today, that would be good. Once again, let's be really careful about coming in

on the end of somebody's statement. For two reasons, one politeness and two is Felicity's ease. So, if anybody has a comment on anything that's not on the agenda umm, would you come up, identify yourself, and have your say.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** Is there an agenda somewhere? **Felicity Derry:** Oh, I have agendas here. I'm sorry, I didn't put them out. I'm sorry, there we go, there's a whole bunch of them.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** Jean Curtiss, County Commissioner. Ah, I just wanted to let you know I was at a conference all week umm, in Missoula, and one of the vendors at the conference was umm, USDA Rural Development. So, I visited with them a little bit, and I just wanted to make sure that you're aware that it's been stated at a couple of meetings that I've been at, this money, it was stated in, in the ah, the courtroom too, that somehow this money, like it's in a box and we can open it anytime we want. It's not true. There's, they are watching. They want to make sure you're going forward. I'm glad you have the meeting, I see it's been rescheduled to Monday, so that you can understand the project well, but umm, this Board was given the authority and the directive from the folks that live in the District, by the protest, or lack thereof, last fall and it's really your responsibility to act. So, I hope that we get to that point soon. Thank you. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you. Anybody else with public comment? In that case public comment is concluded.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Status Report – Potential uses for 2018 WRDA grant

Beth Hutchinson: And we will move on to the Manager's Report. I have umm, an email from Greg. He was planning on attending last Monday as his one monthly interaction with us, and since it got moved he had scheduled family things for tonight. So, he's not here. I asked if he could clarify what we could use the money from the WRDA 2018, otherwise known as the grant from Jon Tester, for. And he says that those funds can be used for design, securing rights of way, construction, and construction administration for any phases. Umm, he tentatively loaded into the contingency for Phase I, since there wasn't too much there, but it can be moved around. It has to meet one of the above categories if we wanted to use it for a different phase. Umm, if we do want to move the funds around, we will need to talk directly to the Army Corps of Engineers. Greg also raised an issue that Jean raised previously, that our inter-local agreement with the County expires in November. And that it is unlikely, according to Greg, that it would get renewed in its current form. Would you conclude, ah, concur with that Jean?

Jean Curtiss: Yes. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, umm. What would you feel would be changes that could occur?

Jean Curtiss: You know we haven't, we haven't really talked about that yet. Umm, I know that Greg has a lot of projects on his plate, I'm not sure that he has time. He doesn't have time to just sit around while you decide that's for sure. I think that as you decide to go forward umm, it's probably in your best interest to hire a project manager as part of that process. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay. Any other comments on that?

Beth Hutchinson: Yes, Nathan. **Nathan Bourne:** I have a question on that umm, inter-local agreement. Is the County still on the hook for five hundred thousand dollars in construction engineering for the project, for Phase I? That's in the, in the ah, opinion of probable cost. **Jean Curtiss:** If that's a previous obligation that we made, we would stick to that obligation. Yes.

Beth Hutchinson: It's my understanding that that portion of the construction engineering was for the umm, prop, the individual property hook ups that Great West was taking care of. The street lines, but that Greg thought that the County could handle going from the street to the houses, and that was that engineering? **Mike Boltz:** No. **Beth Hutchinson:** That's not true? Mike can you reference that then please? **Mike Boltz:** I don't know what that money was for. The, we already go the two million dollars to hookup all the houses. It had nothing to do with that money. **Beth Hutchinson:** Well, it wasn't the physical hooking up, it was the engineering for it. And I. **Felicity Derry:** It was for construction inspection, is what it was for. **Beth Hutchinson:** Construction inspection. Okay. **Mike Boltz:** Yeah. Like for the superintendent, or something like that? **Felicity Derry:** Yeah, to check that the contractor is doing what they're supposed to do. **Jean Curtiss:** Yeah, to make sure that the pipes are laid right and all that stuff. **Felicity Derry:** Yup.

Beth Hutchinson: Nathan. **Nathan Bourne:** It's, it's on the collection system for Phase I. On the opinion of probable cost, there down at the bottom, it says construction engineering services to performed by Missoula County, and that previously was a five-hundred-thousand-dollar line item in the budget. And so, it appears to be for all of the collection system. The Great West Engineering is still listed as the construction engineer for the treatment plant. **Felicity Derry:** It's not for engineering for the collection system. It's for inspection of the construction. **Nathan Bourne:** It says construction engineering services. **Felicity Derry:** But an engineer has to.... **Jean Curtiss:** It's one of those things you can clarify on Monday when you have Great West here. **Felicity Derry:** Yeah. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay. Thank you. Umm.

Kim Myre: Beth I have something on the 2018 WRDA grant. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, can you hold on one second? Cause I want to make sure I covered everything that Greg referenced.

Davy Good: Next time if we could be included in that email too? Or maybe print a couple of copies up, so we could look at it? **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, I just received it at one o'clock today, so I will do that Davy. Thank you. All right, so Greg does suggest that we reach out to the Board of Commissioners to discuss some aspect of a new agreement if we have interest in doing so.

Beth Hutchinson: Yes. **Kim Myre:** I received an email from the Army Corps of Engineers today on the 2018 WRDA grant, and essentially, it's a supplement to the 2017 grant. So, they're basically combining them into one. So, that's sort of how Greg covered it in there, is the funding can be used for the same things that the 2017 grant could be used for. But what I got in the mail today, or the email, is a memorandum of record that needs to be signed and submitted to Jeffrey Dillon by next Wednesday, because these funds need to be committed by the end of the fiscal year, which is September 30th. So, realistically this letter needs to be signed tonight, and emailed off to him, so ah, that the funds can be committed. And it doesn't mean that the funds need to be spent, there's not really a commitment on the part of the Board, it's just to reserve that money in their fiscal year because it's a fiscal year eighteen grant. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, and that still holds what Greg said that we would be allowed to move it around a little. Thanks. **Kim Myre:** Yup. And it explains in this memorandum what those, what the funds could be used for.

Beth Hutchinson: Kim are you familiar with any of the details about the cost share? **Kim**

Myre: Yes. **Beth Hutchinson:** Ah, where would that money be coming from? **Kim Myre:** Huh. Well, it's what you've been talking about. It's, it's ah, a lot of it is from the reserve and then the other funding sources that we can use for umm, matching funds. It's all been considered in the budget. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, and what other funds are available in addition to the reserve? **Kim Myre:** I'm not, I don't have all that information with me today. **Beth Hutchinson:** But you're fairly confident the reserve is part of it? **Kim Myre:** Well, this is new money. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yeah. **Kim Myre:** So, umm, the share, ah, the match requirement for this money is a hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars, in addition to whatever it was previously to that. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: Hah. All right, I'm going to, we will need to address this, but I'm going to set it aside till we have our other discussion because it will impact how we handle it. **Kim Myre:** Well, this document is just to set the funding aside, and if we don't do it then I'm guessing... **Jean Curtiss:** It will go back. **Kim Myre:** The money goes back. **Beth Hutchinson:** I realize that, I'm just setting it aside for a few minutes because if the reserve is involved, and the four of us have to discuss some things about using the reserve, we need to have that discussion before we sign anything.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** So, I believe on your umm, the, the assessments for this year will be collected on the, on the property tax bills that go out this year, so that will add to your pool of money. **Beth Hutchinson:** And that comes in, in two separate amounts? **Jean Curtiss:** I'm not sure. Sometimes, I didn't look that up... **Felicity Derry:** It does November and May. **Jean Curtiss:** Umm, sometimes they come in in one when they are a, an assessment like that. **Kim Myre:** It's twice. **Felicity Derry:** It's twice. **Kim Myre:** Yeah, twenty-eight thousand dollars is the reserve. It looks like we're going to be over budget in other areas this year. **Felicity Derry:** Yeah. **Kim Myre:** So, I wouldn't count on the twenty-eight thousand, not all of it. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you. Does anybody else have any comments on the manager's status and report? Questions?

Connie Betson: Yes, I do. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yeah. **Connie Betson:** I haven't been to the last few meetings, so maybe this was resolved. **Beth Hutchinson:** Can you? **Connie Betson:** Oops, sorry, yes. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you. **Connie Betson:** I'm Congetta Betson, most people know me as Connie, but I haven't been to the last few meetings, and I know that it was going to be discussed whether they could get right-of-way through a few properties or not. Has that ever been determined? Or finalized? **Beth Hutchinson:** Some right-of-ways have been acquired, some remain to be acquired, but on the Monday meeting one of the really important things that Amy mentioned that was coming along was to talk about the route up the hill. That as far as Great West is concerned the direction for going up to the plant has not been determined. And I've heard other things myself. Umm, but I would presume that the engineers have a pretty good idea of whether that route is clearly set or not. If you look back in the minutes, oh, what is it? Like seven or eight months ago maybe, Nathan? There was a discussion by the Board, and there was an expression on the part of some board members that they thought it was moved here or that it wasn't decided, so this is going to be a really key discussion as far as moving it forward is concerned.

Mike Boltz: Umm. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yes, Mike. **Mike Boltz:** Yeah, that was all discussed. I, I don't believe there's anything out of, left up in the air. The discussion was made between the two different routes. They felt that the other route could actually cost exactly the same, or up to three hundred thousand dollars more, and that route is the route that was

discussed and that was taken. I don't believe that there was anything left up in the air. And that was to not go over the hill, and through the swamp, and across the creek and, and all of that, but to do it like a normal. We didn't have right-of-ways, we didn't have anything in that. We, and we didn't have an option. The only option that we have at this time is to move forward on going down one of those streets and around by the high school, and picking up the high school too. I don't think there was anything unclear. We had no right to do it any other way. We didn't have any easements across private property, and those people said they would not give them to us. So, there wasn't any umm, two different ways, or it wasn't like it wasn't settled. It's settled. **Beth Hutchinson:** Well, that was not how it was put to me by the engineers, so I guess we'll work that on, on Monday. And within the last few meetings there was comment on acquisition of easements and easements that were not acquired. And it maybe that you were not at those meetings, but it was discussed. So, since we have differences of opinion here, that's fine. We will get it worked out on Monday.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Filling Holes in Essential Information – Best Opinion of Costs for Subdivisions 3 & 4

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, Umm, going to old business we have some money related things that are coming up promptly here. Under the heading filling holes in essential information, which has been a lingering theme since new people came on the Board, and felt that that was one of their reasons for having been elected. Umm, we're looking at costs. Some people are satisfied with receiving costs round by round by round. Other people in the community are not. Umm, when I spoke with Greg after the hearing, he said that the umm, WRDA grant money could be used to secure more accurate up to date costs for future phases. So, that we would have a fresh baseline to push off and understand that it was an estimate, but that it would make some people feel reassured. And so, I would like to bring this up for discussion umm, among the Board members, and then later the public. Since this does seem to be something that is keeping the community from coming together and reaching consensus. And since we may have access to funds depending on other circumstances. Umm, I would like to recommend that we go ahead and we, Amy is bringing for Monday an estimate of what it would cost to get the most accurate estimates for probable cause for three and four. So, anybody on the Board that has any input at this time, I'd appreciate it.

Mike Boltz: I have no idea what you're asking for. **Beth Hutchinson:** I'm asking that we hire Great West at an extra cost to update the probable cost for phases three and four. **Walt Hill:** Isn't that part of... **Mike Boltz:** I think that's a waste of money, and I think we've already covered all of that. **Beth Hutchinson:** The Board first, okay. **Davy Good:** I think we table that until Monday and see what the cost is. I mean we can't really determine whether we want to move forward with something until we know what the extra cost is. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay. Troy? **Troy Spence:** Do what Davy said. Wait till, see what the costs are. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, in that case, I'm gonna have to add to the umm, meeting on Monday so that there can be some action. I'll do that.

Beth Hutchinson: Umm, Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** Yeah, I just want to comment on your umm, I understand that you want to know as much as you can about three and four, but you can't predict that stuff. I mean you've got, you're, you're gonna take the reserves that you've got now and pay somebody extra money to make a big estimate, that it doesn't matter. Things that go bid last year and things that got bid this year are so far different that you're just gonna be

getting guesses. You need to get one and two done. You can start applying for three and four. I mean there's just no way to get anything that's gonna give you any, any... **Walt Hill:** Accuracy. **Jean Curtiss:** Yeah, it won't be accurate and won't give you any settlement. I mean, you got to get one done so that you can even go on with the rest. And you'd be wasting their time, your time and this community's time to get those kind of estimates. I mean when you get an estimate that's all it is. And then it depends on the price of steel. It depends on the price of plastic. It depends on the price of gravel. It depends on the price of all that stuff. And so, I think it's just a total waste of time to keep focusing on three and four, because they don't work until you've got one. And you're gonna mess around and. We've already lost months. There could have been work done this summer, but we've lost lots of months. And so, the cost of everything that you're doing is going up. It's, it's just like a time bomb going like this. So, I think that's a waste of your very precious match dollars to pay Great West. You saw what they're billing us for this month, you can take that by about four to get the estimate.

Beth Hutchinson: Any other comments?

Beth Hutchinson: Dave. **Dave Stewart:** So, I'd like to echo what was just said. In the fact that you, you can't estimate from partial plans. And it was discussed at the last meeting that the Board had a duty to direct Great West to start finishing the plans, so that a company can come in and bid on the actual work that's specified in the plans and the drawings and the specifications. And to ask an engineering firm to give you an exact accounting on what a construction company is going to charge you to do that work, is a waste of time and money. I, I, I'm in this business and it's a waste of the community's and the Board's time. And again, the Board has been directed by the community to move forward with this. It's very clear, it's been very clear, you have a duty to move forward. Initiate the final drawings so that this can be built. It's very simple. And if people in the community want additional information, as I said at the last meeting, it's their responsibility to get informed. It's not the Board's responsibility to inform them. You have a duty as a board member, if you, I've done a lot more research since the last meeting, and the Board has a duty to the community, through all the processes that we've been through, legal processes, to move this project forward. And in delaying, like Jean was saying, all you're going to do is lose money. And when that happens, and I don't think that people understand this, but the state and the county at some point are going to make this happen. And if we lose this money all of us in this community will have to pay for those things. It, it's very simple. And so, I would suggest that having them review this for future estimates on future work, I would, I would recommend that you don't do that. Move forward with your duty to have Great West design, do the final design so it can be bid. I mean this, we've lost this year from a construction standpoint, but if you have them do all this work now, they have drawings out in late winter, it can be bid and then the project can start in the spring. And that would be perfect for the builders. It, it would be most cost effective. I mean starting building now, and again like you were talking about end of fiscal year for the government. Our company starts a ton of projects in October and it's expensive. If you start a project in March or April, it's much more economical. Cost of getting materials, pouring concrete, and just labor itself. And so again, I would urge the Board to do their duty, to move this project forward and not waste time and energy in looking at those kind of things.

Beth Hutchinson: Umm, before you sit down, let me have a little back and forth with you. I think perhaps I was not sufficiently clear in expressing what this umm, estimate would involve. It would involve in no way, whatsoever holding anything up. It would run, it would be done parallel. Amy said that there would be no hold up whatsoever, in doing exactly what you favor

and what Jean has recommended, and many other people have recommended, which is keeping that line moving forward on Phase I. Getting the final design done, being ready for bidding in the proper time, because that is the schedule that Greg put out. The issue with this other portion was simple, to do it simultaneously and Amy said that there would be no problem with them getting it done by, say January. So, it, those were two separate things. They were not connected. One wouldn't hold the other back. How would you feel about it then?

Dave Stewart: My comments are the same. It's a waste of time and money. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay.

Mike Boltz: Can I address you Dave? **Dave Stewart:** Sure. **Mike Boltz:** Umm, the Board is not asking for this, she's asking for this. We have not expressed our interest to do this. Only she has. **Dave Stewart:** I understand. **Mike Boltz:** Thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: I believe that that was clear, Mike. **Mike Boltz:** Yeah, it is clear. The Board is not asking for this.

Dave Stewart: Anybody here have any questions that you'd like to throw at me? **Unidentified person:** Umm. **Unidentified person:** I can have one comment. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, umm. **Unidentified person:** Thank you for saying... **Beth Hutchinson:** Would you like, would you like to speak? **Unidentified person:** I just want to ask him a question. **Dave Stewart:** Sure. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right. **Bruce Davidson:** Umm, Bruce Davidson, I have property in Phase IV. **Beth Hutchinson:** I'm sorry Bruce what? **Bruce Davidson:** Davidson. **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh, Davidson. **Bruce Davidson:** I have property in Phase IV. Umm, so the, as of the last meeting, the last two months the drawings aren't any more complete than they were at the beginning of the summer? Have they been up, have they finished the bid documents? **Beth Hutchinson:** No, they have not finished the bid documents. **Jean Curtiss:** No, the Board has not... **Beth Hutchinson:** Excuse me, lets. **David Stewart:** The Board has not directed them to do that? **Bruce Davidson:** Well, that's a seven percent increase in the cost of your construction then, if you lose a year or so. From an estimation standpoint. **Beth Hutchinson:** This, there has not been a loss of a year from the point when all of this reorganization took place. We're, we are. All right, we are on the schedule that Greg set forth. There was a delay in having this workshop because, at least I, and I suspect at least one other person, if not two, did not understand what the workshop was. However, the need to schedule it was established under a different leadership and it was not set then, and there was a big brew ha-ha about this, and at least fifty times, that's an exaggeration, I said when you are scheduling it, when are you scheduling it? It is scheduled. And it is moving forward. So, there should be no apprehension about that.

Bruce Davidson: Well, the original schedule was for accepting bids now, a year ago, but that's okay I'm, you can. I, I don't want to argue with you. But your sentiment is good, you need to have updated estimates. However, you need to do them from completed accurate drawings, and so you. The drawings I've seen have nothing but holes and change orders in 'em. I'm in the profession but. And so, you, you. In order to get, if you. Estimates are about accuracy, so. **Beth Hutchinson:** Right. **Bruce Davidson:** You want to have them accurate, so you want to finish the drawings as far, get them done and then the, then your sentiment would be right, you get whatever additional estimates you need from accurate drawings because these di, these drawings that they have are just diagrams. **Beth Hutchinson:** Umm hmm. **Bruce Davidson:** They have nothing to do with actual lift stations and there's some elevations on them. It's,

they're missing fifty percent of the information that's got to be on them, so, and which will directly affect cost. So, you need to finish the drawings and then do updated estimates at that point. I mean, I agree with you a hundred percent.

Beth Hutchinson: And I wouldn't disagree with either of you. I do think that we have to find a way to provide enough information to at least a portion of the community so that they can grasp this. And since the notice and protest effort was put forth on exactly what you're saying was insufficient. That confuses people. It's hard to understand how one time it's a good enough estimate and then the next time it isn't a good enough estimate. And I am communicated with by many people who say all right, we see a certain figure for Phase I. We understand some work is going on with Phase II, but by the time they get to us in Phase III and IV, and here the language tends to get a little bit blue, what the heck is the cost going to be to us? It, it's very confusing to a body of people. They are not people who are coming here, as you are, but they still exist.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** Ah, you can't give them accurate stuff for three and four. Until you get one and two done and know what year you're gonna do three and four, and wonder if you're gonna get TSEP money, and all those things. WRDA money possibly in the future, if it's still there. You can't give 'em a, we don't even, we can't give 'em accurate stuff. So, you're, to me if you don't focus and get the first part done, you're wasting your time on the other because you're gonna have to have them redo it. It, it's just a shot in the dark, to

Bruce Davidson: Inaccurate estimate is just going to add to the confusion. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay.

Kim Myre: I think this would be a good time to remind everybody, and this might be news to somebody, the reason we have four phases every two years is to capitalize on the grant money, because the grant cycles are every two years. And I'm suggesting you look at this from another perspective, and that is to build confidence in you as a Board. Because if you guys do your jobs you're going to be going after that grant money every two years, and if you instill confidence in these funding agencies they will tell you, they will commit to you, yes, we're gonna be there every two years in the grant cycle. But the way it is now, with this whole thing up in the air, that's not a good situation. I think you guys need to get your stuff together and you need to work with these funding agencies, build confidence with them so you can go out in the community with confidence and say we going to get every penny of grant money that's available to you, that's our job and we're gonna follow this project through. That's my suggestion. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: Yes. **Patrick Constantinides:** Patrick Constantinides: I. **Beth Hutchinson:** Pat. **Patrick Constantinides:** I'm slightly confused. You'd like me to come up there? I'm slightly confused. You're trying to get estimates for phases III and IV. **Beth Hutchinson:** Ball park estimates, yes. **Patrick Constantinides:** And when you get those estimates what are you going to do with them? **Beth Hutchinson:** Compare them and add on a factor, and add on a factor, because when you look at what happens between one and two, since two is moving forward, that has shocked some people. And so, what they're doing is looking at one, looking at the increase in two, looking at what might happen for three, in their humble ordinary peoples' minds. Looking at what they think could happen in four and feeling very scared.

Patrick Constantinides: And when you get those figures and then when the times comes

you're wrong. What are you going to say to the people who elected you? We did the best we could. We spent your money trying to do it. I mean it comes, it could come in for example at ten million and then it comes in at fifteen. And the elected, people who elected you are going to say well wait a minute you spent our money, you came up with ten million, and now it's fifteen. You're going to get pilloried. Absolutely pilloried, and rightly. You're not going to give anyone any comfort. I don't know what it's going to cost to do anything in five or ten years. I don't even know what the Commissioners are going to charge me in taxes.

You know it's very nice. I, I mean as a banker who spent most of my life having people trying to persuade me to lend them money for projects. You, you, it's pointless looking at something four, five, six years ahead, or three years ahead. It, it you know if it makes you feel comfortable then that's all it's going to do. You're going to spend these peoples' money to make you feel comfortable. And all I can tell you from my experience, you'll get pilloried. Absolutely pilloried. And you will have to face the electorate and say we spent your money, they gave us the best estimate, what could we say. If you want to give them a figure take Phase I add thirty percent. Add fifty percent. Add sixty percent. **Davy Good:** Seven percent a year. **Patrick Constantinides:** Then you'll feel happy and comfortable and you won't get pilloried. **Beth Hutchinson:** I see your point. **Patrick Constantinides:** It's not my problem because I'm not part of the Sewer District, but you know I, I would hate to see you crucified on the (inaudible). **Beth Hutchinson:** There may be little left to crucify, but that's okay. Umm, try, trying to compare one and four, and one and three, and one and two umm, was not feasible. That was one of the reasons to pursue this. Umm, and the information that we've heard tonight hopefully will be able to be produced via the newspaper in a way that the people who have expressed a lot of concerns to me will understand. So that's good.

Beth Hutchinson: George. **George Hauser:** I ah, George Hauser, sat here and listened to the conversation and it sounds like to me that it's an idea before its time. Ah, I'm going to suggest that we have, or develop, a action plan, a detailed action plan. And that could be located somewhere down the road within that action plan. And ah, it needs to be well thought out, well developed. And when you get something like that, that's what could be presented to the membership, or the ah, members of the Sewer District. And ah, it would be a guideline for the Board. What they need to do when. And it could be reviewed, updated every so often. Whatever the Board decides, but a lot of what I heard in the meetings could be taken care of with an action plan.

Beth Hutchinson: And not have to have the conversation repeatedly. **George Hauser:** You're always going to have conversation. But once you've got it in place, you can prove to the community that you're following it, and you're gonna build confidence within the community. It has a lot of benefits. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: Any comments from the Board? **Mike Boltz:** Yeah, I think that whole thing is just a waste of time. Including the next segments also. I just think, this isn't something that the Board wants. This is something that you want. And I'll say it again, it's just a waste of time. We need to get on with the, with just taking care of what's already on the schedule. Not anything more, and not spending more money. That's ridiculous. That's my opinion. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you, Mike. **Mike Boltz:** And, and I, I... **Beth Hutchinson:** One, one of the things that a Board is for is to generate discussion and to be able to deal with differences of opinion. And I appreciate what you've put forth. I don't always agree with you and that is one of the things that makes for the functioning of a democratic community.

Beth Hutchinson: All right moving on. Let's see we will, we had our discussion. We obviously, given the comments, will not be taking action on anything dealing with getting extra costs laid out tonight.

B. Filling Holes in Essential Information – Income Survey

Beth Hutchinson: Umm, so moving on to B, the income survey. Davy have you made any more progress on the income survey? **Felicity Derry:** I brought those with me today. **Davy Good:** No, I haven't but I did, we did ah, have some older ones that were done back in ah, I have to look at ah, 2012 I believe. And ah, it really hasn't changed that much. I mean we could look at what this is. And then I talked to the Missoula County about, they're planning on doing one in 2019, late or 2020, first thing. So, and here's copies of that and there's some extra ones up here if anybody wants one. **Beth Hutchinson:** So, this was the one that was done on a census area that extended way beyond? Or not? Do you know? **Davy Good:** I do, it was done on the whole town. Yes. **Beth Hutchinson:** On the whole town. So, that does not necessarily reflect the characteristics of the Sewer District. Umm, I know in one of the sets of minutes that I recently read umm, it was pointed out that the Sewer District was set up to try to capture the lowest income area of the town and... **Jean Curtiss:** That was in 1992. **Beth Hutchinson:** In 1992, right. **Jean Curtiss:** That came from the court hearing. **Beth Hutchinson:** Right, and since then there has been a lot of expansion of town and it has more affluent families. So, that whatever this represents umm, is less likely to be accurate even if it's projected upwards and forwards.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** The reason those were done that way is because people didn't want to answer questions when you gave them something. With the personal ones. So, the other way you can do it is a census block. **Beth Hutchinson:** Umm hmm. **Jean Curtiss:** The next census is 2020, so there'll be some new information. But umm, you know most people don't, don't want to say I make twenty thousand dollars a year, or a hundred thousand dollars a year, they don't want people to know. So, unless there was a concer, and we've had some concerted efforts to try and do that before. So, the census block though gives you a pretty general area and especially because of Phase I and II of the Sewer District are focused on the less affluent area of town. And less developed.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, I'm getting a sense, a very strong sense, that we have a mission. It's clearly defined. It's been researched to the satisfaction of the people in this room. It has been laid out to the satisfaction of the people in this room. And not necessarily to everybody. I've always been somebody who felt that it's a good thing to try to develop consensus, and I think since I joined the Board that word has come out of my mouth frequently. I think that when you're working with a community, that instead of being angry at people who won't participate, we need to find ways to reach out and help them to feel like they're part of the decision-making effort.

Mike Boltz: What are you talking about? **Beth Hutchinson:** I think that we have reached the point, given the fact that we're trying to move forward simultaneously with getting other information, that when I'm hearing conversation from part of the Board, and from key people in the room, that there's a feeling that people in the community who are unhappy should simply lump it. **Jean Curtiss:** I don't think one person in the room.... **Mike Boltz:** This is the community. Right here. This is the community Beth. This is not some special group that came

here. This is the community. **Jean Curtiss:** And no one here said that we don't care. We're saying that people are protective of their information. The County, has through our grants office worked really hard some years ago to get stuff. And that's what we had to go with because people weren't willing to answer and give up what they feel is their personal information. The thing is both A and B, and probably C, don't have to happen before you guys vote to go forward. We have time to help folks understand that if they fill out a, an income survey that we can make sure is protected so that their information doesn't get out so everybody in town doesn't know what they make. And everybody in the courthouse doesn't know what they make. Umm, that can help going forward because once we start construction this isn't going to go on their tax bill right away. It takes a while to build this. So, we have time to do those things. But to hold up the whole process to satisfy everyone in the community, you, you're never going to do that. Believe me I've done this before... **Beth Hutchinson:** I, I. Jean let me ask you. Why do you keep going back to hold up the whole process? It has nothing to do with the strand of the process going forward.

Jean Curtiss: Well, this process has been held up since May. It could have, you could have taken action in June or July. I mean it just keeps going out and out. And I know now you're going to have a meeting on Monday. We hope you're going to get the information. And that you're gonna say we've got everything we're gonna to put it out, we'll have it ready and go out to bid. But it keeps, it looks like a stall tactic to me. And... **Beth Hutchinson:** It honestly, it honestly. **Jean Curtiss:** And nobody here has said that it's not important that people understand as much as they can. Ah, have as much help as they can. But some of these things are just. I, I, you, I've been to several meetings and you talk about each time, and, and we've talked about how it can go forward, but they aren't things to hold things up. And you the commun, you know your neighbors aren't going to want you to knock on the door and ask them to fill out a piece of paper. It's probably going to need to be somebody that doesn't live here. Umm, even if they do that. A census block information probably is going to give us enough to do things. What Don Larson said in court was from 1980 something, that he talked about how they drew the lines. So, it isn't really applicable today.

Beth Hutchinson: Right, number one it is not a stall tactic. The two things have. There, there's a wall between them. They have nothing to do timewise with what's going forward.

Beth Hutchinson: Yes Dave. **Dave Stewart:** So, with that statement, you're saying that the Board has given the engineering firm the go ahead to finish the drawings. **Beth Hutchinson:** We will be discussing that on Monday. **Dave Stewart:** Okay, at the last meeting, you know a month ago, you said you were going to do that. **Beth Hutchinson:** I said I was setting up a meeting. I set up a meeting. I postponed it one week because we still have financial considerations to discuss, that seem to be drawing multiple amounts of money out of a pool that won't cover it. That's why I postponed it because I wanted to receive the bill from the umm, the attorney that we have. I wanted to see what our obligations were. This, this isn't whimmy kind of thinking, I'm not trying to push things off. **Dave Stewart:** Then why has the Board not given the engineering firm the go ahead to finish the drawings? **Beth Hutchinson:** We have not had the workshop with them. And we did not have the workshop with them on Monday because of the information we received the Friday before, or the Friday before that, about our insurance. It's an effort to be fiscally responsible. **Dave Stewart:** Is not the finishing of the construction drawings paid for in the grants? **Beth Hutchinson:** There has to be a match for it.

Beth Hutchinson: Jim. **Jim Erven:** Hi, Jim Erven. I just have a question. Ah, I feel like, the Board. You know the, the agenda item that we're on right now is listed as discussion and possible Board action. And I'm hearing a lot of back and forth in the room with, with public. And public comment is passed. And I think, if you want to reopen for public comment that would be obviously, you know your call but umm, I would like to hear the Board and all members of the Board discuss each agenda item rather than it turn into a public umm, forum debate from the get go. Of course, I respect everyone's opinion in the room. But I want to hear ah, four fifths of the Board speak, not one fifth.

Beth Hutchinson: I really appreciate that. And I take responsibility for letting things slide. I appreciate your point. **Jim Erven:** Thank you. **Beth Hutchinson:** So, let's redirect this. Davy could you please comment? **Davy Good:** On, which part are we on now? **Beth Hutchinson:** B. **Davy Good:** B. Filling holes in essential information in the income survey. We kind of covered the income survey. That's something we can't snap our fingers and do right now. So, we have to wait for Missoula County to try and do that. And filling holes in essential information ah, I feel, I feel like I don't, I, I the project that is going forward is a really good one. I feel like we have really good people in place engineering it and we, our, our main focus as a Board is to get the engineering done so we can get a bid back. We don't know anything until we get a bid back from multiple contractors. So, we move forward as fast as... **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you. Troy? **Troy Spence:** I'll talk on C. That's all. **Beth Hutchinson:** Mike. **Mike Boltz:** On B. Ah, I was on the Board when an income was tried and it didn't work. And nobody gave us any information. And so, ah, ah, Department of Agriculture said it wasn't necessary. I say it's not necessary. I'll leave it at that. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: All right. So, we will not be taking any action and we will move on to C.

C. User Agreements

Beth Hutchinson: The concept of user agreements. Troy, you were going to lead the discussion on this. **Troy Spence:** Okay, like Commissioner Jean Curtiss said about C not being vital to. Well, I think the user agreements are what's going to move this thing forward. So that should be number one priority. To see if we can move forward, instead of spending money. We need, what is a hundred and forty-eight signed? A hundred and forty? **Felicity Derry:** Dan said a hundred and forty at that meeting. **Beth Hutchinson:** But what's in writing? **Troy Spence:** Okay we need a hundred and forty signed before we can do anything. So, why don't we move forward and do the user agreements instead of wasting time. **Mike Boltz:** They don't know what they're getting. **Troy Spence:** It has to be done. **Mike Boltz:** They don't know what they're getting yet. They can't do that. That's out of, that's out of order. You can't do it. Plain and simple. **Jean Curtiss:** You need the bids first. **Mike Boltz:** God, you need the bid. Holy smokes. **Beth Hutchinson:** One thing that we could get. **Mike Boltz:** Jesus. You need... **Beth Hutchinson:** Mike. **Mike Boltz:** ...to educate yourselves. **Beth Hutchinson:** Mike, Mike please. **Mike Boltz:** You really do. **Beth Hutchinson:** We have been working on having congenial meetings where we can disagree with each other without throwing fits. One of the things that relates to this, that we could accomplish is to get a draft, without the figures in it, because obviously we won't have the figures, but to see what a draft looks like. So that we could be preparing the community for it based on its general outline and what's involved in terms of obligations and things like that.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** I talked with Great West, they usually draft those things up for you. So, I think that would be part of your discussion on Monday. What do they look like? That until you have a bid you won't know what they are. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, let me see if there is more discussion on the Board at this point. Davy? **Davy Good:** We have to have a bid in place. No one's gonna sign a user agreement until we know some idea of what the final cost will be. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, we were talking about getting a draft so that we could see what it looks like. What one looks like. **Davy Good:** C says user agreements. Right? **Beth Hutchinson:** Yes, and I was just explaining that an angle on that, that would move us forward would be to get a draft of one so that we were familiar with what they looked like. Without the figures in them. And that when we're talking to people in the community about a user agreement we would be well informed about the contents shy of the figures that were in them. **Davy Good:** So, we use a crayon for it? I mean without numbers a draft is, isn't really going to do any good. **Beth Hutchinson:** It talks about what the user agreement obligates people shy of figures. **Mike Boltz:** Waste of time. It's a waste of time. **Davy Good:** Let's table that until Monday. Let's, let's talk to the engineers about that. **Beth Hutchinson:** Troy? **Troy Spence:** (inaudible comment) **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay.

Nathan Bourne: The letter of conditions states a hundred and forty-eight users need to have that signed. And it states before the agency can agree to, to the project being advertised for construction bids you must certify the number of users. So, that user agreements have to be done before you can even advertise the project to go to bid. So. **Mike Boltz:** But you have to have the bid. **David Stewart:** But you have to have a completed design first. **Nathan Bourne:** I think that's probably the right answer. **Mike Boltz:** Right. **Nathan Bourne:** ...is that you need the completed design. But that will be a question on Monday. But you can't get this bid according to Rural Development without having those user agreements signed. **Beth Hutchinson:** uh ha. **Unnamed person:** That's what he said.

Connie Betson: Can I comment? **Beth Hutchinson:** Connie. **Connie Betson:** Um, and that's my thing. I don't want to sign a user agreement without knowing that when I was at the meeting, just like Nathan's talking about, he did say that we had to have those first. But how do you sign something that you have no idea how much it's gonna cost you? **Beth Hutchinson:** You won't, you won't be signing it. We're trying to get this in sequence. So. **Connie Betson:** But that's what he said. I'm sorry but that is what he said. That you'd have to have a hundred and forty-eight of them signed... **Beth Hutchinson:** Oh. **Connie Betson:** ...before you could get a bid. At that meeting. And. **Mike Boltz:** No. **Connie Betson:** But then. Yeah. You weren't at the meeting. But ah... **Mike Boltz:** I was just talking about his. **Connie Betson:** Yes, it's exactly what Nathan is talking about. The guy, what was his name? I can't. **Troy Spence:** Dan Johnson, Dan Johnson. **Connie Betson:** Yes, he said that they had, that you had to send out user agreements. You had to have a hundred and forty-eight of them signed before you could put in for a bid. **Mike Boltz:** Right, but you have to know what the bid is first. **Connie Betson:** But that is not what he said. **Mike Boltz:** Maybe not, but that's what it is. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, so we need to check with Dan Johnson.... **Connie Betson:** But that's what I would like. Because I live in the Sewer District and I don't want to sign no user agreement without knowing how much the final cost is. **Mike Boltz:** It's got to be done. **Connie Betson:** But according to him that was opposite. **Mike Boltz:** Then user agreements. Then going up for bid. **Bruce Davidson:** For accepting the bid. **Mike Boltz:** For accepting the bid. **Connie Betson:** That's not what he stated. **Mike Boltz:** Well, that's a normal course of action.

Nathan Bourne: The letter of conditions is pretty clear that before it goes to be advertised to bid. Meaning before you have a bid you have to have those in there. **Mike Boltz:** Right. Right, but you also have to have the, you have to have the amount. You have to have the figures coming from the, the, the engineering... **Davy Good:** The final figures. **Mike Boltz:** ...company. You have to have the final figures. **Nathan Bourne:** But you already have that. You already have, the notice and protest went through and this is a set cost that we can't go over. **Troy Spence:** Right. And you have an estimate for operating and maintenance cost. And you already went through that with the notice and protest. So.

Kim Myre: I don't think that the user agreement has the cost. **Mike Boltz:** I don't think that's right. **Kim Myre:** I think it's just an agreement to be hooked up. That's all it is.

Connie Betson: But how? I'm not gonna say that. Personally, I'm not gonna say I'm hooking up and then they come back tell me it's two hundred and fifty dollars a month. I'm not signing that. **Felicity Derry:** They can't do that. **Kim Myre:** They can't do that. The notice and protest was a maximum amount. It can't go over that, or they have to start the process over. **Connie Betson:** What was, what was that amount? **Kim Myre:** What was it? Ninety. **Troy Spence:** Ninety-one twelve, or ninety-one twenty-one or something. **Kim Myre:** Ninety-one something. **Connie Betson:** And is that for total cost? Or that is just for maintenance? **Jean Curtiss:** For construction. **Nathan Bourne:** Construction and operating and maintenance. **Connie Betson:** And operating and maintenance. Okay.

Mike Boltz: That's with a twenty percent add on and you have to get to that figure. **Connie Betson:** Okay. Sorry. **Dave Stewart:** So that, what you're saying, if I'm understanding you correctly, that's the max plus twenty percent. **Mike Boltz:** No. That's including a twenty percent overrun, which means we're not figuring on ninety-one, we're figuring on seventy-six. **Dave Stewart:** Okay, that's what I thought. Okay.

Beth Hutchinson: So, is it generally agreed by the Board that we will pursue this on Monday? **Troy Spence:** Yes. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you.

Bruce Davidson: Is Monday's meeting open to the public? **Beth Hutchinson:** Yes. **Felicity Derry:** Yes. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yes. Monday's meeting is open to the public. Umm, there will likely be limited public participation at the end of it. Definitely not as it is being conducted, but at the end of it, if, because the Board and the engineer will be going through things and it would entirely too confusing to do what Jim pointed out we're doing here. Umm, so there would be limited participation at the end if you feel something has gone significantly astray.

Walt Hill: It starts at five PM here? **Beth Hutchinson:** Yeah. **Kim Myre:** Has that been posted? **Beth Hutchinson:** It will be posted but I'm still waiting for Amy to send me some information so we can have a more detailed agenda. **Kim Myre:** Are your list of questions published? **Beth Hutchinson:** I have no idea what you're talking about. **Kim Myre:** Didn't you ask for questions ahead of time? **Jean Curtiss:** Greg asked that. Said it would be better for the engineering firm if they knew what questions you had so they were fairly well prepared. If the Board had questions.

Beth Hutchinson: Yes. **Nathan Bourne:** Is. This meeting, though isn't necessarily about your asking questions of them. It's the, to make that, to get them to the point where they can

move forward. They need you to answer some engineering questions. And it's an opportunity for you to learn more about the project. But I don't think that the purpose of this meeting is purely informational, is it? **Beth Hutchinson:** No, it isn't. Umm, and.... **Kim Myre:** ...got an email where you asked everybody for their questions. **Beth Hutchinson:** Those were questions that I believe we intended to ask Greg when he came to the next meeting, so he could educate us more on.... **Kim Myre:** No, it was about the, about the work session. **Felicity Derry:** It was about the work session.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, one thing is very clear to me that the three new people did not comprehend what a work session involved at that time. So, anything that we said at that point is probably completely irrelevant. At this point we have a better idea of what a work session is. **Kim Myre:** Well, it's just that you guys have been saying we need more information. We need more information. We need more information. Over and over and over again and I thought this was finally going to be the point in time where you got that information. And so.... **Beth Hutchinson:** That would have been a small portion of the, the information we were referencing. We were also referencing constantly costs, income survey information. **Mike Boltz:** That doesn't mean anything.

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, umm, at this point the Board is going to need to go into a.

Beth Hutchinson: Yes. **Brenda Stewart:** Umm, we heard your feelings about the sessions. How, how to proceed. **Felicity Derry:** Excuse me, could you, could you state your name please? **Brenda Stewart:** Oh, I'm sorry Brenda Stewart. **Felicity Derry:** Thank you. **Brenda Stewart:** But I'd like to hear the rest of the Board members and see how they feel about the sessions as well. If they feel the same way as you do? About the questions and having a list forward to go towards the engineers, to ask them on the open session. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, let me see if I understand what you're asking. That you would like, particularly umm, Davey and Mike. **Brenda Stewart:** Not particularly no. I would like all of you... **Beth Hutchinson:** Well I, I'm, I'm gonna, I'm gonna state it a certain way for a reason because I took the liberty, since I do speak with Troy a fair amount, and since Juli has resigned, to speak for the new people being confused. But I'm not saying that Davey and Mike are confused. Umm, it's possible that one and or the other were not at that meeting, or they were. I really don't remember. So, you really are referencing whether they have questions they want to ask the engineer? Is that what you're asking? **Brenda Stewart:** Yes, and if they feel the same way with you about the process that you just said that, that you had told her. That you kind of... **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, yes. **Brenda Stewart:** ...disagreed. I would like for them to comment on that. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, sure, sure. Mike, Davy? **Mike Boltz:** Umm, the workshop. I don't need to go to a workshop to learn about sewers. I've done that for seven years now. So, no I, I believe it's a waste of time. I believe you should learn about the sewer system on your own time. Not in public meetings. There, there's my comment. **Davy Good:** I, I do think the workshop will be a good thing. I mean it is an opportunity for, to kind of see where everything is at in the engineering stage. And I think we'll, they'll be some good information there. And I encourage everybody to go to it. I think it will be a really pr, place to keep the project moving forward. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thanks.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** I think the other thing that Great West needs from all of you at that meeting on Monday, is they need direction. If they're gonna draw final plans, they need to know, are we drawing the plans that draw these lines going to peoples' houses and are we going to reclaim their yard? Or not. You ah, took that out once. Are you going to use

that for Tester's money? I mean they'll talk to you about budget. I think it's good for all for you to be there. But they need to have the Sewer Board there and ready to say, we understand this project, we see where you're going, and we want you to draw the final plans like, to include X, Y & Z. So, they do need your direction there. Mike is very familiar with it, as is Davey. But umm, I think that they're going to have questions for you that need to be answered at that meeting too.

Beth Hutchinson: Yes. **Rachelle Harman:** Rachelle Harman. I just want to know if you would clarify who the new people are that are confused. Who were you just now referring to? **Beth Hutchinson:** Troy, have you been confused about what the workshop involves? **Troy Spence:** Yeah, it's all new to me. I mean so, I want to get up to date on it. And I will ask questions after she gives me information if I'm confused. I mean none of these guys came on the Board knowing everything. You have to learn it. **Rachelle Harman:** So, for clarification you were just referring to Troy. **Beth Hutchinson:** I was referring somewhat generically as I indicated for Juli because she was brand new and had had comments at times with us about wanting to learn things. **Rachelle Harman:** Okay, and, and yourself? **Beth Hutchinson:** I definitely did not understand what was involved in this workshop. And I definitely am excited to look forward to learning a lot from it. I was very excited to hear what Amy had to share with me so far, which was that there still was a choice of two routes. And now that Jean pointed out that it could involve, you know the hooking up to the houses, restoring the land, etcetera as options. Those are things that I find interesting and want to learn more about and will be ready to have opinions on. **Rachelle Harman:** Okay, but just for the record a lot of this information has already been there and available to the public long before you came on the Board. **Beth Hutchinson:** And in that context, I was aware on it. **Rachelle Harman:** Okay, (inaudible).... **Beth Hutchinson:** What I. The whole point, and I will finish because I listened carefully to you. The whole point I was trying to make, and it can blacken my whole reputation, I did not know what was involved in the workshop with the Gr, umm, Great West Engineers. And it's very likely I had confusion over Greg explaining things to us as Greg, as our project manager, and of the particular needs for Great West Engineering. Now, I am no longer confused about that, and I appreciate getting it straightened out. I'm sorry if it took too long but lots of terminology if you look at the minutes is generic terminology, and for somebody who is trying to learn and keep up with this part it helps if it's more discreet terminology. **Mike Boltz:** I swear to God. **Beth Hutchinson:** Are you finished?

D. Lawsuit – Donald Larson

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, at this point I will ask the Board to step outside so that we can discuss what would be issues of strategy regarding the lawsuit. **Mike Boltz:** Umm, no.... **Jean Curtiss:** So, where's your attorney? **Mike Boltz:** ... I'm not doing that. **Jean Curtiss:** Strategy is with your attorney. **Davy Good:** Yeah. **Mike Boltz:** Yeah, and we're not discussing anything. I'm not discussing anything with you.

Jean Curtiss: So, if I can just give you a brief umm, today I was briefed on this a little, in a closed session strategy and an attorney. Umm, there really isn't anything new on the lawsuit, except that Larson convinced some other people to add their names to it. Umm, they're waiting for the judge. Umm, I mean there was nothing to stop you going forward. There was no injunction. There's no new information. It's really expected that the judge is gonna to throw it out, from our side. There's, there's no case. There's, they're not asking for you to stop. They, they just want you to stop. There's. So, I don't think you, you don't have any

strategy cause you don't have an attorney here. **Mike Boltz:** No.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, I see a different corner on strategy that has to do with our capacity to pay our bills. **Jean Curtiss:** That isn't strategy. **Beth Hutchinson:** That isn't strategy? **Mike Boltz:** No. **Jean Curtiss:** That's finance and you're just going to have to deal with it as it comes along. I don't think you have a real strategy to fix that either.

Mike Boltz: It's a waste of time. We need to get on to the rest of this stuff, that makes sense. And you should talk that over with Don if you want to do something. You ran over to his house when you left the meeting the other night. So just talk it over with Don the next time you talk to him. **Beth Hutchinson:** Mike you need.... **Mike Boltz:** That's enough, let's get on with the meeting. **Beth Hutchinson:** Excuse me, you're no in charge anymore. And you cannot just flip out and say no that's enough. No, you do this. You do that. **Jean Curtiss:** Well... **Mike Boltz:** Let's get on with the meeting. **Beth Hutchinson:** Excuse me. I am prepared to keep this meeting peaceful, and I am prepared to be able to respond to questions that are out of line, comments that are out of line, because you do not have accurate information. **Mike Boltz:** On what? **Beth Hutchinson:** Where I have been when. **Mike Boltz:** That doesn't make any sense. Can't we move on? **Beth Hutchinson:** Well, it may not make sense to you. **Mike Boltz:** No, it doesn't. **Beth Hutchinson:** But I have, I have not been interacting... **Mike Boltz:** Move on. **Beth Hutchinson:**with mister.... **Mike Boltz:** Move on.... **Beth Hutchinson:**Don't you talk to me... **Mike Boltz:** ...with the meeting. **Beth Hutchinson:**this way. You stop. **Mike Boltz:** You don't need to just ramble. **Beth Hutchinson:** You be quiet. **Jean Curtiss:** All right, that's not very peaceful. **Beth Hutchinson:** I am making it very clear that I have not been interacting with Mr. Larson and running over to his house to report on anything.

Beth Hutchinson: George. **George Hauser:** Your meetings would be considerably less combative if you were following Robert's Rule of Order as prescribed in your by-laws. And that means in the old business and the new business it requires a motion to begin discussion. And if there is a second then you can discuss, but it requires a motion and a second in order for you to discuss and then a vote must be taken, or tabled. You can table it, but it has to come up at the next meeting. But your meetings would be more orderly. There'd be more discussion between the Board members and there should be no comments from the audience until you have made your vote and your decisions. Unless you call, unless the president calls upon an individual who may have information on that particular subject. But what I see here these, this back and forth stuff. If you have a motion and you have a second then you discuss. You don't just name the topic and it's open for discussion. And not take a vote. I don't think there's been one vote here on any of the old business tonight. And maybe one, possibly two items were tabled until next meeting and there was no vote on tabling it to the next meeting. It was just stated that you would move it to the next meeting. So, really it is a dead issue if you don't vote on it to move it to table it again, if you're following Robert's Rules of Order, which will make your meetings a lot more productive. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you. Umm, would you recommend that we go back and vote and table, and things like that? Or just let it go this time and improve for the future? **George Hauser:** I would just let it go this time and come back next time and make sure you're following Robert's Rules of Order. **Beth Hutchinson:** Thank you.

Beth Hutchinson: All right, so we're still on D. Umm, is there a motion to discuss D? No. There being no motion to discuss D that's off the table.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Director and Officer Conflict of Interest Statements

Beth Hutchinson: Under New Business we have director, and that's supposed to be officer although it came through in the email office, but it should be officer. Conflict of interest statements. Umm, it was not clear at that point what that involved, but fundamentally that's been taken care of with the people who received the papers I believe. Is there someone that wants to make a motion to discuss our signing of the director and officer conflict of interest statements? No. Okay we will not discuss it.

B. Proposal to Modify Certain Elements Relating to Proposed Sewer

Beth Hutchinson: And I am withdrawing B.

C. Support Staff/Employee Roles and Responsibilities

Beth Hutchinson: Umm C has to do with Support Staff or Employee; however they're going to be called, roles and responsibilities. This has been on the agenda numerous times for the benefit of new people so they could get to understand these things more clearly. Is there any desire for discussion on that? All right that's taken off.

D. Process to Employ to Fill Board of Director Vacancy

Beth Hutchinson: Umm, the next is the process to use or employ to fill the vacant position of Board director. Is there a desire to discuss this? **Davy Good:** I'll make a motion we discuss this. **Beth Hutchinson:** Is there a second? **Troy Spence:** I'll second it. **Beth Hutchinson:** It's been moved and seconded to open the discussion on the process to you to fill the vacant board of director's position. Would you like to start Davy? **Davy Good:** Yeah, I mean there's an open position I think we have to look at obviously people that live in the District and people that are qualified to be on the Board. And I, I've had a pretty good resumé, Pat Goodover. He lives in the District. He's served eight years on the board of realtors, if you look at the resumé. I think everybody has a copy of it. And I, I'd like to put him up for a nomination. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, the whole concept here, stated here in the agenda was the process to use. That we need to determine the steps to go through before we appoint the person, rather than looking at a specific person. **Davy Good:** I was more nominating, not appointing.

Beth Hutchinson: George. **George Hauser:** George Hauser. That is outlined in your by-laws. The process is that the Board appoints the individual. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, all right there is a sub process in this possibly, which was the intention. Do we actually advertise? Do we solicit? Do we do anything or do we just... **George Hauser:** Nomination. **Beth Hutchinson:** Nomination. **George Hauser:** From the Board. **Beth Hutchinson:** Arbitrary, just arbitrary appointment.

Beth Hutchinson: Jean. **Jean Curtiss:** I think you're right you could do it, like make sure there was an advertisement, or the information was around town. You could have people submit their names or you could nominate. Either. And I just want to throw out there, so, umm, actually Montana State law does allow you to flip a coin or draw from a hat. So, if you wanted to be a little more umm, I don't know fair, you could throw them in a hat if you have

some names you want to pick from. Umm, I think that the public is interested in this so, I think that a little more public process is probably encouraged, but you can just nominate yourselves, but you're gonna have to figure out whether you're going to interview. Whether you're gonna draw from a hat. Whether you've got qualifications. If you have questions? You can make the process long or short.

Davy Good: Why don't we discuss as a Board if anyone else has any other nominations or if we want to put it up for advertisement. **Troy Spence:** Why don't we advertise and then have them send a resumé in and then we'll, when she said interview and see what's that. **Mike Boltz:** Do we have a time schedule on this? I mean we should fill this. But I mean we should advertise it. We should have a time schedule and we should have a meeting for an appointment. I don't want this to go a month.

Rachelle Harman: Excuse me, but I just need to ask a question on doing this. If I may address Jean? I was under the impression that any candidate had to have an application. Is that necessary or not, first? **Jean Curtiss:** Well, I just printed off what it says in state law. So, there's a county and water, county water and/or sewer districts are in there. All it says is vacancies on a board of directors, umm, any vacancy in the board of directors, whether the vacant office is elective or appointed, must be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors. That's pretty much all it says. So, the process is pretty well open. The Board should decide what they want that process to look like. **Rachelle Harman:** Okay.

Beth Hutchinson: Well, I would suggest that we use an ad so that the complete District is aware of a process and that we are soliciting for a director. That we allow three weeks, two weeks something like that for resúmes to be submitted. And that during the next Board meeting we set aside a brief amount of time to interview any people who are interested in the position and decide to the best of our ability. I suspect there is a likelihood we're going to be deadlocked. And that we need to decide if we're deadlocked. Given that we came into the situation with three new people and we're just going to go back and forth, that maybe we do, if we are deadlocked. **Davy Good:** Doesn't the president only get to vote if there, as a tie breaker? If you look in the by-laws. **Mike Boltz:** Yeah, you don't vote. Us three vote. **Davy Good:** Right? **Jean Curtiss:** It does say a majority vote of the remaining directors. So, in this case I think she does get to vote. I think the other thing is you do not have to interview everyone. You know you can pick that you want to interview two people. You could get ten and have a selection process. In the end you could be deadlocked and have two people picked from a hat. **Davy Good:** If it says the remaining directors though, does that include the president? **Jean Curtiss:** I think it does. **George Hauser:** Yes. **Jean Curtiss:** I know with a County Commissioner we've had this before and there was an opening, the remaining two got to vote. **Davy Good:** Okay.

Beth Hutchinson: Nathan. **Nathan Bourne:** The by-laws also say for any action that the Board takes it has to have three votes affirmative for any action taken, which I would assume would deal with appointments too. So. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, so, the state law takes precedence, but the by-laws could be used to clarify a portion of it. All right, so.

Jean Curtiss: Madame Chair, could I have just one more thing? **Beth Hutchinson:** Yeah. **Jean Curtiss:** I think that you need to think about optics. So, this community is watching to see what happens now. They're watching to see how the four of you work together and go forward. Umm, so I think that the less, the more you screen out folks that have been way vocal

on either side and try to find people that are more in the middle umm, the better it will be for the optics for the community. Just a thought. **Beth Hutchinson:** I think that's. **Jean Curtiss:** So, you might get a bunch of apps in. You might want to pitch some out because you think they're too. They've been listed in the lawsuit. You don't want that. Whatever. **Beth Hutchinson:** Or they protested or did not protest. **Jean Curtiss:** Well. **Unidentified person:** That's everybody. **Jean Curtiss:** That's everybody. They either protested or didn't protest. So, you can't throw people out for that. That's who, that's who your electorate are.

Beth Hutchinson: Well, it's going to be another challenge. But let's umm, establish the steps that umm, are going to need. That we want to use for this process.

Davy Good: I'll make a motion then that we advertise it and try and get as many resumés in. Advertise it, I guess in the Pathfinder, maybe hang some, if Felicity had time, or if someone had time to hang some fliers up around town just letting people know that there's a vacancy, and then try and set up a short interview period with whoever does turn in resumés.

Beth Hutchinson: Umm, shall be, shall we be prepared with a final method to make a decision? If there is a tie. **Davy Good:** I guess yes, we will have to. If there's a tie breaker we'll have to come to an agreement. **Beth Hutchinson:** Any input on a method to break a tie?

Brenda Stewart: Flip a coin. **Jean Curtiss:** It's flip a coin or draw out of a hat. Those were the two things that were allowed. **Beth Hutchinson:** Troy, would you, ah, would you prefer flipping a coin or drawing out of a hat? **Troy Spence:** I don't care. Same odds.

Nathan Bourne: You could wait and see how many people you have to pick from. **Mike Boltz:** Yeah, or..... **Nathan Bourne:** Because there's only two sides on a coin. **Mike Boltz:** ...or make a vote. **Beth Hutchinson:** Well, I mean the bottom line is if we want to move promptly making a decision about a methodology tonight. If you're drawing out of a hat that broadens your options. Whereas flipping a coin does not. So. **Connie Betson:** Really two and two. **Davy Good:** Draw, yeah. Draw out of a hat, have Felicity draw out of a hat. **Felicity Derry:** I get the hot seat. Do I choose the hat too? **Davy Good:** You can. **Felicity Derry:** Thank you. **Beth Hutchinson:** All right, would you want to put that in the form of a motion, please?

Davy Good: I'll make a motion that we advertise the open position in the Pathfinder, hang up fliers around town and then at the next meeting set up a time beforehand to interview people and then veto the people that probably don't qualify, or whatever, and the remaining, if there is a deadlock the, draw out of a hat. **Beth Hutchinson:** With a resumé. **Davy Good:** With a resumé. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay, so that would be advertise, resumé, interview, draw out of hat if needed. **Davy Good:** Yes. **Beth Hutchinson:** Umm, is there a second for that motion? **Troy Spence:** I'll second. **Beth Hutchinson:** It's been moved and seconded to proceed with finding a new director by using advertising, getting resumés, interviewing and if we need to, to draw out of a hat if there's a tie vote. All those in favor? **Troy Spence:** Aye. **Davy Good:** Aye. **Beth Hutchinson:** Aye.

Beth Hutchinson: Jim. **Jim Erven:** Jim Erven. Question. Umm, how would the interviews look? Would it be a public meeting? If all four of you are involved I believe it has to be public, correct? **Felicity Derry:** Yup, it does. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yeah, it would be public I. **Jim Erven:** So, there would be public, all right. **Davy Good:** There, they'll be at the beginning...

Felicity Derry: It would have to be noticed. **Davy Good:** ...they'll be at the beginning of the next meeting. It'll be one of the first things on the agenda, right? **Felicity Derry:** You want to do it at the next meeting? **Davy Good:** Isn't that? **Felicity Derry:** We can do that. Yup. **Beth Hutchinson:** Should we revote? No, okay.

E. Note of Appreciation to Jon Tester for Securing 2018 WRDA Grant

Beth Hutchinson: All right, umm. Okay and then the final thing there was to come up with a few key concepts regarding an appreciation note for Jon Tester for supporting us in the two eighteen WRDA grant. So, from each, everybody's point of view, umm is there some content piece that you would like to look at in particular?

Beth Hutchinson: Walt. **Walt Hill:** Jon Tester is running for reelection at this time and I think a note from the Board to Jon Tester for anything would indicate political bias. Ah, in the eyes of the people looking outside. I would suggest that you wait until after November, because otherwise it would look like the Seeley Lake Sewer Board is supporting Jon Tester. **Davy Good:** Right.

Beth Hutchinson: Is there a motion to that effect? Except I already screwed up. Umm, should have brought that up with a motion. So, would someone want to make a motion on this subject and we will clarify it?

Davy Good: I make a motion that we discuss the note of appreciation to Jon Tester. **Mike Boltz:** I'll second. **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay. And so, the discussion would be that we should express this after the election.

Davy Good: I'll make a motion wait, until after November. **Beth Hutchinson:** Wait, there's already a motion. Do you want to just modify your motion? **Davy Good:** We have to make the motion to discuss it first. **Beth Hutchinson:** But, but there's a motion on the table already. **George Hauser:** You have already made a motion. **Davy Good:** Okay. **George Hauser:** It was seconded. Now it can be amended. **Jean Curtiss:** You can do a friendly amendment so you don't have to... **George Hauser:** It has to be a friendly amendment. **Davy Good:** I'll make an amendment to that motion to table it until after November, after the election. **Troy Spence:** I'll second that. **Beth Hutchinson:** Any discussion? It's been moved and seconded that we send the note of appreciation to Jon Tester after the election. All those in favor? **Troy Spence:** Aye. **Davy Good:** Aye. **Beth Hutchinson:** Aye.

Kim Myre: Question. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yes. **Kim Myre:** I think it would be a great big thank you if you would sign the umm, memorandum for record so that they can actually obligate the funds. **Beth Hutchinson:** Umm hmm. All right, and since no one has felt a necessity to address our fiscal obligations relating to the reserve, the lawsuit and other things.

Beth Hutchinson: George. **George Hauser:** Just for your information Roberts Rules of Order say you vote on the amendment first. **Jean Curtiss:** Ah, if that's a friendly though you don't have to. **George Hauser:** They say you do, Robert's Rules. And then you vote on the amendment as ah, amended. Vote on the motion as amended. But... **Beth Hutchinson:** Okay. **George Hauser:** ...but let it, let it go this time. This is just informational for yer. Unidentified person: They tabled it though. **Beth Hutchinson:** No. All right. **Jean Curtiss:** No, they wo, they.... **Beth Hutchinson:** Umm. **Mike Boltz:** Felicity, I have to go back to

work. **Beth Hutchinson:** Shall we? **Felicity Derry:** Oh, you're leaving, no wait you need to sign this. I need you to sign checks before you go. **Jean Curtiss:** Can I address your concern with that? So, so by signing that, it says that you'd like them to reserve the money. **Beth Hutchinson:** Yeah. **Jean Curtiss:** You don't get the money until you can show the match. So, it's okay you've got time to do that. Okay? So, I just wanted to make you feel a little better about that. **Mike Boltz:** I've just got too much business. **Beth Hutchinson:** Would someone please motion to sign the memorandum?

Davy Good: I'll make a motion that Beth signs the memorandum. **Troy Spence:** Second. **Beth Hutchinson:** It's been moved and seconded that I sign the memorandum of record for the grant for the two thousand and eight WRDA grant. All those in favor? **Troy Spence:** Aye. **Davy Good:** Aye. **Beth Hutchinson:** Aye. Three.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

Beth Hutchinson: Okay, umm, our next scheduled meeting, that's a regular meeting, is for October eighteenth at six o'clock here. And I will entertain a motion for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

Troy Spence: Make a motion to adjourn this meeting. **Davy Good:** I'll second it. **Beth Hutchinson:** All those in favor? **Troy Spence:** Aye. **Davy Good:** Aye. **Beth Hutchinson:** Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Attest:

Beth Hutchinson President

Felicity Derry, Secretary