

**SEELEY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**April 20, 2023**

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

Public Attendance - Appendix A

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:14pm after some technical issues were resolved. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Tom Morris moved to approve the agenda and move forward.** Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

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

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

Tom Morris noted that it was a full slate tonight, asking that everybody should try to be respectful of each other’s time and to keep things moving along, as efficiently as possible.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Shannon Therriault, Missoula City-County Health Department (MCCHD) introduced herself, noting that she wanted to listen to the meeting, with an eye to working together in the future, to get things done.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**MINUTES:**

February 16, 2023

**Cheri Thompson moved to accept the minutes (February 16, 2023) as presented.** Jason Gilpin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

### **Invoices – March - April 2023**

Tom Morris reviewed the invoices for March - April 2023. The ME Labs invoices were reviewed. The testing protocol and whether to continue with the coliform testing were discussed. Shannon Therriault commented that the MCCHD would not have a problem if the District discontinued the coliform testing.

**Tom Morris moved to pay the invoices (March - April 2023).** Troy Spence seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried.

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

## **MANGER'S REPORT:**

Bill Decker noted that he had taken samples in December and March. There had been a lot of snow and a couple of the wells could not be found until recently. However, a couple of the previously dry wells now had water, so he will be collecting samples from those next week. The monitoring well by the carwash will be retested to confirm the last result.

### **January, February & March 2023 Financial Reports**

Tom Morris noted that the financial reports had been skipped over. The Board had no questions.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **Action Plan for 2021-2022 - Committee Reports**

### **Pathfinder Article & Email Newsletter**

Cheri Thompson noted that she would meet with Bill Decker and get caught up.

### **Mission Update**

None.

### Environmental Deoxyribonucleic Acid (eDNA) Sampling

Tom Morris noted that there had been no updates from the Clearwater Resource Council (CRC).

### Test Result Map

Bill Decker noted that WET would provide an updated map, reflecting the most recent test results. The test results were discussed.

### Clearwater RV Dump Station

Bill Decker noted that he had not attended the last Community Council meeting, so did not have an update. Shannon Therriault added that MCCHD would be happy to assist if they could help to alleviate the burden on the Lindey's dump station.

### FY2024 Budget

Tom Morris reviewed the numbers that he had put together for the FY2024 budget. There was discussion regarding equipment that might be needed for testing the wells and which line item it should be added to. The Board worked through each of the line items, discussing where changes could be made. The Board discussed the possibility of eDNA testing the monitoring wells. The Board agreed to include additional funds in the budget to do so. The District's ongoing relationship with CRC was discussed. The Board discussed the possibility of drilling additional wells and including extra money in the budget to facilitate that. How much money to budget for engineering costs was discussed.

The Board discussed the proposed budget total, the offset from reserve funds and the amount that would be sent to the Department of Revenue. The Board then reached a consensus on the proposed budget. The Board discussed the possibility of water testing outside of the District.

**Tom Morris moved to propose a budget of \$116,968.88 and a total assessment amount sent to the Department of Revenue (DOR) of \$30,000.** Cheri Thompson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Monitoring Well & Lake Testing

Bill Decker reviewed the results from the most recent round of testing. Bill Decker will check the well depths and sample some of the wells again next week. The June sampling should be a complete round of sampling for all of the wells. Utilizing the monitoring wells at the mill was discussed.

Fee Assessment Methodology

**Tom Morris moved to stay with the same methodology as last year, which was an equal assessment.** Cheri Thompson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

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

Set Date for Fee Assessment Public Hearing

The Board discussed possible dates for the fee assessment public hearing that would allow sufficient time for the protest period.

**Cheri Thompson moved to hold the Hearing of Protest meeting at 6:00pm, on June 15, 2023, prior to the regular board meeting.** Tom Morris seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried.

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

Christina Eggnesperger, WET noted that the District was in the running for the Reclamation and Development Grant (RDG) for the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) update.

The Board discussed where to hold the public meeting and agreed upon The Barn, if it was available. Bill Decker felt that he would be able to gather and compile all the information for the fee assessment, prior to the publication date of the notice of hearing.

**Cheri Thompson moved that the total estimated cost of the administrative fee (FY204 budget) is \$116,968.88. A transfer from district reserves of \$86,968.88 will be applied to the administrative fee, leaving an estimated balance of \$30,000 (to be sent to the Department of Revenue). Each lot, parcel or tract of land in the District shall be assessed equally.** Tom Morris seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried.

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: May 18, 2023**

The Board discussed holding the next meeting on June 15, 2023.

**Cheri Thompson moved to not hold a May board meeting.** Tom Morris seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried.

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

Tom Morris confirmed that the next meeting would be held on June 15, 2023 at 6:00pm, probably at the Barn, starting with the fee assessment hearing.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Tom Morris noted that the following items should be added to the June agenda: Action Plan – Committee Reports – Pathfinder Article; Mission Update; Test Result Map, Clearwater RV Dump Station, eDNA Sampling and Monitoring Well & Lake Sampling.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:**

**Tom Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.** Jason Gilpin seconded the motion.

Attest:

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Tom Morris, President

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Felicity Derry, Secretary

