APPENDIX A

SEELEY LAKE – MISSOULA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT Special Board Meeting Virtual Meeting Via Zoom August 20, 2020

NAME	ADDRESS/EMAIL	PHONE #
Dan Semmens		
Colleen Krause		
Nathan Bourne		
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July 31, 2020

Seeley Lake Sewer District Board

Box 403

Seeley Lake, Montana 59868

Sirs, and Madam

In the past three years I have spent \$84,340.32 on legal services from Worden Thane and Haines and Colleen Dowdall Law offices in pursuing my opposition to the proposed Seeley Lake Sewer project. I believe the Seeley Lake Sewer District should reimburse me for these costs. I can document every hour of legal billing.

The Montana Constitution guarantees citizens' right to know, to participate, and to vote on any public indebtedness it is asked to incur. The Seeley Lake Sewer District Board has been intractable in its pursuit of the present alternative and has not served its residents very well. It has failed to properly research its proposal. It has failed to fully examine water quality in the four sub-districts. It has failed to conduct an income survey and determine the debt load residents can assume, it has failed to look at more affordable alternatives and most importantly, it has failed to assess the negative impact on housing costs and the possible negative impact it would have on Pyramid Mtn Lumber....hence the reason for my legal challenge.

The cost of the litigation was exacerbated by your legal counsel and the type of litigation he employs and my legal counsel spent a great deal of time correcting him on facts not relevant to the lawsuit.

My effort to secure a writ of mandamus and allow citizens the right to vote on the project was also an unnecessary and expensive undertaking. While the district court dismissed my actions, it did allow for me to re-file my complaints.

And Mr. Beals filing of a lawsuit on behalf of the board against the two most recently elected members also was a waste of my and Sewer District dollars.

The new Board members secured election because they indicated they would allow citizens to vote on the proposal once the bids are in. That is what I have been fighting for these past three years.

I hope you will consider offering me relief for this regrettable, unnecessary expenditure. Had the past Board members recognized and respected the constitutional rights I outlined above, this would not have been necessary.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

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RE: Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Seeley Lake Sewer District Board,

Missoula County is dedicated to the success of the Seeley Lake Sewer District and the current project coming to fruition for the health and public safety of the Seeley Lake community. As such, Missoula County is providing the services of Public Works employee Kim Myre to assist with administrative services as outlined in Section 3 of the interlocal agreement between the district and Missoula County.

Ms. Myre's role, with respectful cooperation from the district, is to assist as a resource to coordinate budgets and financial reports, provide grant administration assistance, participate in monthly board meetings and project calls and prepare tax rolls for county collection. Ms. Myre's role does not include providing legal advice. Legal issues should be directed to the Seeley Lake Sewer District's attorney. (See recorded Interlocal Agreement: Book 1020, Page 5, Missoula Countly Clerk and Recorder's Office).

Missoula County may consider terminating the interlocal agreement if the district cannot respect the scope of administrative services in the agreement. Please do not ask Kim Myre for legal advice and please treat her with all due respect.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Missoula Board of County County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Josh Stetmek Chair

Not available

David Strohmaier, Commissioner

Juanita Vero

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Cc: Shane Stack, P.E. – Director Missoula County Public Works
Deb Bell, AICP. – Assistant Director-Administration, Missoula County Public Works

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