

Seeley Lake – Missoula County Sewer District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date	January 15th, 2025	Time	6:00
Location	Seeley Lake Community Foundation Building 3150 MT-83 N		
Zoom	Zoom link on homepage at www.SeeleySewer.org		
Meeting ID	899 6021 4403	Passcode	032580

Attendees					
x	Tom Morris, President	05/28	x	Tyler Smith, Director	05/28
x	Pat Goodover, Vice President	05/26	x	Troy Spence, Director	05/26
x	Cheryl Thompson, Director	05/26	x	Carrie Sokoloski, Manager	
x	Talia Malone, Secretary				
Others in Attendance (Sign-In Sheet Attached)					

I. Call to Order	Moved	Second	No/Abstain	Passed	Signed
A. President Tom Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM					
II. Agenda Approval					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Morris made a motion to approve the Agenda • Vice President Goodover seconded motion • Motion approved unanimously 					
III. President's Comment					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Tom Morris reminded board members to respect time, noting to a busy agenda. 					
IV. Public Comment					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 					
V. Correspondence					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received email from Trish Schrieber expressing concerns about being passed over for grant funding. It was clarified that funding referenced was from a different source and that optimism remains for the projects funding. • Confirmation email from DNRC that a \$50,000 reimbursement grant was approved. • Request for election judges and encouragement for board members to participate. • Dept. of Commerce grant of \$38,358.00 is close to being finalized. 					
VI. Minutes					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Morris made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes. • Vice President Goodover seconded motion • Motion approved unanimously 					

VII.	Financial Reports
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Morris made a motion to approve monthly expenditures as presented, totaling \$3,408.32 and transferring of \$50,000 funds to county account. • Director Smith seconded motion • Motion approved unanimously
VIII.	Manager's Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Manager and Secretary contracts are being rewritten in response to Department of Labor guidance that positions must be classified as employees, not contractors. B. Keeping in contact with Missoula County HR to explore joining workers comp plan, but own policy may be simple and more affordable. C. Information packet on annexation shared with board. D. CRC letter of support for septic education and pumping grant was sent.
IX.	Old Business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Land Purchase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing discussions with Pyramid property owners about parceling land for wastewater treatment facility. 2. Update from engineering group that sellers are open to subdividing land. 3. Need for groundwater investigation brought up but board needs a ballpark price for land, in order to proceed. Funding for land acquisition remains uncertain; various state and federal grants discussed. 4. Concerns raised about potential locations flooding. 5. Discussion about county/developer cooperation, possible subdivision exemptions, and potential for neighbor oppositions. 6. Board emphasized not incurring further engineering costs without first establishing a reasonable purchase price. B. Annexation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annexation will require a committee with members from the board and public for any impact fees. 2. Need to clarify annexation boundaries before final design to assess property requirements. 3. DNRC requires new state land buyers to sign a waiver agreeing to join district if system extends to them, although some properties remain non-contiguous, posing connection challenges. 4. Financial concerns for lower-income residents addressed, especially regarding transition from septic to district service. C. Implementation of focus group recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise and finalize manager contract to match new employee requirements. 2. Look in to quotes for workers' comp insurance. 3. Follow up with mill property for a ballpark land price before approving any site investigations.

4. Explore forming annexation/impact fee committee including public and board representation.
5. Continue working with engineers and grant writers on funding opportunities and applications.

X. New Business

None

XI. Adjournment

- President Morris made a motion to adjourn meeting
- Vice President Goodover seconded
- Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM

Next Scheduled Meeting