

## Seeley Lake – Missoula County Sewer District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Location</b>	Seeley Lake Community Foundation, 3150 MT Hwy 83N		
<b>Date</b>	April 16, 2026	<b>Time</b>	6:00pm
<b>Zoom</b>	Meeting link on homepage at <a href="http://www.SeeleySewer.org">www.SeeleySewer.org</a>		
<b>Meeting ID</b>	899 6021 4403	<b>Passcode</b>	032580

<b>Attendees</b>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Morris, President	05/28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tyler Smith, Director	05/28
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pat Goodover, V. President	05/26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Troy Spence, Director	05/26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Thompson, Director	05/26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carrie Sokoloski, Manager	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Talia Malone, Secretary				

<b>I. Call to Order</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Tom Morris calls the meeting to order at 6:03 PM</li> </ul>
<b>II. Agenda Approval</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Morris moves to approve agenda as presented.</li> <li>Director Smith seconded motion.</li> <li>Motion passed and agenda approved unanimously</li> </ul>
<b>III. President's Comment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Morris notes that there are many things to cover on the agenda and that the public will have their chance to speak, but if it's about things that are not listed on the agenda to talk to him after the meeting and we can put it on the next agenda to discuss. Reminds everyone to be considerate of time and to be respectful.</li> </ul>
<b>IV. Public Comment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leanne Bradenburg, resident on Daisy Lane, wanted to express her concerns about the possibility of the sewer treatment plant being built on a piece of property for sale on Daisy Lane. She and other residents on Daisy Lane are concerned about noise, traffic and property value.</li> <li>Dave Livingston, also a resident of Daisy Lane, brought up concerns over the treatment plant. Referenced concerns about a water treatment plant in Clovis, California that destroyed farmland and is now a housing development. He stated he was not familiar with the engineering structure of the District's water treatment plant but is concerned about it possibly destroying Seeley Lake's future. He said he attended one of the community engagement sessions in 2025 but the information provided wasn't helpful.</li> </ul>
<b>V. Correspondence</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A resume for the secretary position was forwarded to President and Manager, however the job position has not been posted yet. Once the board approves the job description, the position will be posted.</li> <li>Rural Water Impact, the company that hosts the district's website, notified the district of upcoming accessibility/readability requirements for online documents; must be screen reader/ searchable, Deadline is April of next year but expected to be a sizable project.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election administration coordination discussed; forms and instructions posted online. Missoula County is responsible for publishing notice.</li> </ul>
<b>VI. Minutes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Smith moves to approve March meeting minutes as presented.</li> <li>• Director Spence seconded motion.</li> <li>• March meeting minutes are approved unanimously.</li> </ul>
<b>VII. Financial Reports</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Morris moves to approve monthly expenditures as presented.</li> <li>• Vice President Goodover seconded motion.</li> <li>• Financial reports approved unanimously.</li> </ul>
<b>VIII. Manager's Report</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Community planning grant application update submitted March 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>B. Liability insurance updated.</li> <li>C. Annual financial report for Local Government Services finalized for submission.</li> <li>D. Payroll services researched; plan to use Quickbooks Payroll as most economical option.</li> <li>E. District phone line still pending due to address/suite confusion.</li> <li>F. Historical Quickbooks data from 2007 and on, uploaded into Quickbooks online.</li> </ul>
<b>IX. Old Business</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Land Acquisition (Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two primary parcels discussed: Daisy Lane property and "Brewery property" off the highway.</li> <li>2. Mill site was discussed as previously evaluated but not currently an option.</li> <li>3. Manager assisted Will Meyer with MAP in GPS location of wells adjacent to the potential sites; report expected next week.</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. Annexation (Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annexation vs impact fees clarified as separate processes.</li> <li>2. Voluntary annexation for adjacent property owners can be approved by the board; non-adjacent annexations require a more detailed process, including hearings and elections.</li> <li>3. DNRC land sales require waivers to be signed indicating intent to join the district, but guidelines and enforcement are unclear.</li> <li>4. Impact fees require a technical "service area report" to comply with Montana law.</li> <li>5. Impact fee intent described as compensating existing district stakeholders for prior investments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. Amend PER scope of work (Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Debate on whether to phase collection vs treatment plant/land purchase.</li> <li>2. WET Engineers indicated projects are commonly phased and do not require full project funding before starting and that partial funding can leverage additional funding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. Future Grants (Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dept. of Commerce project grant in progress for \$750K.</li> <li>2. Request for \$19M submitted to CPF (Community Project Funding).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>X. New Business</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Budget (Discussion/ Action)</li> </ul>

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Need to start working on next year budget by June and has to be given to the county by September.</li><li>2. Questions raised whether to continue deferring assessments to reserve or to hold bank funds for matching grants. Board asked to bring budget recommendations to next meeting.</li></ol> |
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<b>XI. Adjournment</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• President Morris made a motion to adjourn meeting</li><li>• Director Thompson seconded motion</li><li>• Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM</li></ul> |
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<b>XII. Next Meeting</b> May 21, 2026
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Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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President

  
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Board Member

