

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Hybrid - Zoom
December 5, 2023

Members Present

Patrick Johnson, Chair
Edward Kerins, Vice Chair
Diana Hammer
Jeff Ryan
Jon Staldine

Staff

Drenda Niemann
Jennifer McBroom
Kathy Moore
Kegan McClanahan
Dawn Sullivan
Natalie Emerson

Members Absent

Comm. Tom Rolfe
Ryan Leland

Guests Present

Ed Kerins, Vice Chair, called the 272nd meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors (Board) to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was established. Introductions of Board members and WQPD staff were made.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes made to the agenda.

MINUTES

No changes were made to the October 24, 2023 minutes and they were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBER

Ms. McBroom introduced Natalie Emerson as the new Water Quality Specialist. Ms. Emerson is originally from Wisconsin and came to WQPD via college in Minnesota and then a position at Montana DEQ.

KATHY MOORE, RETIRING

Ms. McBroom announced to the Board that Kathy Moore was retiring from her position with Lewis and Clark Public Health after 30 years. Ms. McBroom expressed her gratitude for Ms. Moore's history with WQPD and her personal and professional guidance over the years. Ms. Moore joined the WQPD part-time in 1993, then full-time in 1999, staying on until 2005 when she moved to the Environmental Division.

REVIEW OF GROUNDWATER DASHBOARD

Mr. McClanahan gave a more in-depth overview of the dashboard and story map about WQPD does and is doing with regard to water quantity monitoring. He detailed how to interact with the tools on

the dashboard to get the data and information to work for the user. Future additions to the dashboard will include more data on water quality (ie; nitrates, nitrites etc) and topics such as ‘what do your water test results mean?’

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Kerins spoke to Mayor Harris regarding the East Helena board representative. Mr. Harris stated that Ms. Leland is the representative and that will not change.

Mr. Ryan mentioned the Montana Matters Youth Outdoor Experience presented by Montana Conservation Elders at the fairgrounds on April 13th. It will have recreational and educational events for youth participants. He will send more information to Ms. McBroom so that the WQPD may be a participating vendor at the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Next meeting will be January 23, 2024, at 5:30pm

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.