

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Hybrid - Zoom
April 25, 2023

Members Present

Patrick Johnson, Chair
Lisa Kaufman
Edward Kerins
David Nimick
Ryan Leland (5:45-6:30)
Comm. Tom Rolfe
Jeff Ryan

Staff

Joel Ebert
Madeline McKeefry
Jennifer McBroom
Dawn Sullivan
Angelique Frier, BSWC

Members Absent

Judy Leland
Diana Hammer

Guests Present

Patrick Johnson, Chair, called the 268th meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors (Board) to order at 5:32 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 March 28, 2023 minutes. Mr. Kerins moved to accept the minutes as written. Comm. Rolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 3RD QUARTER

Ms. McBroom presented a brief report of the end of Fiscal Year 2023 3rd Quarter financials. Seventy-seven percent of way through the fiscal year, the WQPD has used 53.6% of the budgeted amount for personnel due to the vacant full-time Hydrogeologist position. Expenditures are at 32% spent down because there are several projects in progress (database system, Watershed Core Member payments, Strategic Plan Coordinator payments, wells to be fixed, and potential PFAS sampling) and equipment yet to be purchased. Total Revenues are at 64%, but additional revenues come in May.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Ms. McBroom gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023 3rd quarter report. The WQPD is meeting its goals with regard to educational opportunities, data management, and messaging. We are also

monitoring 310 wells this quarter. There are also training opportunities being provided to staff regularly to support the WQPD's activities.

DRAFT FY24 STRATEGIC PLAN WITH BUDGET

Ms. McBroom presented the draft of the Fiscal Year 2024 Strategic Plan, including the budget, to the board for discussion. Some brief comments were made before the board decided to take a two-week period to submit comments on the draft. Comments will be taken into consideration for the final draft of the strategic plan, which will be sent to the board May 17th or 18th.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The board and staff presented updates on legislative bills that they have been following. Ms. McBroom noted that HB642 died and HB364 had section 10 stricken and is now somewhat supported by the Environmental Division. Mr. Ryan reported that SB28 is dead in committee and HB321, which would create a separate window in the Coal Tax Trust Fund for the Conservation District is hung up in committee.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Ryan updated the board on the Black Sandy restoration project. There will also be another restoration project on Lake Helena coming up soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Next meeting will be May 23, 2023, at 5:30pm

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.