

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Hybrid - Zoom  
May 23, 2023

Members Present

Patrick Johnson, Chair  
Diana Hammer (arrived 6:15)  
Edward Kerins  
Ryan Leland  
Comm. Tom Rolfe  
Jeff Ryan

Staff

Joel Ebert  
Madeline McKeefry  
Jennifer McBroom  
Dawn Sullivan  
Kathy Moore

Members Absent

Judy Leland  
Lisa Kaufman  
David Nimick

Guests Present

Patrick Johnson, Chair, called the 269th 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**

Ms. Hammer noted via email prior to the meeting the incorrect date at the top of the minutes that read March 28<sup>th</sup> instead of April 25<sup>th</sup> and requested it to be changed. Mr. Kerins moved to accept the minutes as amended. Comm. Rolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**FY 2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Ms. McBroom presented the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2024 Strategic Plan to the board for discussion and approval. Additions were made to sections 1.1 and 2.1 based upon Board member comments from the previous comment period. Mr. Kerins also suggested changing the word consumption in section 4.3.2 to dissemination. Ms. McBroom agreed to make that change. Mr. Kerins moved to approve the strategic plan as amended. Commissioner Rolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**FY 2024 WQPD BUDGET**

Ms. McBroom presented the Fiscal Year 2024 final budget to the Board. Changes from the previous month's presentation were an additional \$2,000 added to educational awareness for a potential educational project for the conservation center and \$25,000 moved into contracted services from the FY23 budget for the new database contract that was approved but would not take effect until FY 24.

Mr. Leland moved to recommend the budget for approval to the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Hammer seconded the motion. Commissioner Rolfe abstained from the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The board and staff presented final updates on legislative bills that they had been following. Ms. McBroom noted that HB791 regarding greenhouse gas emissions won't impact the WQPD. Mr. Ryan spoke about HB321 which had a last-minute 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and should have been signed by the Governor. It helps rural Conservation Districts with funding by placing money in a trust from which they can draw interest.

### **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Ryan shared pictures from the Black Sandy project, which was completed two weeks prior. The Lake Helena project needed to have half redone as it didn't take the first time and it was also completed two weeks ago. Fifteen hundred feet on the north shore have been completed.

Ms. McBroom let the Board know that there would be an Open House for the WQPD on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm at 316 N Park Ave, room 226. It is open to the public and Board members are encouraged to attend.

Commissioner Rolfe said DEQ has put out a notice about a meeting for the Water Quality Act on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Board requested a presentation from the Prickly Pear Water Users Association.

Mr. Ryan mentioned a meeting of the Mt. Association of Conservation Districts June 6-8<sup>th</sup>. More information is available on their website.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

Next meeting will be June 27, 2023, at 5:30pm

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.