

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Hybrid - Zoom
October 24, 2023

Members Present

Patrick Johnson, Chair
Edward Kerins
Ryan Leland
Comm. Candace Payne
Jon Staldine

Staff

Drenda Niemann
Jennifer McBroom
Angelique Frier
Kegan McClanahan
Dawn Sullivan

Members Absent

Jeff Ryan
Diana Hammer

Guests Present

Patrick Johnson, Chair, called the 271st meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors (Board) to order at 5:35 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 June 27, 2023 minutes. Mr. Kerins moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Staldine seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Nomination for Board Vice Chair was Ed Kerins, motion made by Comm. Payne, seconded by Mr. Leland. There were no other nominations. Mr. Kerins accepted. The motion carried 4-0.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW HYDROGEOLOGIST

Ms. McBroom introduced Kegan McClanahan as the new hydrogeologist after the 19-month search. Mr. McClanahan provided a brief background of his education and work history and himself as introduction. Ms. McBroom also announced that Ms. McKeefry, Water Quality Specialist left her position in October to work for DNRC.

FYE23 AND 1ST QTR 24 FINANCIALS

Ms. McBroom gave a brief overview of the FYE23 financials. Due to vacancy of the Hydrogeologist position, total expenditures were at 67% at the end of the year. Total revenues were 104% for the year because of some additional income sources. First quarter FY24 personnel expenditures are still a

bit below budgeted due to vacancy. Professional Services is at 143% due to an accident at a well measurement at a home that needed to be fixed immediately. Contracted Services is at 53% due to some contracts that rolled over from last year. However, overall expenditures are at 22%. Total revenues are only at 2.91% because the first influx of assessments doesn't come until November of each fiscal year.

1ST QTR REPORT FY24

Mr. McClanahan presented a report on Groundwater Well Monitoring and a geodatabase. The database will be utilized to developed trends over time from laboratories, home well testing, and WQPD well testing regarding water quality and quantity issues. The public can learn about historic trends in well levels with this database.

REVIEW OF ROBERT'S RULES

Ms. Sullivan presented a brief review of Robert's Rules for meetings. The review focused primarily on quorums, motions, and rules for those attending electronically.

BIG SKY WATERSHED CORPS – PROJECT UPDATE AND END OF YEAR REPORT

Ms. Frier presented on the Unionville groundwater study in which nitrates and additional parameters were tested for in 10-11 wells in 2019 and 2023. She also provided a summary of her term with the Big Sky Watershed Corps, highlighting her projects, trainings, and volunteer experiences she took part in during the year.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

No additional board member discussion took place.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Next meeting will be December 5, 2023, at 5:30pm

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.