

SEELEY LAKE MISSOULA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
June 19, 2008

Attendance:

Glen Morin	President	PRESENT	Ralph Kloser	Manager	PRESENT
Dave Whitesitt	Vice-President	PRESENT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	ABSENT
Bob Skiles	Director	PRESENT	Bruce Friede	Advisor	PRESENT
Tom Morris	Director	PRESENT			
Dan Johnson, Jr.	Director	ABSENT			

OPENING

The meeting was called to order by President Glen Morin, at 5:08 pm, at Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc., located at 379 Boy Scout Road.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 15, 2008 meeting were presented. Tom Morris noted that in the opening Dave Whitesitt's title should be changed Vice-President.

Tom Morris moved to approve the minutes with the correction, Bob Skiles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills

Glen Morin presented the bills to the Board.

1.	RTK & Associates	\$	550.00
2.	Secretary Felicity Derry	\$	67.50
3.	Seeley Lake Water District – Bookkeeping	Inv#18	\$ 52.50
4.	Energy Labs	\$	279.75
5.	Missoula County Rural Initiatives - Lobbyist	\$	2,500.00

Ralph Kloser had just received the final bill from Great West Engineering. The Board discussed this invoice which brought the total billed over the contracted amount and agreed to discuss this further once more research had been done by Ralph Kloser.

Bob Skiles moved to pay all bills as presented, Dave Whitesitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statement

The Board reviewed the financial statements for May 2008. Ralph Kloser informed the Board that Marty Kux and the Water District Accountant had assisted setting up the flow of the grant money creating the liability for Missoula County and categorizing it as a fixed asset.

Tom Morris moved to approve the financial statements, Bob Skiles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dale McCormick, PCI sent a letter regarding a proposed housing development. Ralph Kloser read the letter to the Board. Dale McCormick was unable to attend the June meeting but would like to be put on the agenda for the July meeting. The subdivision is called Alpine Trails and is currently planned to utilize drain fields only. He would like to discuss amending the Sewer District's boundaries to include part of the subdivision.

Dave Whitesitt moved to resolve that the Sewer District add no more annexations until all four phases are completed and served, Tom Morris seconded.

The Board discussed the matter that the people who have been paying from the beginning should be served before letting anybody else in to the District. It is too late in the process to annex in the subdivision now. Once the entire project is finished they can annex in but they will have to pay for the increased system capacity needs. The Board agreed to put Dale McCormick, PCI on the agenda for July.

The Board passed Dave Whitesitt's motion unanimously.

The Board discussed the feasibility of putting the sequence batch reactor on property owned by the mill or approaching the people by the airport again.

Ralph Kloser told the Board that copies of the CDBG and TSEP grant applications have been received from OPG and noted that the TSEP application did not have a cover letter. Also OPG needs a signature for drawdown #2 from STAG and DNRC so the County can be reimbursed. OPG also sent a bill in the amount of \$562.45 for copies of the grant applications. They are requesting that this is paid before the end of their fiscal year.

Bob Skiles moved to reimburse Missoula County for copying in the amount of \$562.45, Dave Whitesitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ralph Kloser presented reports for the May and June 2008.

1. The majority of time was taken up preparing for the joint meetings and the staffers' visit tomorrow.
2. Also working with Felicity Derry and Marty Kux getting the grant money flowing through the accounts correctly.

Tom Morris moved to approve the manager's report; Dave Whitesitt seconded and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter to the Public

Ralph Kloser had spoken with Dave Aune who suggested working from the PER summary. Ralph Kloser recommended sending this to everybody in the District. The Board agreed that it should be sent out to the entire District. Tom Morris also suggested including in a cover letter that there are copies of the PER at the Water District and Library. Glen Morin agreed that the cover letter should be included and he would like it sent as soon as possible.

Tom Morris moved to resolve to hold a work session at 5:00pm, Tuesday June 24th, 2008 at the mill, to revise the summary and develop a cover letter for the newsletter, seconded by Bob Skiles, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Lobbyist

Ralph Kloser read Marni's email. All is going well with congress and the request for Federal funding. The two bills that could fund our request are set to mark up on June 26th, and July 10th. She will be attending the July Board meeting.

Staffers' Visit

Tom Morris noted that in the hand out information the fee assessment should read \$72. The Board discussed leaving *the Forest Service has ruled out....* in the information and agreed that "without an EIS according to the fisheries biologist" should be added for clarification.

Tom Morris motioned that Glen Morin present the information with the revisions discussed at the staffers' meeting tomorrow; seconded by Bob Skiles, and it passed unanimously.

Interlocal Agreement

Tom Morris moved that the Seeley Lake Missoula County Sewer District enter in to the interlocal agreement with the Seeley Lake Missoula County Water District, Dave Whitesitt seconded the motion.

Tom Morris stated it was his opinion that the joint meetings were out of compliance with Montana codes. There was full representation from two government entities with no notice given to the public, nor were the public invited. Nothing was voted on; however this is something that we need to be careful of in the future. In the future these meetings need to be posted. Addrien Marx called the meetings and moderated them, but she did not really have the authorization to do that. She also went to DC representing us without any authorization from either Board. The Community Council that she represents is not a government entity; it is a liaison between Seeley Lake community and the Missoula County Commissioners. She wants to create a different community than we have. For the record he did not think it was right. Also we found out much of the things about the lobbyist after the fact. He is not in agreement with Vince Chappell's opinion on the health hazard within the District, but that information was stated as fact in Washington DC. Vince Chappell says that there are people within the District who are not on city water that could be getting contaminated well water and Tom Morris believes that is dereliction of duty on the Water District; not the Sewer District. The Water District has been around for 30 years. If they are not servicing all of the people within their district there is something wrong there.

We willing without hesitation agreed to drill new wells for the testing. The only original well being used from our benchmarks in 1996 is the Baptist well and it was re-drilled to a deeper depth using a drill rod that had been used at Lindey's to drill right through their failed sewer system. They were both drilled after that. The Baptist Church well is less than 100 feet from their sewer. There is no legal drinking water well in the state of Montana

that is closer than 100 feet to a sewer. There are contaminated results being used. There are all kinds of things that are 100% truths that can be presented to Congress and the people of Seeley Lake; I don't think we have to make stuff up. I don't think we have to pad the numbers. He doesn't think we need to be deceitful and believes we have been.

Glen Morin stated that we are putting in a sewer not because of the ground water testing, which we don't have to do right now. The Butte School of Mines told us to continue to do this. Tom Morris said that the Baptist well is the only one we are using; all of the others were abandoned. The wells that we are using were recommended by the engineer. There are many generalities that were used in the PER so we can get grants. Fish and Game have never been questioned why Seeley Lake has a dead fish listing. Bob Skiles asked them, they said that it is a general assumption from studies in relative waters. Tom Morris said he is all for doing what we are going to do, we need the money. He is against using generalities and half truths to sell it.

Glen Morin agreed that the truth needs to be used. Also that if Addrien is going to be representing the Board she has to have the Board's approval. Ralph Kloser added that she has never been to a single meeting.

The interlocal agreement was passed unanimously.

Water Testing

Vince Chappell was unable to make it to the meeting; this will be postponed until the next meeting. Tom Morris suggested that the results should not be used if there is a chain of custody issue as there was on the last tests.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Scheduled for July 17, 2008

Glen Morin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm

Attest:

Glen Morin, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary