

SEELEY LAKE MISSOULA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Special Meeting
October 26, 2009

Attendance:

Glen Morin	President	PRESENT	Tom Morris	Director	PRESENT
Dave Whitesitt	Vice-President	PRESENT	Ralph Kloser	Manager	ABESNT
Bob Skiles	Director	ABSENT	Felicity Derry	Secretary	ABSENT
Scott Smith	Director	PRESENT	Randy Gordon	Consultant	PRESENT

OPENING

The special meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President, Glen Morin at Glen's Automotive, located at 3124 Highway 83 N. The purpose of the meeting was to approve a \$62.00 payment to the Forest Service for a temporary special use permit to investigate the property as a possible site.

Randy Gordon said that Dave Aune would come for the test holes to see if the property would work. Then the District could precede getting a special use permit for probably 50 years, which would satisfy the funding agencies, and then getting the site permitted.

Dave Whitesitt asked if the District would be able to get enough land for what needs to be done. Randy Gordon said that the possible site for the treatment plant is 20 acres. Dave Whitesitt asked if that would be enough land to replace the drain field if it were to fail. Randy Gordon confirmed that there was plenty of room. Dave Whitesitt said that he had been advised the District would need a storage reservoir for 2 days maximum input for the plant. Would there be room for that? Randy Gordon has not seen anything about that on the PER, nor had he experienced any facility that did that. Dave Whitesitt said he wanted to make sure that there was enough land to accommodate the treatment plant before moving forward to investigate the site. Randy Gordon said that the forest service had 20 acres. Scott Smith confirmed with Randy Gordon that the PER did not include a storage reservoir. Glen Morin said that we could check on the storage reservoir with Dave Aune. Dave Whitesitt was concerned that if there was a malfunction with the plant, if there was no storage it would plug up the drain field or flow into the creek. He did not want either one of them, but this can be discussed at the next meeting.

Randy Gordon said that the \$62.00 check would be for the site permit, to do the investigative work. Therefore the Board will also need to approve Dave Aune doing the work and a locate contractor to dig the holes and fill them back in. It would cost approximately \$100 per hour for the local contractor. The Forest Service gave permission to dig 6 test holes. The contractor will probably cost less than \$1,000. Dave Aune's cost is \$700. Scott Smith asked if the treatment plant needed more than 20 acres, would the forest service be willing to part with more land. Randy Gordon replied that the Water District extended their permit, but he was not sure by how much. Tom Morris did not think that it would take more than 20 acres. The maximum had been 10 acres. Tom Morris also was concerned if there was no storage tank and the plant failed, that the waste could end up in the creek.

Randy Gordon said that the cost of the lease would be small and possibly at no cost because it is for public use. Glen Morin informed the Board that they needed approval for the payment of \$62 to the Forest Service.

Dave Whitesitt moved to approve the payment to the Forest Service, authorize the digging of the pits and for Great West Engineering to do their work, Scott Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Morris suggested that there needed to be a separate resolution for Great West because it is a contract agreement. Randy Gordon said that the contract with Great West was written all the way through close out. Dave Aune will need to give a scope of work and put it in as an addendum to the original contract, so no resolution is needed.

Tom Morris stated that if the system became a surface water treatment in any way he would oppose it.

Randy Gordon said since the first approval of the site Bob Fischer, RRGL has given the authority to use the rest of the grant to match the WRDA grant if it can be included in the scope of the work and be spent by the end of the year. The PER would have to be upgraded. He will help us with the permitting process on the property, and lastly do the environmental report with the MEPA standard. Then the site can be permitted. This should be able to be done with existing grant money. Then when pursuing 2010 financing we will have a permitted site. Randy Gordon said that he should have a scope of work for Board approval at the next meeting.

The Board requested an updated status of each grant balance for the next meeting.

Glen Morin adjourned that meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Scheduled for November 12, 2009

Attest:

Glen Morin, President

Felicity Derry, Secretary