

SEELEY LAKE – MISSOULA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 6, 2024

Attendance:

Charlie Hahn	President	PRESENT
Todd Johnson	Vice President	PRESENT
Kris Martin	Director	PRESENT
Chris Lorentz	Director	PRESENT
Freda Rathbun	Director	PRESENT
Vincent Chappell	General Manager	PRESENT
Felicity Derry	Office Manager	PRESENT
Tammy Lewis	Operator	PRESENT

OPENING:

Martin moved to open the meeting at 6:30pm. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting was held at The Community Hall, 3248 Highway 83, Seeley Lake, MT.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

MINUTES:

September 26, 2024

Martin moved to accept the September 26, 2024 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting as presented. Lorentz seconded the motion, which was then passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

September 2024

Johnson had met with Chappell to review the September financial reports. The Water Sales income was not too bad for this time of the year. Operating income for September was approximately \$4,000 over the projected amount. The Office Supplies expense was a little high due to the subscription for the meter reading software. The white truck hit a deer, so there was an extra \$1,000 in Vehicle expenses. There was approximately \$4,000 income for construction. Operations income was approximately \$2,550 for September. With Debt Service included, the income totaled approximately \$11,000.

The next bond payments were January 1, 2025, so that account was in good shape. There were no questions.

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Johnson noted that all the accounts looked good, the statements had been reviewed.

Johnson moved to accept the September 2024 financial reports. Lorentz seconded the motion, which was then passed.

DELINQUENCY REPORT:

October 2024

Chappell reviewed the delinquency report.

Martin moved to approve the October delinquency report. Rathbun seconded the motion, which was then passed.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

October 2024

Chappell informed the Board that a 14 gallon a minute leak had been found. It took a while to coordinate the repair of the leak. Chappell outlined the repair, which had now been completed. Several other minor leaks were repaired. There was a tap on Locust Lane.

Chappell had received a call from DEQ regarding a missed water test, which would result in a violation. Chappell reviewed the testing window. DEQ's current interpretation was that this test needed to be performed in the first year of the 8-year window. Chappell completed the test, within the window, and the District did not receive a violation.

Chappell had spent time working on the 2025 budget and the paperwork for the public hearing. The white truck had been repaired after hitting a deer. The water loss for October was 655,000. With the leaks that were fixed, this should drop to 350,000 next month. When the mill turns the water off some of the old services in the area might have some issues.

Johnson moved to accept the October 2024 Operations and Loss Report. Rathbun seconded the motion, which was then passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Budget

Chappell had put together the 2025 budget with the \$12 rate increase. Chappell reviewed the proposed budget, noting that it was a tight budget.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next Board meeting was scheduled for November 28, 2024. The Board discussed potential dates for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Johnson moved to adjourn. Lorentz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.

Attest

Charlie Hahn, Director

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Vince Chappell, General Manager