

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 15, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, David Cordell and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary, Beth Dotson, Secretary.

ABSENT: Roxanne Wadman

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the agenda as presented. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

Director Appointment:

Director Cicon resigned from the LCWSD Board as of January 2022. A motion was made by Director Heim to appoint David Cordell to fulfill Director Cicon's remaining term that ends in May 2024. Director Fleming seconded and motion carried.

VISITORS: Brad Nelson, Brian Nelson.

Brad and Brian Nelson proposed an approximately 30 RV spot and 24 tiny home rental park off of Hwy 82. They will be seeking a Will Serve Letter after their engineers get the flow calculations for full capacity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the December 21, 2021, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for December 2021 and January 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for December 2021 and January 2022 were also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tank Well Land Purchase: The purchase of this property will not move forward. Mr. & Mrs. Andes have reimbursed the district for the survey work that was done. The Andes have asked if LCWSD would be willing to move the water tank overflow drainage, from the middle of the property to the correct easement recorded on the west edge of the property. The board of directors all agreed to entertain the idea of moving the lines that currently run through the property outside of the designated easement area. This will be assessed when the equipment to drill the new well is in the area.

South Eighty Water System Generator: Proceeding with a generator purchase was unanimously approved.

ARPA Update: General Manager Olson has submitted the required documents to SRF to proceed with the ARPA application process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steamboat Landing Development Somers: LCWSD board members unanimously approved the subdivision as presented; five phases over 10 years consisting of 178 single family units and 72 condos for a maximum of 250 living units known as Steamboat Landing; with a maximum of 71,400 gallons of wastewater per day. Any deviation from this plan would need to be resubmitted to LCWSD.

TS Capital Improvement: – Somers Base Rate Review. Six-month notification will be given per the interlocal agreement to Somers Water and Sewer before any rate changes are implemented.

General Manager Olson discovered a billing error to the Somers Water and Sewer District and provided explanation to the LCWSD board. The LCWSD is researching how to best handle the refund of the amount in error to the Somers Water and Sewer District. The LCWSD will ask our auditor to advise.

Montana Rural Water Conference: The Montana Rural Water Conference will be held March 23rd – 25th 2022 in Great Falls, MT.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, March 15th, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 15, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, David Cordell, Roxanne Wadman and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary, Beth Dotson, Secretary.

ABSENT: N/A

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the agenda as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the February 15, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for February 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for February 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the bills. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA Update: General Manager Olson is continuing the plans to proceed with the ARPA application process.

South Eighty Water System Generator: General Manager Olson in the process of getting bids from fuel vendors in order to proceed with generator installation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tablets for Board Members: General Manager Olson presented the board with a cost breakdown for the possible implementation of tablets for our board members. The LCWSD board members discussed both the pros and cons of tablets and ultimately decided that the most cost-effective way to fold in with the districts efforts to go as paperless as possible would be to instead, do a presentation at the meetings in place of printing out individual packets for Board Members and guests.

Board Terms: – The appointment of Directors Fleming and Wadman are to expire in May of 2022. Both Directors Fleming and Wadman stated that they would like to serve an additional four-year term. Official Oaths of Office will take place at the April Board meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, April 19, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 20, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, David Cordell, Roxanne Wadman and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary, Beth Dotson, Secretary.

ABSENT: Director Marc Liecthi

Director Wadman called the meeting to order at 2:03PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Brad Koenig with Robert Peccia and Associates (RPA) and Austin Wargo (RPA)

Brad provided a 20-year growth projection and proposed several options for the District to best handle projected growth along with updating the technology at our treatment facility. The Board discussed all different proposals at length and decided to have Robert Peccia and Associates further explore a couple they felt may best fit the Districts needs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the March 15, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Cordell to approve the financial report. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for March 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for March 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the bills. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

South Eighty Water System Generator: General Manager Olson received notification that natural gas will not be an option for the South Eighty generator. General Manager Olson will further explore diesel and propane options.

Lift Station 12 Upgrade: General Manager Olson provided photos and a recap of the successful upgrade to lift station 12.

ARPA Water: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the status of the second round of ARPA funding. Unfortunately, the District was the 126th qualifier out of 175 applications submitted, so the District will likely not qualify for additional funding unless the allocation qualifications are redetermined.

New Water: General Manager Olson will begin gathering bids for a new well that the District will need to drill to adhere to DEQ requirements. If the District qualifies for additional ARPA funding in the future those funds will be applied at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS

Scott Ring won Wastewater Operator of the Year for 2021 at the Montana Rural Water Conference.

Lakeside was entered into the National Drinking Water Contest in Washington D.C. but did not win.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, May 17, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 17, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, David Cordell, Roxanne Wadman and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT:

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Wadman to accept the agenda as presented. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the April 20, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for April 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for April 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the bills. Director Cordell seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

South Eighty Water System Generator: General Manager Olson indicated that there would be a substantial wait for the generator to come in. The estimate given was up to four months. Director Fleming noted that we may need to reach out to the property owner around the pumphouse due to some compromised trees that may cause a problem in the future. General Manger Olson will check with the landowner to see if the compromised trees can be taken care of.

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the treatment site expansion. General Manager Olson, along with Robert Peccia and Associates have a conference call scheduled with manufacturers for an analysis of our projected direction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Growth- West side Hwy 93: General Manager Olson guided discussion about the growth potential for vacant property west of Highway 93.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The meeting adjourned at 3:16PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 21, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT: Roxanne Wadman, David Cordell

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:02PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Shelly Ragland was questioning water and sewer access to a property that she purchased. The Board advised as to potential options available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the May 17, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the financial report. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for May 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for May 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the treatment site expansion.

South Eighty Water System Generator: General Manager Olson stated that the generator has been ordered. General Manager Olson also stated that the LP tank has been ordered and a date has been set to have the tank delivered and buried, per their recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alpine Slide: There was discussion between General Manager Olson and the Board of Directors with the Alpine Slide project engineer Marc Liechti of APEC engineering about water and sewer. Marc Liechti indicated that, at this time, they will be pursuing a permit for a well and septic system with the Flathead County Health Department pursuant to DNRC guidelines making it cost prohibitive to hook up to local water and sewer within the district.

Cloud Based Server Storage: General Manager Olson proposed migrating to a Cloud based storage system with our current software provider. He provided a cost comparison to replace the current, outdated servers, with a Cloud based storage system. Discussion about security and accessibility was had amongst General Manager Olson and the Board of Directors. The Board unanimously approved the migration.

Preliminary Budget Review: General Manager Olson presented the Board of Directors with the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. General Manager Olson provided a comparison of FY 2022 to the proposed FY 2023

budget. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the FY 2023 budget that includes a 5% COLA increase in addition to LCWSD sponsored dental coverage.

Lift Station Inspections: General Manager Olson provided the Board of Directors with a maintenance report from lift station inspections that were performed on June 7th, 8th and 9th 2022. General Manager Olson discussed continued and future maintenance options and methods with the Board.

Sewer System Development/Late Comer Fee: General Manager Olson and the Board of Directors discussed raising the Sewer System Development Fees, as well as the Sewer Late Comer Fees. The Board unanimously voted to approve a 5% rate increase in fees.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Short Term Hire: General Manager Olson expressed need for a short-term operators helper. He detailed the scope of work required. General Manager Olson noted that he has been approached by one of our operators (Scott Ring) son's, Quaid Ring about a position. The Board unanimously approved hiring Quaid Ring as a short-term employee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 19, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Roxanne Wadman, David Cordell, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT:

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:01PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Wadman to accept the agenda as presented. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Nicole Noonan, Auditor.

Nicole presented the 2021 Audit Report. She noted the deficiency involving LCWSD's knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles. As in the past, this deficiency is remedied by contracting with Nicole Noonan, CPA.

Tip Clark, Upper West Shore Alliance.

Tip was tasked with representing the UWSA and was touching base on the water and sewer vs. well and septic developments to report back to the UWSA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the June 21, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the financial report. Director Cordell seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for June 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for June 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Wadman to approve the bills. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the treatment site expansion.

Septage Receiving station: General Manager Olson provide a status update on the septage receiving station. He noted that he had attended a meeting that Flathead County had arranged with the Bigfork Water & Sewer District and discussed various options that are still being considered for the location of the facility.

Alpine Slide Project: Discussion was had with visitor Tip Clark about the Alpine Slide Project

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances 22-2, 3, & 5:

Ordinance 22-2 - A motion was made by Director Cordell to increase sewer usage rates, base rates and flat rates by 5% beginning August 2022. Director Wadman seconded, and the motion carried.

Ordinance 22-3 – A motion was made by Director Cordell to increase sewer system development fees and sewer late comer fees by 5% beginning August 2022. Director Wadman seconded, and the motion carried.

Ordinance 22-5 – A motion was made by Director Heim to increase the water system development fee for the Lakeside Estates phases 3, 4 and 5 by 5% beginning August 2022. Director Fleming seconded, and the motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 16, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Roxanne Wadman, David Cordell, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT:

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:03PM

AGENDA: Director Liechti requested that the new business be discussed prior to old business. A motion was made by Director Wadman to accept the agenda with the proposed changes. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Cyndi Heath, Bill Eisenlohr, Betsy Robinson, Lana Batts, Jane Peterson, Vickie Cariveau, Christina Schroeder, Nancy Baker

Betsy Robinson led the conversation with the Board of directors in discussing the concern that the Board of Directors President Marc Liechti is also the owner of the engineering firm that is representing the Alpine Slide Project. Director Liechti confirmed that he would recuse himself from all Board matters regarding the Alpine Slide Project. The visitors also expressed concern regarding district capacity. The Board of Directors explained how capacity is calculated and how they use those calculations to determine expansion. General Manager Olson did confirm that a will serve letter has been provided to the Alpine Slide Project. The will serve letter allows the developer to submit his application to Flathead County Health department (the governing authority over sewer & water). He explained that his decision was fact based on the information that was formally presented to him in writing. Further discussion was had in regard to the Districts history and commitment to maintaining safe, clean water for the all customers in the District as well as Flathead Lake.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the July 19, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for July 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for July 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the bills. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

NEW BUSINESS:

LS#1 Pumps & Panel: General Manager Olson presented a quote to replace the 35-year-old pumps and panel due to a pump failure at Lift Station 1. Director Cordell approved the project. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

Don Rudie Easement: General Manager Olson brought it to the attention of the Board that the 10-year easement that was issued to Don Rudie is set to expire in October 2022. General Manager Olson has a letter from Don Rudie detailing his intended use of the property. The Board agreed to a one-year lease renewal while going through the DEQ process to add another large building on the property. General

Manager Olson will inform Mr. Rudie, the one-year extension will not allow construction equipment and machinery to use the residential easement.

Director Liechti left the meeting at 3:52PM. Director Wadman took over remaining agenda items.

Hall & Brass Wells – Lightning Damage: General Manager Olson discussed the extensive damage that was done to the Hall and Brass Wells due to a recent lightning storm. Discussion was had of the scope of work expected, as well as possibly updating the technology, pending cost. The damage was reported to our insurance company for review.

Maxine Drive water Leak: General Manager Olson informed the board regarding a water leak that was repaired over the last month on Maxine Drive. General Manager Olson also informed the Board that this water main should be replaced in the near future noting the cost would be approximately \$40,000 for the 700-foot section. The Board agreed and will discuss a timeline in a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alpine Slide Project: Discussion was had with visitors about the Alpine Slide Project.

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the treatment site expansion. General Manager Olson stated that the District was awarded a substantial SRF forgiveness grant of \$573,190.00. General Manager Olson stated that the test well drillers for the ground water discharge permit, will start drilling for the test holes next week.

Septage Receiving station: General Manager Olson provide a status update on the septage receiving station. He noted that he had arranged a meeting with a property owner who would like to sell his property to the county for a possible septage receiving station and composting facility near our treatment site. Flathead County found the property to be favorable for this application and will proceed to enter into a buy sell agreement with the owner. General Manager Olson noted that he was going to try to coordinate both the County engineers as well as the District engineers for the next Board meeting in September so that the District can decide the best direction for facility expansion.

New Well: General Manager Olson informed the board that the new well project is going back out for bid shortly.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Roxanne Wadman, David Cordell, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT:

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda with the proposed changes. Director Cordell seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Lisa Prugh. Observer. No comments.

Brad Koenig and Austin Wargo- **Sewer ARPA Planning Update:** Brad led the discussion proposing expansion rendering options as well as possible phases. Discussion was had of new DEQ rules and offered renderings highlighting the areas of impact. The importance of a groundwater discharge permit was highlighted in discussion. Brad spoke of treatment levels needed for each option that was proposed to the Board. General Manager Olson spoke applying for additional ARPA forgiveness that may be available to the District if we were to move forward with the proposed phases at this time. After continued discussion about location, cost, application, odor mitigation and funding, the Board decided to move ahead to the planning and permitting phase of the proposal.

Lead and Copper Inventory Rule- Compliance Date- October 2024: General Manager Olson lead the discussion about how to best go about taking inventory and documenting the Districts water lines to ensure compliance with new federal guidelines. With an October 2024 deadline for such reporting approaching, there was discussion of the possibility of contracting Robert Peccia and Associates to do official reporting on the system. Future discussions will be had as additional guidance from the DEQ is distributed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the August 16, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Cordell to accept the minutes as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for August 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for August 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson recapped the highlights from the Robert Peccia and Associates presentation by Brad Koenig and Austin Wargo emphasizing the strict timelines imposed by the federal government to utilize ARPA funds that were granted to the District.

Septage Receiving station: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the Flathead County future septage receiving station site. General Manager Olson spoke of the possibility of incorporating future site development with an additional phase of the sewer ARPA planning project.

Hall & Brass Wells – Lightning Damage: General Manager Olson discussed the repairs that were completed due to the extensive damage that was done to the Hall and Brass Wells due to a recent lightning storm. General Manager Olson reported that a claim was submitted to insurance and the District was fully reimbursed for the damages, less the deductible.

NEW BUSINESS:

PFAS (Forever Chemicals) Legal Case: General Manager Olson lead the discussion of a class action lawsuit about PFAS that was shared with the District by the National Rural Water Association and the Montana Rural Water Association. After presenting the correspondence with the District attorney, the Board has unanimously decided to opt out of the lawsuit at this time, pending additional information.

EPA Lead & Copper Inventory Rule – Compliance date – Oct 2024: General Manager Olson recapped the earlier discussion.

County 38 Acre Land Deal: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the Flathead County purchase agreement for land earmarked for the future development of a septage receiving station.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT: Directors Roxanne Wadman and David Cordell

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:02PM

AGENDA: The Board acknowledges that there was a typo on the end date for the Cooper Farms Project Update for all previous agendas dating back to November 2020 when an extension was granted. The date was mistakenly entered as 2027. It has been corrected to reflect the proper end date of 2025. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda with the proposed changes. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Roger Noble. Chairman of the Flathead County Planning Board.

Roger Noble spoke of a pending land purchase for the future site of a composting facility and septage receiving station for Flathead County. Discussion was had between Roger Noble and the Board of Directors about the District potentially selling 20 to 30 acres of the Districts land if the pending land purchase deal does not come to fruition. Discussion was had about the pros and cons of selling District owned land for the purpose of solving a county wide septage issue. General Manager Olson spoke of the need to have our engineers pivot our current treatment site expansion plans to accommodate any sale of land. Director Heim expressed concern over the sale of land, as he noted that irrigation land is not as easy to procure at this time. Director Fleming suggested a possible lease, as opposed to a sale. Director Liechti noted a possible land exchange may be worth considering as well. General Manager Olson noted parcels of land that would fit with the Districts expansion plans if a new land purchase or exchange needed to take place. The Board of Directors expressed concern over the sale of irrigation land in case the pending groundwater discharge permit does not get approved from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Roger noted Flathead county's appreciation of the District to work with them to find a solution to the ever-growing septage issue. The Board unanimously decided that if Flathead County's pending land purchase falls through, The District would not be opposed to further discussion about selling some of the Districts irrigation land to the county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the September 20, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for September 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for September 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson noted we will have an updated plan from the engineers to review at next months meeting.

Septage Receiving station: The Board of Directors felt as though a solution will be found to move ahead, whether it be purchasing land from neighboring landowners or the District.

South 80 Generator: General Manager Olson stated that the generator has been delivered. He stated that the pad would be poured soon, and installation will follow.

New Well – Lakeside: General Manager Olson met with Brad Bennett from Water & Environmental Technologies. Brad will be preparing a bid package for the new Lakeside well. The bid package will be ready by the first part of November. Once received, General Manager Olson will review before putting it out for contractor bidding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Refusal to Annex – Potential avenues? General Manager Olson brought to the attention of the Board an issue with a customer that was accidentally overlooked in 2008 and not annexed into the District. The customer was hooked up to services and is now refusing to sign the required paperwork to annex into the District. The Board discussed charging fees, as well as additional monthly costs until compliance is reached. The Board also discussed severing service for noncompliance. Ultimately, the decision was reached to have the District attorney explore all options and execute accordingly.

LS #5 Pump Repair General Manager Olson explained the rebuild, repair, reinstallation, and subsequent re-breakdown of the lift station #5 pump that was recently done. General Manager Olson explained that the manufacturer made an emergency trip to pick up the pump and assess the damage. The parts required to complete the repair will take 4-5 weeks to come in from Sweden. General Manager Olson is going to see if air freight is an option. If air freight is not an option, the operators will need to do a dry hook up for a bypass pump until the parts are delivered and the repair is complete. General Manager Olson noted the vulnerable position that the District is put in for extended periods of time while repairs, such as this, are being completed. General Manager Olson suggested the District purchase a new 72 HP pump and use the rebuilt one as a backup. Director Liechti noted that septage pumping trucks are unable to keep up with maximum capacity flows, further expressing the need for a reliable backup, as opposed to a bypass pump. General Manager Olson stated that the price of a new 72 HP pump is around \$64,000 + around \$3,000 in shipping costs. Director Liechti suggested we purchase a backup pump for lift station # 3 also. General Manager Olson agreed with that decision. General Manager Olson stated that the price of a new 32 HP pump is around \$30,000 + shipping. The price for two new pumps plus shipping will run around \$100,000.00. The Board unanimously approved the purchase of the two new pumps.

Ordinance 22-6 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 72 Greenbrae into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-7 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 48 Greenbrae into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-8 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 207 & 211 Bierney Creek Rd into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-9 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 77 Deer Creek into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-10 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 6135 US Hwy 93 S, Somers into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-11 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 209 Deer Trail into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-12 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 15 Craven into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

Ordinance 22-13 Annexation: An ordinance annexing 282 North Juniper Bay into the LCWSD District was unanimously approved

MISCELLANEOUS: District Secretary Beth Dotson will be retiring at the end of the month. The decision was made to hold of a celebration of her service to the District. A date of October 28th was set for the farewell celebration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING November 15, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Roxanne Wadman, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, David Cordell and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT: Director Marc Liechti

Director Wadman called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Brad Koenig & Austin Wargo with Robert Peccia and Associates via Zoom.

General Manager Olson introduced Brad and Austin to the Board and guided the conversation about the proposed Flathead County septage receiving. General Manager Olson explained to the board that the meeting with Brad and Austin was at the request of Flathead County's engineering firm, HDR, to determine a proposed charge for plant investment costs, monthly billing, and development fees based on the predicted flow (gallons per day) that HDR provided. Brad and Austin provided a handout with several proposed fee structures. The Board discussed the pros and cons to each option keeping in mind that the proposal was for planning purposes only. A motion was made by Director Cordell to present a development fee cost of 324 equivalent dwelling units (EDU) at a 185 gallon per day (GDP) flow. While charging a discounted facility base rate of 30% due to the proximity to the treatment site and a standard usage rate consistent with all rate payers because the septage will be treated to household level before entering the treatment site. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried. General Manager Olson clarified that this will be an ongoing discussion, as the project is still in the preliminary stage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the October 18, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Cordell seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Cordell to approve the financial report. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for October 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for October 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Cordell to approve the bills. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson stated that the ARPA planning is moving along. He noted that he had a meeting with the DNRC, Robert Peccia and Associates engineers, and the bond council in regard to the timeline for bids.

Septage Receiving Station: General Manager Olson noted that there had been recent news coverage about Flathead County's septage receiving station. General Manager Olson stated that he had received a couple of phone calls from surrounding landowners about the proposed project. General Manager Olson stated that on Friday, November 18th, there will be a team of people touring the District, including Flathead County Commissioners and ARPA specialists regarding the proposed facility site.

South 80 Generator: General Manager Olson stated that, at this time, the District is waiting on the electrician to complete the project. He expects that the work will be completed by mid-December.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hall and Brass Wells: General Manager Olson informed the Board that a recent storm that passed through the area caused a tree limb to fall on a power line, creating a back surge of electricity, destroying the new pump motor in the Hall well on Brass rd. General Manager Olson will be submitting an insurance claim for the damages. He did note that the Brass well only suffered three burned fuses as a result of the electrical surge.

MISCELLANEOUS: The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022)

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 20, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Todd Fleming, Roxanne Wadman (via Zoom), Jim Heim (2:57PM), and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT: David Cordell

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Wadman to accept the agenda as proposed. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Ten visitors attended the meeting. All visitors in attendance were concerned landowners in the area surrounding the proposed Flathead County regional septage treatment facility. The Board of Directors and General Manager Olson allowed each visitor to voice their concerns about the proposed facility. There was an open dialog about the concerns. The Board reiterated that they were not voting on anything at the time of the meeting, but the landowners concerns were heard and will be taken into consideration while continuing to walk through the process with the county engineers. The Board made it clear that Flathead County is driving the decision as to where the septage receiving station site will be located, and that Lakeside County Water and Sewer District remains open to receiving treated liquids, regardless of where the septage site is located.

General Manager Olson informed the landowners of the Lakeside County Water and Sewer Districts plan to utilize the Districts property north of the existing treatment site for additional irrigation with a pivot due to growth. He reminded the landowners that LCWSD purchased the property approximately twenty years ago to accommodate future growth. He informed the landowners that LCWSD has been working on a plan to expand the current treatment site that will include ultraviolet disinfection before any liquids are used for irrigation. He noted that this additional disinfection process will mitigate any additional contamination of nearby slough water that is used by area residents for irrigation.

Due to a shortage of time- the following agenda items will be addressed at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on January 17th, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

BILL APPROVAL:

DELINQUENT REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

South 80 Generator:

6808 Hwy 93 S Sewer Hookup:

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Leak near Williams Well:

MISCELLANEOUS:

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023)