

## Minutes

### LAKESIDE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING February 18, 2025

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

**ABSENT:** Roxanne Wadman

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was received from Mayre Flowers with Citizens for a Better Flathead and Cameron Dexter with Citizens for a Better Flathead.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of January 21, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Martin seconded, and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial reports for January 2025 were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Martin to approve the financial report. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

**BILL APPROVAL:** Accounts payable for January 2025 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for January 2025 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Martin to approve the bills presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Projects Updates:** General Manager Olson provided an update on Tank Well #2. He stated that the goal is to have the pump installed and electrical begin around the first part of March with a goal of being fully operational for the summer season. He stated that there is a request in for a deviation as a meter would not be functionally necessary. Run times can be monitored in real time with SCADA systems.

General Manager Olson recapped the specifics of the DEQ's public hearing that will be held in Lakeside to receive comments on the proposed Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) with the Board. He informed the Board that he has submitted a request, as the permit applicant, for the public comments received by the DEQ thus far. The DEQ will only release comments received to the permit applicant.

General Manager Olson stated that the District Operators are continuing progress on installing the new SCADA units, time permitting.

General Manager Olson informed the Board that all the operators are studying for the C1 Wastewater Operator Certification exam that will be held in March at the Montana Rural Water Conference.

**NEW BUSINESS:** N/A

**PROJECTS UPDATE:** N/A

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Good, District Secretary

**(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025)**

## Minutes

### LAKESIDE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING January 21, 2025

**PRESENT:** Directors Marc Liechti, Todd Fleming, Kathy Martin, Jim Heim (2:40 PM), and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

**ABSENT:** Roxanne Wadman

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were six visitors. See exhibit I.

Jennifer Tipton with North Shore Water Alliance was the only visitor to participate in the public comment session. She handed out exhibits A-H on behalf of Mayre Flowers with Citizens for a Better Flathead.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the December 17, 2024, Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Martin seconded, and the motion carried.

**Wastewater Update – RPA Engineers:** Robert Peccia and Associates engineers, Brad Koenig and Kaela Murphy, gave a wastewater project update to the Board. Brad informed the Board that they are currently working on the facility plan for Phase 2. He stated that it has been narrowed down to two options that were previously presented and discussed with the Board. He stated that they will compile a detailed cost estimate as well as a list of primary pros and cons to present to the Board for discussion and decision to move forward.

**Jerry Lucas – Bierney Creek Water Tank:** General Manager Olson informed the Board that developer, Jerry Lucas, has continued previous discussion of the development potential for his property on Bierney Creek Rd. General Manager Olson and the Board discussed a potential cost share for a new water tank on the property that could potentially replace the Lakeside Estates tank that is nearing its expiration date. There was discussion as to the location of the proposed new tank and the benefits to the northwestern portion of the District regarding water pressure as well as providing increased fire suppression. There was a discussion with the Districts engineer, Brad Koenig, about the different types of tanks as well as tank sizes that should be considered in discussions with Jerry Lucas. General Manager Olson discussed possible funding options that may be available for the Districts portion of the cost share. Director Liechti stated that the Board will need more information from the developer & District Engineer on the plan so the Board can make an informed decision.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial reports for December 2024 were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Martin seconded, and motion carried.

**BILL APPROVAL:** Accounts payable for December 2024 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for December 2024 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills presented. Director Martin seconded, and motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

LCWSD Bierney Creek Lots – Culvert Improvements: General Manager Olson informed the Board that he has received a quote from Tanner Smith Construction for \$10,600.00 to perform additional lot improvements for the Districts Bierney Creek Lots. Additional improvements will include installing a culvert, bedding and all labor. Director Martin made a motion to approve the additional lot improvements to the Districts vacant lots located at 237 & 239 Bierney Creek Rd., Director Heim seconded, and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

95 Sunnyside Ave – Somers – Annexation Discussion: General Manager Olson informed the Board that he has been approached by a potential buyer of three unannexed lots off Sunnyside Ave in Somers. The potential buyer stated that the seller stated that the lots were 'guaranteed service' due to a prior agreement. After some research, General Manager Olson was able to confirm that the lots were in fact told sewer service would be available when the road & sewer main was being developed. Director Heim noted that the prior 'promise' is irrelevant given the location of the sewer main. He pointed out that the Health Department would require them to be hooked up as the properties are all within 200 feet of the sewer mainline and contiguous with previously annexed properties.

**PROJECTS UPDATE:** N/A

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

General Manager Olson inquired about Board interest in attending the Montana Rural Water Conference in Great Falls on March 12-14, 2025.

General Manager Olson informed the Board that the Districts operators will be visiting the Bigfork and Whitefish sewer treatment facilities in the coming weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Good, District Secretary

**(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025)**