

OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Missoula City-County Water Quality District Board
May 21, 2009

Board Members Present: Dr. Sandy Kuntz (Vice Chair), Jean Curtiss, Dr. Alan Gabster, Renee Mitchell, Ross Miller, and Eileen Sansom

Board Members Excused: Dr. Garon Smith (Chair)

Board Members Absent: Water Quality Conservation District appointee

Health Department Staff Present: Health Administration: Ellen Leahy and Julie Mohr; and Environmental Health: Jim Carlson

Legal Counsel Present: Marnie McClain (Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney)

Others Present: Ron Scholl

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Dr. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

ITEM 1 APPROVE APRIL 9, 2009 MINUTES

The minutes were approved as submitted.

ITEM 2 APPROVE USE OF ADDITIONAL WATER QUALITY DISTRICT INCENTIVE MONEY FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS AT THE WILLIAMS ADDITION

- **Attachment A**, "Use of Additional Water Quality District Incentive Funds for Sewer Connections at the Williams Addition"

In December 2008, the board approved use of \$36,000 in incentive money for sewer connections at the Williams Addition based on a count of 36 lots and for \$32,000 for connection of 2 large drainfields in Jim and Mary's RV Park. Five lots that were part of the Spring Meadows subdivision were subsequently identified as being connected to the Williams Addition.

Request for Additional Funds: In order to offer \$1,000 per lot for all 41 lots, Jim Carlson asked the board to amend the December motion or to approve a new motion to authorize staff to offer \$41,000 in Water Quality District connection incentive money to the Williams Addition project and \$32,000 to the owners of Jim and Mary's RV Park on condition of connection to City sewer.

The Board of County Commissioners approved creating an RSID for the Williams Addition.

- A meeting with homeowners will be conducted on June 10, 2009 to explain the project, the costs, and the option to pay it off over 20 years.
- The cost will be less than \$3,000 per home.

- The monthly expense to homeowners will decrease: the City's sewer charge is less than the monthly fee they currently pay to Mr. Williams.

Responses to board members' questions were as follows:

- Approximately \$100,000 is set aside every year from Water Quality District fees collected from tax bills inside the district to use as incentives for sewer connections.
- The connections are needed to reverse violation of the groundwater standard, which is occurring in that area.
- This request asks to add \$5,000 to the amount approved in December 2008.

Eileen Sansom motioned to approve the request as proposed in **Attachment A**.

Public Comments: No comments were given.

Motion: *The motion was unanimously approved to authorize staff to offer \$41,000 of Water Quality District connection incentive money to the Williams Addition project and \$32,000 of connection incentive money to the owners of Jim and Mary's RV Park on condition of connection to City sewer.*

ITEM 3 WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Ross Miller did not attend the May meeting. A staff member will provide an update in May.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments were given.

ITEM 5 BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Sansom reported the foul smell in the area of Mullen Road and Reserve Street is still present. Director Leahy noted that the City (wastewater treatment plant) and Eko Compost gave good responses to the testing plan at those facilities, which is underway as of May. This source identification step is part of the Notice of Violation (NOV) and Order to Take Corrective Action that the department issued to both entities in December.

Follow-up: *Director Leahy will add a staff update on actions and testing related to the nuisance odor at the June meeting of the Air Pollution Control Board.*

ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Kuntz adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Leahy
Health Officer

Sandy Kuntz
Vice Chair