

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOCKWOOD
WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT**

February 12, 2025

Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Lockwood Water Sewer Board of Directors was held on February 12, 2025. Board President Carl Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lockwood Water and Sewer District Office, 1644 Old Hardin Road, Billings, Montana 59101.

Introductions:

Present at the meeting were Board members Carl Peters, Carlotta Hecker, Scot Bowen, Brent Kober and Gary Forrester. Also present was LWSD Manager Mike Ariztia, Assistant Manager Tony Reed, Jill Cook of Morrison-Maierle, Inc., and Evelyn Pyburn, *Yellowstone County News*.

Public Comment:

- 1. Any member of the public may be heard on any subject that is not on the agenda.**

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

- 2. January 8, 2025**

The minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting were presented for review and approval.

- I. Gary Forrester moved to approve the January 8, 2025 minutes as written. Scot Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A special meeting of the Board was held on January 31, 2025. The minutes were prepared by Manager Ariztia. Brent Kober noted the minutes were titled "Minutes of Regular Meeting" and should have been designated "Minutes of Special Meeting."

- II. Carotta Hecker moved to approve the January 31, 2025 minutes as corrected. Brent Kober seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

- 3. Approval of Amendment 1 to Task Order 24 for the 2025 Water Master Plan/Preliminary Engineering Report**

Amendment No. 1 to Task Order 24 calls for modifying the time for completion of the 2025 Water Master Plan/Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). Task Order 24 authorized Morrison-Maierle to move forward with the Water Master Plan (PER) for the District.

for the second week in March. A pre-construction meeting will be held at Morrison-Maierle on February 13, 2025. Morrison-Maierle is presently working on submittals, traffic control, and with DEQ. This project is called I-90 Water and Sewer Project east of Johnson Lane.

A second project they are working on is called Johnson Lane Interchange.

8. Phase 3 Sewer Project Update

Plans are with DEQ and are being reviewed. It is hoped they will be going out for bid at the end of March.

A request was made by a developer inquiring if the Board would consider allowing a contractor to start to construct certain areas before others with the intention of spurring development immediately. Manager Ariztia suggested having the developer come to a Board meeting to explain what he intends to do with the property. Gary Forrester suggested Morrison-Maierle, the developer and the developer's engineer meet before meeting with the Board to go through their options.

9. Financial Reports

Balance Sheets, P&L Budget Comparison, Yellowstone County Summary

10. Approval of Bills due for Signature

- V. Carlotta Hecker moved to pay the bills due. Scot Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Manager's Report:

11. Pumping Record

Water:	January, 2024	27,396,470	January, 2025	30,927,328
Wastewater:	December, 2023	4,237,000	December, 2024	4,084,000
PAR MT	December, 2023	60,541,000	December, 2024	59,789,000

Manager Ariztia reported that they had purchased a 2020 Ford F250 long-bed, 31,000 miles, for \$34,800.00.

With regard to Board vacancies, two positions are up for election, Carl Peters and Gary Forrester; two people applied, Carl Peters and Gary Forrester. Manager Ariztia is expecting the county to appoint them by acclamation, in which case there will be no election.