

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and in Person at the Barn

Meeting Called to Order: By Tom Browder at 6:00

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Tom Browder, Quinn Carver, Sally Johnson, Sharon Teague, Richard Westin. Absent: Bruce Friede, Garry Swain, Gage Seeley.

Announcements:

- Tom Browder shared that the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is up and running and will we begin having regular updates.

Minutes:

- Motion to accept the minutes was made by Quinn Carver and seconded by Rich Westin. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR April 14, 2026

Funding Balance as of March 10, 2026

General	\$ 57.58
Air Quality.....	\$1,948.94
Subtotal - Account 10671.....	\$2,006.52
Trails Checking Account 48987.....	\$ 699.57
Trails Checking Acct.#27542250.....	\$7,558.68
Subtotal – Trails Fund.....	\$8,258.25
TOTAL.....	\$10,264.77

DEPOSIT: \$9.32 interest on account 27542250

EXPENSES: ck 867- \$40 for pizza; \$5 for bank fee

Funding Balance as of April 4, 2026

General	\$ 17.58
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Air Quality.....	\$1,948.94
Subtotal - Account 10671.....	\$1,966.52
Trails Checking Account 48987.....	\$ 699.57
Trails Checking Acct.#27542250.....	\$7,563.00
Subtotal – Trails Fund.....	\$8,262.57
TOTAL.....	\$10,229.09

- Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Sharon Teague and seconded by Rich Westin. The motion passed unanimously.

Introductions: None

Guests and Speakers:

- **Monica Tranel** (HD 92) Democratic candidate introduced herself to the group and shared her platform, followed by a brief Q & A with the audience.
- **Reggie Spaulding** (HD 92) Democratic candidate introduced herself to the group and shared her platform, followed by a brief Q & A with the audience.
- **John Fitzpatrick** (HD 76) Republican candidate introduced himself to the group and shared his platform, followed by a brief Q & A with the audience.
- **Christina Hartman and Heather Mincey** From Seeley Lake Elementary School gave a detailed presentation about their upcoming mil levy request. They explained school funding and the budget shortfall and pleaded with the audience to vote in favor of the levy.
- **Maggie Apuzzo**, Missoula Public Health Department, informed the group about the upcoming pop-up vaccination clinic May 8th from 11-2:00 at the Foundation building parking lot. She explained what vaccines would be administered and how insurance would be billed. The next vaccination clinic in Seeley will be in the fall. She also shared that Missoula Public Health can help with vaccinations needed for traveling.
- **Kevin Dougherty**, Seeley Lake Ranger District, discussed the upcoming fire season, prescribed burns on the district, and seasonal employee hirings. The Highway 83 project is on hold due to the muddy conditions and the

Monture/McCabe project is moving along. Work at the campgrounds removing hazardous trees is ongoing. The boat ramp at Seeley Campground is finished. Paving will happen soon.

- Q from audience: Will Seeley be affected by the USFS restructuring? A: Not at the district level.
 - Q: Is the trash behind the gates better or worse? A: Possibly a little better.
 - Q: Saw the article in the Pathfinder, what is happening with the trails project? A: The steps were properly done.
- **Charmon Bernstrauch**, BCNW, shared two upcoming events: April 16th Guy Baker will give a presentation about sex trafficking and in May Detective Evans will give a presentation on online safety and exploitation.
 - BCNW is again asking for letters from the community to be sent to the sheriff, Animal Control, and Public Health. The next step will be letters to the Attorney General and the Montana congressmen.
 - There was another dog incident and the dog is currently in quarantine.
 - BCNW has been accepted for the 2026 Change Your Pace event.
 - The public clean-up event will be May 2nd starting at 8am in the Lindy's parking lot.
 - The last regular meeting covered drug overdose data for Montana. In the past 4 years there were 2900 deaths. In 2025 there were 2700 deaths.
 - The public safety fair has been rescheduled for August due to a conflict with using the SLE fields.
 - Signs and brochures are here and available.
 - Q: How is fundraising going? A: They have applied for grants and are asking for donations. They are going to host a poker run fundraiser.
 - Animal control issues are ongoing. There is no money for a position in Seeley. They are contemplating a pet vaccination clinic or spay and neuter clinic. BCNW has offered to spay/neuter pets for locals, but no one wants the service.
 - **Charmin Bernstrauch**, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Shared that the chamber held a public event and had good feedback. A second public event is scheduled for the 5th of May. It will be a Cinco de Mayo themed gathering.
 - The Firearms for Fireworks raffle raised \$7000.
 - The chamber has updated their website and there is now a Facebook page as well.

Public Comment On Non-Agenda Items: None

Agenda Items:

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by Quinn Carver and seconded by Tom Browder. Motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned 8:07 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday May 12th, at the barn at 6:00 with pizza at 5:30.