

DATE: Thursday, February 5th, 2026
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: COURTHOUSE COMMUNITY ROOM
BY: GALLATIN LOCAL WATER QUALITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

These minutes provide only a part of the official record. The remainder of the official record is in the audio recording of the meeting per Section 2-3-212 MCA. The audio recording is available online at www.healthygallatin.org

LWQD Board:

Board Chairman – Alan English: Present
Board Member – John Edwards: Present
Board Member – Jennifer Boyer: Present
Board Member – Traig Howels: Present
Board Member – Briana Schultz: Present
Board Member – Kris Menicucci: Present
Board Member – Joey Morrison: Present
Liaison – Jack Buban: Present
Pending Board Member – Frank Greenhill – Bozeman at large

Staff:

Joce McCullough – Executive Assistant
Cameron Enright – Gallatin Local Water Quality District Manager
Brittney Krahn – Environmental Health Services Director
Lori Christenson – Health Officer
Frank Greenhill – Candidate for Bozeman at Large Board position
Sarah Washko – Gallatin Watershed Council Outreach Coordinator

- A. Call to Order** [08:30:02 PM \(00:00:01\)](#)
- B. Public Comment on a Non-Agenda Item** – Public Comment [08:30:09 PM \(00:00:08\)](#)
- C. Consent Agenda** [08:31:28 PM \(00:01:27\)](#)
 - 1. 12/4/2025 GLWQD Meeting Minutes [08:31:30 PM \(00:01:29\)](#)

Motion to Approve Minutes: Board Chairman – Alan English “I’d entertain a Motion to approve the minutes” [08:31:56 PM \(00:01:55\)](#)

Motion to Approve Minutes: Board Member – Kris Menicucci “So moved” [08:32:00 PM \(00:01:59\)](#)

Board Member – John Edwards 2nd [08:32:03 PM \(00:02:02\)](#)

Motion passes [08:32:10 PM \(00:02:09\)](#)

D. Regular Agenda [08:32:15 PM \(00:02:14\)](#)

1. GLWQD Manager & Staff updates
 - I. Reports by Cameron Enright, GLWQD Manager [08:33:02 PM \(00:03:01\)](#)
 - II. Questions [08:34:31 PM \(00:04:30\)](#)
2. Board Member updates
 - I. Reports by all Board Members [08:39:21 PM \(00:09:20\)](#)
3. Board Vacancies & Elected Positions
 - I. Update by Cameron Enright [08:58:46 PM \(00:28:45\)](#)

Welcoming Mayor Morrison as a new Board Member to the Local Water Quality District Board, representing the Governing Body of the City of Bozeman. [08:58:49 PM \(00:28:48\)](#)

- II. Discussion and Questions [09:00:49 PM \(00:30:48\)](#)

Board Member – Traig Howels – Nominates Kris Menicucci for Board Vice Chair [09:04:34 PM \(00:34:33\)](#)

Board Chair – Alan English: 2nd [09:04:38 PM \(00:34:37\)](#)

Board Member – Kris Menicucci – Comments [09:04:42 PM \(00:34:41\)](#)

Board Member – Briana Schultz – Nominates Alan English for Board Chair [09:06:01 PM \(00:36:00\)](#)

Board Member – John Edwards: 2nd [09:06:12 PM \(00:36:11\)](#)

Board Member – Alan English – speaks to Nomination [09:06:25 PM \(00:36:24\)](#)

Motion to Vote Alan English as Board Chairman: Board Member – Traig Howels “I’d like to make a Motion to approve Alan English as Board Chairman” [09:06:43 PM \(00:36:42\)](#)

Board Member – John Edwards: 2nd [09:06:47 PM \(00:36:46\)](#)

Board Vote: Alan English as Chair of the Gallatin Local Water Quality District Board [09:06:49 PM \(00:36:48\)](#)

Motion passes [09:06:56 PM \(00:36:55\)](#)

Motion to Vote Kris Menicucci as Board Vice Chair: Board Member – Traig Howels “I’d like to make a Motion to approve Kris Menicucci as Board Vice Chair” [09:07:12 PM \(00:37:11\)](#)

Board Member – John Edwards: 2nd [09:07:25 PM \(00:37:24\)](#)

Board Vote: Kristine Menicucci as Vice Chairman of the Gallatin Local Water Quality District Board [09:07:41 PM \(00:37:40\)](#)

Motion passes [09:07:45 PM \(00:37:44\)](#)

- III. Additional Discussion and Questions [09:07:51 PM \(00:37:50\)](#)
- 4. Scope of Work
 - I. Presentation by Cameron Enright [09:09:44 PM \(00:39:43\)](#)
 - II. Discussion and Questions [09:14:51 PM \(00:44:50\)](#)
- 5. LWQD Building Update
 - I. Updates shared by Cameron Enright [09:22:58 PM \(00:52:57\)](#)
 - II. Discussion and Questions [09:24:14 PM \(00:54:13\)](#)
- 6. Fee Increase Presentation
 - I. Presentation by Cameron Enright [09:25:06 PM \(00:55:05\)](#)
 - a. FY26 Budget [09:25:53 PM \(00:55:52\)](#)
 - b. Annual Expense vs Revenue [09:27:01 PM \(00:57:00\)](#)
 - c. Program of Work Pre-budget Constraints vs. Program of Work Post-Budget Constraints [09:28:50 PM \(00:58:49\)](#)
 - d. Additional Limitation [09:31:06 PM \(01:01:05\)](#)
 - e. Fee Proposal [09:32:12 PM \(01:02:11\)](#)
 - f. Why Flat Fee? [09:33:34 PM \(01:03:33\)](#)
 - g. Annual Costs [09:34:51 PM \(01:04:50\)](#)
 - h. Proposed Restoration Costs [09:36:11 PM \(01:06:10\)](#)
 - i. Our Role in Restoration [09:42:47 PM \(01:12:46\)](#)
 - j. Restoration Support Examples [09:52:32 PM \(01:22:31\)](#)
 - k. Project Examples [09:52:34 PM \(01:22:33\)](#)
 - l. Questions & Discussion [09:57:29 PM \(01:27:28\)](#)
 - m. Public Comment – Holly Hill [10:04:22 PM \(01:34:21\)](#)
 - n. Stormwater and Outreach [10:08:33 PM \(01:38:32\)](#)
 - o. Monitoring Networks [10:19:08 PM \(01:49:07\)](#)
 - p. Outreach for the Proposal [10:23:03 PM \(01:53:02\)](#)
 - q. Questions & Discussion [10:25:16 PM \(01:55:15\)](#)
 - r. Public Comment – Frank Greenhill [10:35:34 PM \(02:05:33\)](#)

Meeting Adjourned [10:37:21 PM \(02:07:20\)](#)

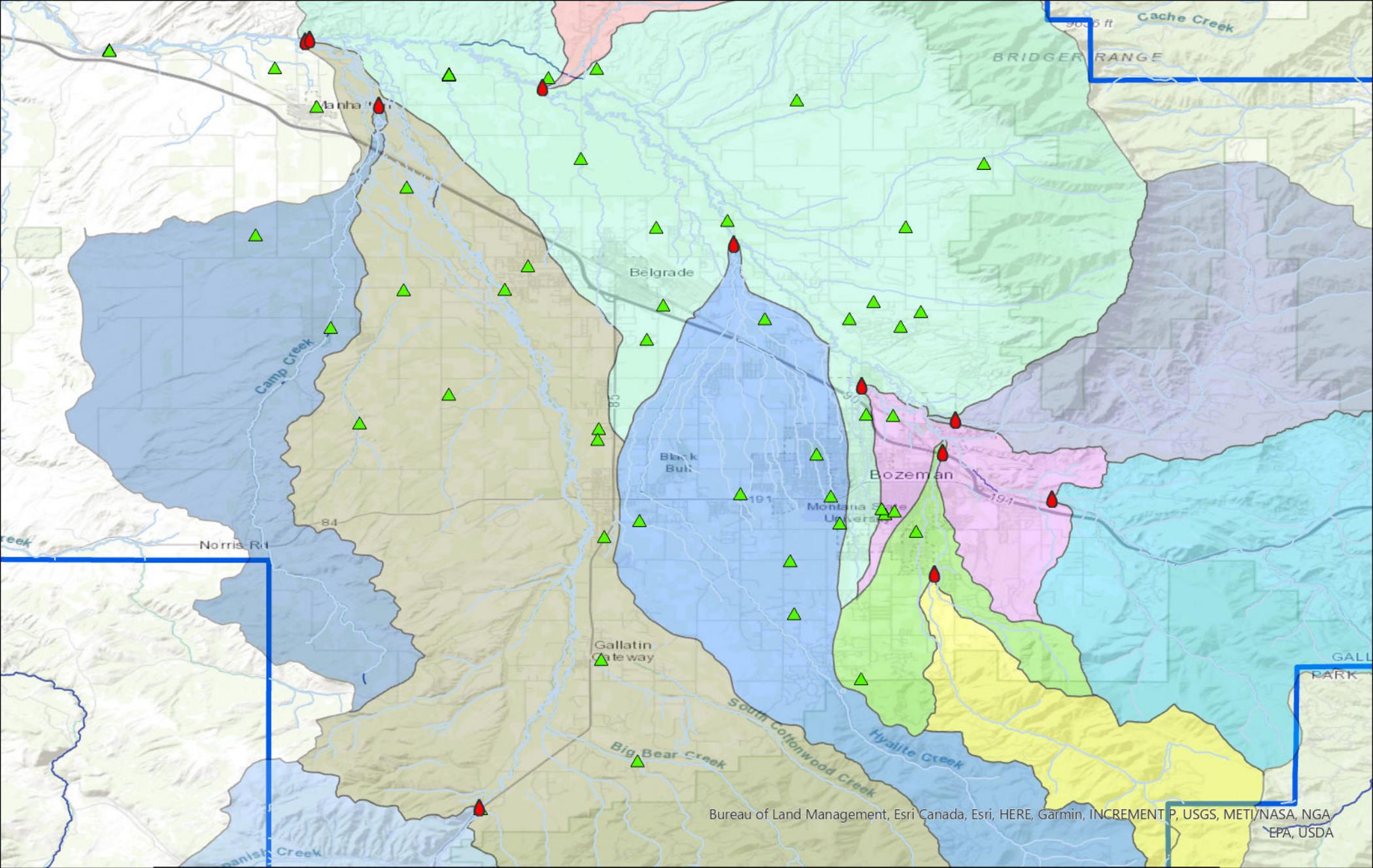
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Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Notes
Annual Report													2-3 pages designed to report on what/where data was collected and expand on "Watershed Health Summary" found in SOTW
Data Management and Reporting													EQUIS/WQX; MSU Data Portal, Quarterly submittals
Fee Increase													
Budget, Grants, MOAs													MOAs with GWC, Grant with DEQ, County Budget Cycle
Outreach (Well Ed, Fee Increase)													
Field Season Prep													SAP for DEQ Grants, GWC Stream/Teams Prep, Restoration Site Selection
Stream Teams													
SWMN													
Quarterlies													
GWMN													
HABS													Providing assistance with HAB response in the County; validating for DEQ, communicating to Health Officer, providing outreach
Project Planning													Project planning will be focused on identifying restoration opportunities and water quality investigations like DRASTIC
DRASTIC													Paused until capacity increases

ANNUAL WORK PLAN Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (Calendar Year 2026)	Gallatin Local Water Quality District	
Work Area	OBJECTIVES/TASKS	EXPECTED OUTCOMES/RESULTS
Surface Water Monitoring Network		
<i>Maintain the core 11 SWMN sites and as funding allows grow network to become representative of the Gallatin Watershed.</i>	Coordinate and conduct Gallatin Stream Teams volunteer monitoring training with GWC.	Volunteer training held in June; Likely another to be held in July/August.
	Conduct water chemistry sampling, stream flow and stream stage measurements (manual and with data loggers) and collect field parameters as outlined in SAP	Sampling activities will include TSS, Nitrate+Nitrite, Total Nitrogen, and Total Phosphorus. If funding allows, growing season will include Orthophosphate and Ammonia
	Store data in accessible repositories to be accessible to interested parties	Work with data management partners such as MSU, DEQ, MBMG, and others to store data in appropriate databases.
	Perform QA/QC evaluation of water quality data and format for required databases. Send to DEQ and other organizations that utilize data. Store data in GLWQD Database	Data product is deliverable to end users.
	Maintain SWMN gaging stations to address issues such as locations with poorly located stilling wells, sites with beaver dams, and inconsistent logger data	Equipment is ready for use for next field season
	Maintain field equipment	Extend lifetime of equipment
	Maintain the SAP so that it remains current and accurately reflects the sampling design for the SWMN.	SAP updated, as needed, including deviations of field activities.
	Assess SWMN to determine sampling frequency for future field season. Identify and assess potential new locations to be added to the network.	Increase efficiency of sampling time and expand SWMN coverage
	Prepare annual monitoring budget to be included with District fiscal year start-up budget.	Proposed budget reviewed and approved by LWQD Manager.
HAB Response		
<i>Develop a monitoring and outreach system to help detect and respond to HABs in LWQD</i>	Monitor for HAB as needed and E.coli when feasible.	Ensure monitoring occurs if HABs are expected and monitor prior to high use weekends.
	Establish monitoring sites that will be the responsibility of LWQD and determine an appropriate sampling frequency.	Rec Water Monitoring Network is established
Groundwater Monitoring Network		
<i>Evaluate GWMN to add long term consistency with annual sampling frequencies and include wells from the Big Sky Nutrient Monitoring Project</i>	Identify wells to be sampled for water chemistry in 2026 and sample	Sampling is completed to grow the GWMN database
	Take water depth measurements on all GWMN wells on a quarterly basis	Sampling is completed to grow the GWMN database
	Store data in accessible repositories to be accessible to interested parties	Work with data management partners such as MSU, DEQ, MBMG, and others to store data in appropriate databases.
	Perform QA/QC evaluation of water quality data and format for required databases. Send to MBMG and other organizations that utilize data. Store data in GLWQD Database.	Data product is deliverable to end users.
	Maintain pumps and water quality equipment. Repair the DO sensors on both YSIs. One needs to be complete prior to April 2025. The other will be completed as needed.	Equipment is ready for use for next field season
	Update long term sampling plan to include SOPs to create a standardized SAP for GWMN wells. Identify sampling schedule and frequency for GWMN wells to match annual levels of funding.	SAP updated, as needed, including deviations of field activities.
Prepare annual monitoring budget to be included with District fiscal year start-up budget.	Proposed budget reviewed and approved by LWQD Manager.	
Annual Reporting		
<i>Develop annual report to be shared that contains where data was collected, what was collected, and disseminate existing data</i>	Develop format that effectively communicates current trends, what data has been collected, and informs of where data has been collected	Water quality monitoring work can be easily provided to partners, landowners, and the public on an annual basis
	Package 2025 data into report	Previous data is communicated
	Package 2026 data into report	Current data is communicated
Outreach		
<i>Communicate water quality information, issues, and guidance to the public</i>	Host Well Educated events in the spring and fall	Public remains informed and participation in the Well Educated program increases
	Present annual report and data where applicable	Inform public, partners, and stakeholders about the health of Gallatin Watershed
	Assist in Gallatin Water Science Symposium	Contribute to a successful 2027 GWSS
	Hold outreach events for fee increase	Inform the public about our District and plan for a fee increase as well as receive feedback about how we can better serve the public.

Fee Increase		
<i>Secure a fee increase to restore program of work and grow into identified areas</i>	Communicate fee increase plan with Commission and receive approval	Commissioners understand LWQD goals and agree with need
	Perform necessary steps such as outreach, public notice, and provide means of protest during fee increase	Public is informed about increase and we meet all necessary requirements for the resolution to be adopted
MOAs		
<i>Use MOAs as a means of properly and formally partnering with stakeholders when missions are aligned</i>	Sign MOA with GWC for Stream Teams	Annual formalizing of the Stream Teams partnership
	Identify other potential partnerships and develop agreements to achieve shared goals	Achieve goals while sharing resources to benefit the Gallatin Watershed
Project Planning		
<i>Identify projects that will benefit the public and the Gallatin Watershed through supporting ongoing restoration efforts, characterization of the watershed, and addressing water quality issues</i>	Work with partners to identify ways GLWQD can support their restoration efforts through contribution to projects, pre/post project monitoring, supplementing long term maintenance needs	Restoration efforts become more effective with GLWQD support and GLWQD is prepared to provide support when funding becomes available
	Identify any potential data gaps that should be addressed with one time projects such additional work in characterizing high nitrate concentrations, where arsenic is present, or water resource mapping efforts.	Increase in understanding of water quality issues and the Gallatin Watershed
	Identify areas where projects could be implemented to address water quality issues such as erosion in high use areas of water ways, revegetating riparian areas, stormwater runoff areas, areas suitable for riparian buffering, etc.	Inform where restoration work could be most effective and provide options for projects to address water quality issues
DRASTIC		
<i>Develop a DRASTIC model for Gallatin Valley to identify areas where contamination to groundwater is more likely</i>	Develop model following most current literature and documentation while using available data	Model will be as informative as possible
	Document all inputs and record methodology	Model can be reviewed by other specialists
	Present on model to local stakeholders so they understand what it can be used to help inform	Model becomes a resource to be used by stakeholders and partners



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|  SWMN Sites |  EGALGRR |  CampCMTH |  EGALMSU |
|  GWMN Locations |  GalHRNGR |  EgalUSGS |  BRIDC01 |
|  Streams100K |  DryCMTH |  HytC01 |  Major_Streams1993 |
|  WGalMTH |  BozmC00 |  BozmC03 |  NewLWQD_Boundary |

GLWQD Administrative Schedule Spring 2026

Area	Activity	Date
Fee Increase	Work Session with Commission	3/23/2026
Outreach	Presentation to Collaborative	3/24/2026
Outreach	GLWQD Presentation to EHS Subcommittee	4/2/2026
Fee Increase	Draft Resolution Due to Commission	4/13/2026
Outreach	GLWQD Public Presentation in Big Sky	4/14/2026
Outreach	GLWQD Public Presentation in Belgrade	4/15/2026
Outreach	GLWQD Presentation at CD Business Meeting	4/16/2026
Fee Increase	Public Meeting for Commission to Open Protest Period	4/21/2026
Outreach	GLWQD Public Meeting in Bozeman	4/23/2026
Budget	Budget Input Meeting with CFO	5/12/2026