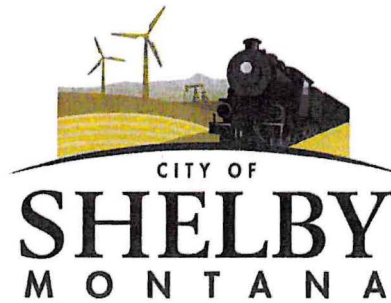


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Testimony from the City of Shelby – Mayor Gary McDermott
Joint Appropriations Long-Range Planning (LRP) Subcommittee
January Hearing on House Bill 11 (HB11)

Chairman Hopkins and members of the Joint Appropriations Long-Range Planning
Subcommittee:

On behalf of Mayor Gary McDermott and the City of Shelby, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the City of Shelby Wastewater System Improvement Project for which we have requested Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) funding and Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) funding.

The Shelby wastewater system dates back to 1927, with the collection system built between then and 1948. Multiple projects over the years upgraded some of the clay tile pipe and four lift stations were installed between 1960 and 2000. A three-cell facultative lagoon system was constructed in 1959 and a fourth treatment lagoon and UV disinfection system were constructed in 2019. Today, the wastewater treatment system consists of over 100,000 feet of collection pipe, three lift stations and a four-cell facultative lagoon system with UV disinfection, serving approximately 3,196 residents.

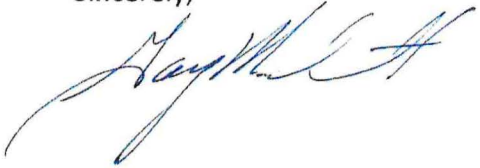
The three lift stations do not have emergency backup power, which forces operators to run a portable generator between lift stations during a power outage, posing a threat to blockage and overflow of sewage waste within the community. A new medical facility – Marias Healthcare is under construction on the west end of our community. There is great concern in the amount of waste that will be flushed when in operation. A new chopper pump needs to be installed at the adjacent lift station to ensure efficient, safe flow of waste. Lastly, the effluent flow meter is operable in the treatment facility and needs to be replaced in order to accurately monitor flows within the lagoon system.

These problems have direct financial impact system-wide and more importantly, create potential public health threats.

We humbly request your consideration MCEP and RRGL funding for our project, which will allow Shelby to complete these critical wastewater infrastructure projects for the safety and protection of our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the Shelby Wastewater System Improvement Project and our funding request to MCEP and RRGL. We appreciate your service to our community and to the people of Montana and your commitment in addressing critical infrastructure needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary McDermott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "M".

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