

May 23-24, 2013

ITEM 159-1503-R0513**HPER Pool Replacement; Montana Tech of The University of Montana****THAT**

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana Tech of The University of Montana to implement steps necessary to make needed repairs and improvements to the pool facilities in the HPER. The cost for this work will not exceed \$500,000. Auxiliary Plant funds up to \$300,000 and Deferred Maintenance Plant funds up to \$200,000 will be used to fund this project.

EXPLANATION

During the recent renovation of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) complex, which did not include the pool, campus facility personnel became aware that the pool was leaking several thousand gallons of treated water daily. The pool was drained and it was determined that many structural problems exist with the pool. The existing pool lining and drain lines have deteriorated considerably and are in need of replacement. To install a new pool and fix mechanical and ventilation issues will cost Montana Tech approximately \$500,000.

The pool had been offline for approximately two years when campus leadership was approached by several groups asking that the pool be replaced and returned to service. During numerous campus meetings to discuss the issue, it became apparent a contingent of the campus community wanted a pool. The campus and student leadership worked together to develop a plan on how a replacement pool might be accomplished. It was agreed that Montana Tech would request authority to use Deferred Maintenance Plant funds and Auxiliary Plant funds to replace the pool if the students agreed to support the programming, staffing, and operation and maintenance of the pool. The student body supported the implementation of a \$20 per semester per student fee upon completion of the project if the Board of Regents authorizes the requested spending authority for Montana Tech. The student response was by far the largest in recent history, with 310 students in support of the fee and 88 students not in support of the fee. This fee will remain at \$20 during FY2014 and FY2015 but may increase in the future based on inflationary costs to operate the pool. Such future increases will be submitted with other mandatory fees for Board approval.

Authority for renovation of an existing building with costs in excess of \$150,000 requires the following additional information:

a) Project Description

The project includes removing the existing pool liner, preparation and installation of new liner, equipment repairs and upgrades, ADA code compliance, HVAC and lighting upgrade for space.

b) Cost Estimate and Funding Source:

Remove/Prep/Install Liner	\$190,000
Equipment/Lighting/HVAC/ADA Code	175,000
Design Fees and Permits	50,000

Contingency 85,000

PROJECT TOTAL	\$500,000
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Project Funding:

Auxiliary Plant Funds \$300,000

Plant Funds 200,000

TOTAL FUNDING	\$500,000
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c) Programs served, enrollment data, projected enrollments:

Students want to use the pool and have voted on funding the programming and operation/maintenance costs. For-credit swim classes will be scheduled in the pool once it is replaced.

d) Space Utilization Data

It is estimated that well-managed programming and scheduling of the pool will result in maximized usage.

e) Projected uses of any existing space made available as a result of the project.

N/A.

f) Projected operation and maintenance costs upon completion including proposed funding sources.

The student fee will cover the cost of operation and maintenance of the space, including programming to operate the pool facility. The student fees will also provide for funding of lifeguards during hours when the HPER facility is open.