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ITEM 211-1009-R0324

Request for Authorization to Plan and Design the Flathead Lake Biological Station Water and Sewer Systems; University of Montana - Missoula

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes the University of Montana - Missoula to expend up to \$300,000 for the planning and design of the water and sewer systems at Flathead Lake Biological Station.

EXPLANATION

- University of Montana Flathead Lake Biological Station (UM FLBS) received \$2,500,000 in House Bill 5 of the 68th Legislature for replacement of the water and sewer systems.
 - UM FLBS requests to expend up to \$300,000 that will be used for the planning and design for water and sewer systems.
 - This project would install a new water supply and purification system and replace lift pumps and sewer piping to and from the waste treatment plant.
 - The wastewater treatment plant, constructed in 1976, is scheduled to be replaced leaving the original sewer lines to and from the plant in need of replacement. This project would replace the lines to and from the upgraded treatment plant to reduce the risk of a sewage spill or environmental contamination to the lake.
 - To assure safety of the drinking and laboratory water supply, the 70+ year old water supply infrastructure needs to be replaced and the filtration upgraded to a UV purification system.
 - UM FLBS will request construction authority at a later date.
 - Funding for the planning and design will come from LRBP funds allocated by the Legislature.
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ATTACHMENTS

None