

**HAYDEN LAKE RECREATIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman House called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Board members Tom DePew, Ken Sewell, George Anderl and Dave Weinstein. Also present as representatives of the Board were Larry Comer, Mike Schmidt, Dustin Jacobson and Ken Thompson. District Administrator Lynn Hagman recorded the minutes of the meeting. Visitors present were Ken Nichols Katherine Orth and John Wenzel.

AGENDA

Additions to the agenda were the City of Hayden meeting update, Camp Mivoden public hearing update and a report from Chairman House on the Hayden Lake Watershed Association. **Board member Weinstein moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Board member Anderl seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

KEN NICHOLS

Mr. Nichols requested clarification of a letter he had received from Attorney Mike Schmidt. Mr. Nichols informed the Board that there is no documentation at the County for consolidation of his two lots, therefore, he has questioned how many ER's he was assessed. Mr. Nichols was told that the District records show that there is one ER on his lots due to the fact that his home was build in the middle of the two lots.

Mr. Nichols questioned the Board on the possibility of buying an ER if the City of Hayden Lake were to allow him to create a buildable lot. Chairman House informed Mr. Nichols that he would not have a choice in the purchase of the ER, the District policy is that if you create a new lot within the District boundaries you need to have a sewer ER to that lot.

Ms. Orth addressed the Board with her concerns of the sewer line going up Strahorn Rd. Her feeling is that when the line went in originally she did not hook up, why is it feasible to hook up now? Chairman House informed Ms. Orth that the cost has gone up to \$9,000 since the line was originally put in and could go up even more due to increase in cost of labor and materials.

Mr. Wenzel, who also lives on Strahorn Rd. voiced his disappointment with the sewer line going up Strahorn and his concern with the line not being a gravity line. Larry Comer explained where the District boundaries are and where the sewer service area is.

The purpose for the extension of the sewer line and why it was going down Strahorn Rd. was also explained by Mr. Comer. Mr. Wenzel asked the Board if he would be made to hook up once the line was in. Chairman House informed Mr. Wenzel and Ms. Orth that hooking up would be up to them, the District would not force them to hook up unless there were problems with their septic system.

FINANCIAL

Ken Thompson gave his report on the financial status of the District. Mr. Thompson informed the Board that a draw down will be needed on the LID6 loan funds. Mr. Thompson reviewed the bills to be paid. **Board member Sewell moved to approve the financial report and the list of bills to be paid. Board member Anderl seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Schmidt informed the Board that he had received the Meadow Wood easement and Larry Comer will have it recorded.

The North Kootenai Water District take over agreement for the Gem Shores/Hayden Haven water system should be ready for the Board to review and sign by the Oct. 8th meeting. There is still a question on the water rights and Board member Weinstein informed Mr. Schmidt that there are a couple of home owners in Gem Shores that have information regarding the water rights. Mr. Comer informed the Board that the Id. Dept. of Water Resources will transfer water rights if necessary. Easements are being worked on with Mr. Comer.

Thames Ct. care facility letter was sent regarding the ER's and O & M charges. We now will wait for a reply.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the pre-purchase of ER's and Scott Reed's opinion on the agreement with HARSB. Mr. Schmidt stated that he is still unconvinced and feels maybe the County should voice their opinion on this issue. Chairman House informed Mr. Schmidt that the Board decided to go forward with HARSB proposed policy for the 200 ER's on record for LID6, and all future ER purchases.

ENGINEER REPORT

Larry Comer reported on the Lancaster Sewer Contract with SI construction. There are two change orders, one is on the time frame and the other is a list of several items. There are two requests for pay, one in the amount of \$22,629.04 and the other for \$ 187,250.70. **Board member Sewell moved to approve the change order requests, seconded by Board member Weinstein. The motion carried. Board member Weinstein then moved to approve the pay requests, seconded by Board member Sewell. The motion carried.**

Mr. Comer informed the Board that the Meadow Wood project went to the low bidder who was OSI. Mr. Comer requested Chairman House to sign the contract pending the legal documents and review by Attorney Schmidt. **Board member DePew moved to approve the Meadow Wood contract pending Mr. Schmidt's review. Board member Anderl seconded the motion. The motion was carried.**

Mr. Comer then reviewed the Coopers Bay lift station upgrade with the Board. The cost will be estimated at \$58,000 and there will be four contractors involved. A detail of the work to be done was handed out to the Board and attached to these minutes. Mr. Comer explained the work to be done and discussed the pumps that will be used instead of the chopper pumps. **Board member Anderl moved to approve the bid for the repairs, seconded by Board member Sewell. The motion carried.**

Dustin Jacobson questioned the oversight on the by-pass after regular hours. Chairman House stated that this will be done at the discretion of Larry Comer and Dustin Jacobson.

Larry Comer informed the Board that the study on Yellow Banks was complete and he has the data. No failures or surfacing sewage was found. Mr. Comer will submit a report and presentation at a later date and suggested the District send the check for \$8,400 to PHD.

The sewer management agreement for back up with Bob Kuchinski was discussed. The Board felt that the increase in fees was large and if the water system was no longer going to be the Districts responsibility, the back up would no longer be needed for it. The Board felt that the back up for the sewer system can now be done by HARSB and Chris Seward. **Board member Weinstein moved to reject the contract, seconded by Board member Anderl. Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Board member Sewell gave a report on the City of Hayden meeting. There were citizens present who were angry about not knowing of the sewer rate increase.

Board member Weinstein reported on the Camp Mivoden public hearing he attended. Board member Weinstein suggested information is sent out regarding the Sewer District having no involvement with Camp Mivoden or the Hayden Canyon development. Also suggested was to inform citizens of the project on Strahorn Rd. Larry Comer suggested a news letter that would include a heads up on a rate increase and possibly have the letter ready by November. Mr. Comer will have a draft ready for review in October.

Board member Weinstein informed the Board that the hearing on Camp Mivoden was on September 18, 2008 and they discussed storm water and sewage. A new plan was submitted by JUB Engineering and DEQ responded positively on the storm water plan. They also plan to have land application above the road.

Chairman House informed the Board that the Hayden Lake Watershed Association has been combined with the Residents of Hayden Lake group. The group wants to hire a lake manager and they would like to come to the Board with a formal request for support in the form of the Sewer District helping to fund this position. Board member questioned the legality of the District giving funds to another organization for such a cause. Attorney Mike Schmidt responded that the District could only fund this if they were to hire someone themselves.

For the record: The November and December regular meetings have been rescheduled for one week earlier.

November meetings: November 5^h and November 19th
December meetings: December 3rd and December 17th

Christmas party will be held after the meeting on December 17th

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, at 7:30 p.m. **Board member Anderl moved to adjourn, seconded by Board member Weinstein. The motion carried.**

Kenneth Sewell, SECRETARY

Lynn M. Hagman, ADMINISTRATOR