

**HAYDEN LAKE RECREATIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sewell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present were Tom DePew, Dave Weinstein, Todd Walker and Carol Stringer. District Superintendent Dustin Jacobson was in attendance as a representative of the Board. Mr. Craig Wilcox was a visitor of the Board. Administrator Lynn Hagman recorded the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA

Board member Stringer moved to approve the agenda for this meeting, seconded by Board member Weinstein. The motion carried.

Board member Stringer then pointed out a grammar error in the minutes of October 26th and moved to approve the minutes with the correction made. Board member DePew seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DECEMBER DINNER

Administrator Hagman announced that the December dinner for the District will be held at Copa's in Hayden on December 8th. Invitations will be sent out.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Board discussed the Regional Conference briefly. Chairman Sewell informed the Board that Mr. Bijay is asking the District to be a sponsor again this year. The cost for sponsorship is \$150.00. **Board member DePew moved to approve sponsoring the conference. Board member Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried.** Chairman Sewell announced that anyone wanting to attend the conference would be paid as if it were a meeting.

CRAIG WILCOX

Chairman Sewell introduced Mr. Wilcox to the Board and gave him the floor to speak. Mr. Wilcox represents citizens for affordable sewer rates. Mr. Wilcox presented a handout that explained the consensus of his group. Permits and Policies were discussed and Mr. Wilcox explained that permit HARSB receives is a NPDES permit and not a TMDL permit. The Clean Water Act was discussed briefly and Mr. Wilcox pointed out that there are policy problems arising from the current procedure due to a disconnect from the Clean Water Act.

The economic impact to this area would be that Post Falls rates would triple and Coeur d' Alene and others would at least double in their rates. The environmental problems have a significant connection to the economic problems. The cost to the three county dischargers for the facilities is projected to be between \$120 to \$170 Million total. This could possibly create a moratorium on growth. The only agency corresponding on this issue is the EPA and they will only correspond in writing. They have been invited to meetings but have not attended.

Mr. Wilcox feels the public needs to be informed before they attend the EPA hearings on this issue. Board member Weinstein questioned if the NIBCA group has participated.

Mr. Wilcox replied that they are involved and have sent many letters to the legislators. Board member Stringer asked how many people are on this committee. Mr. Wilcox replied there are about 10 people that are involved.

Mr. Wilcox explained primacy to the Board and what it would mean to Idaho. Primacy allows for not having to work with the EPA and regulating your own system. Entities would issue their own permits. Board member Walker explained the land application that the District uses in the summer months. Mr. Wilcox briefly discussed reclaimed water projects.

Mr. Wilcox discussed public forums and the Board gave suggestions as to where they could be held. Mr. Wilcox will keep the Board informed on when the public forum will take place and where.

ADJOURN

At 10:45 a.m. Board member Stringer moved to adjourn, seconded by Board member Weinstein. The motion carried.

Dave Weinstein, SECRETARY

Lynn M. Hagman, ADMINISTRATOR