

**HAYDEN LAKE SEWER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Short called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were Board members Neal, Meany, Coleman and Clark. Also present as representatives of the Board were Attorney Schmidt, Engineer Ashley Williams and Superintendent Jacobson. Administrator Hagman recorded the minutes of the meeting. Visitors present were Ken Windram (representing HARSB), Stephanie Oliver (representing HARSB), Pete Stratton (representing HARSB), Geoff Harvey, Todd Walker and Jan Wilkins.

AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

**Board member Clark moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda including the minutes of July 22, 2020, the invoices for payment and the June financial report. Board member Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

CITIZEN ISSUES

Mr. Geoff Harvey addressed the Board regarding the name change from Hayden Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District to Hayden Lake Sewer District. Mr. Harvey does not agree with this name change and feels it not only changes the name but it changes the Charter also. Mr. Harvey stated he had heard the Sewer District was going north of Lancaster and he then referenced a request for public records request he had made that was in regards to item 3 in the name change document.

Attorney Schmidt explained to Mr. Harvey that the District did not have the document he was asking for. Any environmental document would have been the source of Welch Comer Engineers and we could not find any documents that spoke to residency. Mr. Harvey stated he found a land use plan at Kootenai County but there was no legend. The recreational district was very important to the lake.

Chairman Short questioned Mr. Harvey if his concern was that the Sewer District would not protect the lake. Mr. Harvey felt the District set precedence years ago to review storm water plans. Attorney Schmidt explained the problems that went along with that. Plans were asked for so the Board could review them only, the County had the control and the District could not enforce. The District provided their review to the County. The codes define recreational district and we did not meet that criteria and had no power to enforce anything.

Ashley Williams from Welch Comer Engineers reviewed LID7 and 62.5% live in the District at that time which meant the Sewer District did not meet the criteria for a recreational district. Today the District does not meet the percentage of land in natural state criteria either.

Mr. Harvey stated he would like to see the data on this and he wants protection of the lake. Chairman Short replied we all want the lake protected but the District does not meet the designation and we are bound by code.

Todd Walker was in agreement with Mr. Harvey and stated the District was formed to protect the lake. Board member Neal asked if the District ever had enforcement capabilities and Mr. Walker stated they did not but he worked for the District for 5 years as a lake manager. Mr. Walker felt the District always had the capability to hold back ER's until the developer had a good storm water plan. Mr. Walker also felt the District had an influence on Panhandle Health District and the County.

Chairman Short informed Mr. Harvey he could make a records request and explained that the name change and caring about the lake are two different issues.

Jan Wilkins spoke to the Board voicing her concern that it was not just a name change but a change in the charter. Ms. Wilkins asked who is watching the storm water and does the name change make the District more or less able to police the storm water.

Attorney Schmidt reiterated that the District has never had the ability to enforce storm water. Ms. Wilkins felt it was always a matter of influence.

#### BUDGET HEARING

At 9:50 a.m. Chairman Short opened the public hearing for the FY 2020-2021 budget. There were no citizens present to speak on the budget. At 9:52 a.m. Chairman Short closed the public hearing.

Following Board review of wages Ordinance 20-01 was introduced.

**Board member Coleman moved to approve Ordinance 20-01 and to include a 3% wage increase and to suspend the rule requiring the reading on three separate occasions and to be read in full. Board member Neal seconded the motion. A roll call was taken; Board member Neal, "aye", Board member Meany, "aye", Board member Coleman, "aye" and Board member Clark, "aye". The motion carried.**

Chairman Short read the ordinance by Title.

**Board member Coleman moved to adopt Ordinance 20-01 and to be published in full. Board member Neal seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed; Board member Meany, "aye", Board member Coleman, "aye", Board member Clark, "aye" and Board member Neal, "aye". The motion carried.**

Board gave permission to Administrator Hagman to open a separate account for the depreciation fund.

#### HARSB BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ken Windram presented the O & M budget for the Hayden Area Regional Sewer. The replacement funds were discussed and Mr. Windram informed the Board the District's percent this year will be 23.4% and it should go down. The percentage is based off the number connected and the monthly amount the District will pay is \$62,178.68.

Chairman Short requested the last 5 years of the District percentage and the cost to the District each year. Board member Coleman asked if the replacement fund was used for expansion. Stephanie Oliver replied it did not, this would not be allowed. Mr. Windram stated he would rather use technology

rather than hire people. Board member Neal questioned Mr. Windram if he had data supporting the technology versus employees.

Chairman Short asked Mr. Windram to explain the SKATA system. Mr. Windram did and asked for questions.

**Board member Meany moved to approve the HARSB budget, seconded by Board member Neal. A roll call was taken; Board member Neal, “aye”, Board member Meany, “aye”, Board member Coleman, “aye” and Board member Clark, “aye”. The motion carried.**

Pete Statton from J.U.B. Engineers discussed Phase two of the HARSB project. Mr. Statton gave a project overview and presented the project budget.

Mr. Windram discussed the operations of the project as well as the drying and hauling of the sludge. Mr. Windram and Mr. Statton discussed the solar dryer versus the paddle dryer and costs associated. Board member questioned options to reduce our costs. Mr. Windram discussed the solar dryer and explained it could be taken out of the budget and dealt with as a separate item later. Mr. Statton informed the Board they were at 30% in the design phase. There is a 20% construction contingency, legal and engineering costs and Davis-Bacon wages included in the budget. The total budget is \$24,161,468. Mr. Windram informed the Board they were pre-selecting the contractors and Mr. Statton stated they needed to be done by November, 2022.

Board member Neal asked Mr. Statton if she had heard him correctly that Aqua Engineering had not recommended the solar dryer and he responded that was correct.

Mr. Windram stated the solar dryer and two turners are needed. Chairman Short stated our budget was \$18,000,000 so how do we bridge the gap. The difference between the \$24,000,000 budget and the \$18,000,000 initial budget was explained by Stephanie Oliver. Board member Coleman questioned the amount he approved at HARSB for the solar dryer versus the amount that is reflected in the budget. He and Chairman Short voiced their frustration about the numbers always changing. Other option for the solar dryer was discussed. Attorney Schmidt discussed what the plant was built for regarding the MGD. Mr. Statton stated the tertiary treatment process will be designed at 2.4 MGD.

**Board member Coleman moved to move forward with the 30% preliminary engineers report as is with the solar dryer included with the understanding that the bio-solids handling process may change. Board member Clark seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed; Board member Coleman, “aye”, Board member Clark, “aye”, Board member Neal, “ney” and Board member Meany, “aye”. The motion carried.**

#### ATTORNEY

Attorney Schmidt discussed the request for O&M reduction by Dean Rogers. The request was to reduce to 1.5 for his O&M fee. Mr. Rogers authorized the District to look at his water usage.

Board member Meany moved to reduce to 1.5 for O&M fee. Board member Neal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 20-001

Resolution 20-001, a resolution to declare surplus property, was introduced. Superintendent Jacobson explained what the District would surplus and asked if it should be sold for a set price. There is a utility bed that will be sold separately.

**Board member Neal moved to adopt Resolution 20-001 and to list and sell each one at a fixed price. Board member Meany seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jacobson informed the Board that Bervan Bay project is done and they are still working on the Pt. Hayden leak.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Short adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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Ed Short, CHAIRMAN

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Lynn Hagman, ADMINISTRATOR