

**GREENFERRY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 19, 2020 4:00 PM, via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Stephen Tanner opened the meeting at 4:00 PM via Zoom. A roll call confirmed that Ron Utz, Rex Grace, Bob Stiger and Carol Rassier, Vice Chairperson were also present. Staff present were John Austin, Manager and Bob and Ian Kuchenski, Water Operators and Roger Glessner, Engineer. Guests were Ashley Williams, Welch Comer, Dan Sturgis, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Sue Anderson and Ren Hone.

NEW BUSINESS

Next, Chairman Tanner moved the issue of the Water Facility Plan forward from New Business, and Ms. Williams shared the progress to date, including the modeling with source and storage discussions. She stated the peak demand numbers in the current Plan may be low, but that will be determined once the modeling is complete. The Board also discussed having a special meeting prior the November 16th regular meeting. Ms. Rassier said she'd be in favor of having the special meeting so the Board could focus on this issue. After discussion, Chairman Tanner set November 10th at 4:00 pm via Zoom as the next meeting to discuss this.

Next, Chairman Tanner moved the issue of the aquifer boundary forward from New Business. Mr. Utz introduced the hydrogeologist from IDWR, Mr. Sturgis, who presented the issues with the boundary of the aquifer. This is a point of contention with the County's legislatively established boundary, which the County must use for permitting development. He answered a question from Mr. Hone about the water being above the granite base and he answered in the affirmative. He said a big issue is that Panhandle Health District uses a different boundary than IDWR, and that impacts the agency's approval of septic tanks in the District. He said IDWR does not give permits on septics; they make assessments of how they could impact the aquifer but that doesn't change how the other agencies do their permits unless the new boundary is adopted by the legislature. Mr. Sturgis' final comment is that based on geology both north and south of the river that the project is over the aquifer, no matter where the lines on a map are. Mr. Utz asked about the comment that the issue of the boundary has not been 'peer reviewed'. Mr. Sturgis stated he was working on defining north County boundaries, since those areas also have conflicting information. He said once all the analysis is done, it goes through a peer review. Mr. Stiger asked if his review of the boundary is in a report. Mr. Sturgis stated the USGS website contains the information and provided the report number. Chairman Tanner asked if he's using his current information or something else, and Mr. Sturgis said he's using different boundary data from different

sources, including USGS, based on ground water management and water quality protection. He also looks at individual well drilling reports, also, to help define the boundaries.

OLD BUSINESS

Next, the Board considered the minutes of the August 17, 2020, August 31, 2020, September 8, 2020 and October 12, 2020 meetings, which were all approved following a motion by Mr. Utz and second by Ms. Rassier. The Board then tabled the minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting pending changes suggested by Mr. Utz.

Next, Mr. Bob Kuchenski presented the Water Operator Report, including water usage over the last five years. Chairman Tanner asked about the number of hookups, and directed that Ms. Williams have the most up to date data for her modeling. Mr. Bob Kuchenski then discussed maintenance issues, including at Bella Ridge for clearing brush and fencing. The report was approved following a motion by Mr. Stiger and second by Ms. Rassier.

Next, Mr. Austin presented the financial report and invoice approval list. After discussion, the Board tabled the report to allow review with staff by Mr. Utz and by Ms. Rassier. The Board then discussed the invoice and delinquent lists, which were approved following a motion by Mr. Stiger and second by Mr. Grace.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

The Board then reviewed the FY 2020-21 preliminary budget. Mr. Austin noted his basis for each line item. The Board added \$30,000 for an engineering study on the possibility of doing something with the sewer function. They also added \$9,000 for additional directors' fees. After discussion the Board approved the preliminary budget and set the public hearing for November 16, 2020 at 4 pm via Zoom, following a motion by Mr. Grace and second by Mr. Stiger.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

Next, Mr. Austin stated the new website is now on line and encouraged the Board to review its new elements, including the posted audit, budget and current financials. He also stated the policies were also listed under a separate tab: www.greenferrywater.com

Next, the Board discussed an update on the Bayshore Estates subdivision and noted that the Nutrient Pathogen Evaluation (NPE) was being conducted and would be submitted by the end of the month to the County.

Next, Mr. Austin stated the Conditional Use Permit for the booster station site was recommended for approval by the hearing examiner and will now go before the Board of County Commissioners for approval. He noted the effort of Mr. Glessner to update the site plan on the eve of the hearing, to reflect the new easement agreement with the adjoining property owner.

NEW BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Next, Mr. Glessner talked about the beneficial use for the water right with IDWR. He stated new legislation allows planning farther out into the future, without showing beneficial use. He said we have two different water rights totaling 1.25 cfs. The Board then directed that Bob Haynes be asked to attend the November 10th meeting to give an update on the issues.

Mr. Austin then presented the newsletter to residents. The Board tabled the issue until the next meeting.

The Board then tabled the issue of sewer improvements to the next meeting.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm following a motion by Ms. Rassier and second by Mr. Utz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Tanner, Chairman

John Austin, Manager