

**GREENFERRY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4:00 pm, August 19, 2024
District Office And Via Zoom**

Chairperson Carol Rassier opened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Additional Board in Attendance:

Vice Chairman, Dr. Bob Stiger

Secretary Treasurer Ron Utz

Member, Rex Grace

Member Susan Sloyka

Staff in Attendance:

John Austin, Manager

Bob Kuchenski, Water Operator via Zoom

Guests:

Penny Jane Morgan

Anisa Gamble

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2024-25 BUDGET

The Board heard from Mr. Austin on the preliminary budget, noting it had been published twice as required by Idaho Code. He said it was also posted on the District Website. He noted the property tax levy for the District will remain at \$400,000, as directed by the Board in 2023. Board discussion ensued, including separating the Accounting and Management line item into separate line items. Chairperson Rassier then opened the hearing at 4:02 PM to the public for comment. With no comment from the public, the hearing was closed at 4:04 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board then unanimously approved the FY 2024-25 Budget, following a motion by Mr. Utz and second by Mr. Grace.

The Board then discussed the issue of the Department of Environmental Quality's approval of the Nutrient Pathogen Evaluation, Level II for the Bayshore Development. Mr. Austin said he had spoken with the developers' engineer and was informed that the County is reviewing if the issue should go again before the County Hearing Examiner. He said staff would attend the hearing in that case so the issue of the source water protection of the well sites could be addressed. The Board then reviewed the last Will Serve letter and the elements that have changed since it expired in 2021. The Board then heard from residents Ms. Morgan and Ms. Gamble, who voiced their concerns about the NPE II evaluation. Ms. Morgan provided a letter to the Board outlining those concerns. The Board took exception to her claim that they'd done little to oppose the development as being over the Prairie Aquifer. Mr. Austin said he and the former Board Chairman Steve Tanner had tried to attend the Kootenai County Aquifer Protection Board meeting earlier and had expressed their concerns at that time.

He also reminded the residents that the Board had successfully reduced the zoning on the development from 3/acre to 2/acre and also that requiring the Level II NPE was with the intent to have the issue of the aquifer location addressed by the authorities charged with its protection. The Board then decided the next steps in the process and the action items to address the process.

Action Item: Dr. Stiger and Ms. Sloyka will contact the Seth Oliver, the DEQ hydrogeologist who approved the Level II NPE, to further understand the reasoning behind the decision.

Due Date: August 31, 2024

Action Item: Mr. Glessner will provide the Board with a quote on the cost for his staff to work with the Panhandle Heath District on the location of septic in the Greenferry Terrace development, to begin the Septic Management Program authorized by the Board.

Due Date: August 31, 2024

ADJOURN

With no additional business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm, following a motion by Dr. Stiger and second by Ms. Sloyka.