

**GREENFERRY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 10, 2020 4:00 PM, Via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Stephen Tanner opened the meeting at 4:00 PM. A roll call confirmed Vice Chairman Carol Rassier, Ron Utz, Bob Stiger and Rex Grace were also present. Staff present were John Austin, Manager, Bob and Ian Kuchenski, Water Operators and Roger Glessner, Engineer. Guests were Bob Haynes, Kevin Freeman (Nutrient Pathogen Evaluation (NPE) hydrologist), Paul Sifford from Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA) and Drew Dittman from Lake City Engineering. Members Ren Hone and Penny Jane were also present.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Next, the Board amended the agenda to include a discussion of the newsletter to residents, following a motion by Mr. Stiger and second by Mr. Grace.

OLD BUSINESS

Next, the Board heard from Ms. Williams on an update on the Water Facility Plan. She discussed preliminary and approximate growth projections and future demands, outlined the current and growth deficiencies and potential improvements to the system. After discussing the various pending projects facing the District, she recommended a 12" line instead of the 10" proposed to improve getting water from the wells to the reservoirs, including on Riverview. Mr. Glessner noted the 10" on Riverview should be sufficient based on the 10" line going west to Snowshoe and 8" line to the booster station on Greenferry and Ms. Williams concurred. She also stated that based on her review of the new pumping data from the wells in August, we do not currently have the capacity to serve any more than 402 connections until the well pumps are upgraded or until we install a third well.

Next, the Board heard from Mr. Haynes on the water right for the District. He updated the Board on the process since the Reasonably Anticipated Future Needs (RAFN) application in 2015. He discussed the District's water right based on the application. Mr. Glessner asked if adding a third well would help to assure the higher water right and Mr. Haynes said the 2 cfs (cubic feet per second) would likely be successful. Mr. Glessner noted some of the discrepancy that's being accounted for is the older meters in place in the District. He also noted the new meter at the well house is providing more accurate data. Mr. Haynes noted the Water Facility Plan will greatly assist in the water right approval from IDWR. Chairman Tanner asked what the water right would be if successful and Mr. Haynes stated it would be 4.25 cfs.

Next, the Board discussed sewer options with Mr. Sifford, who was previously with the City of Worley.

He recommended having the discussion with DEQ as well as Panhandle Health District because he believes there would be pressure to fall under the city of Post Falls sewer facilities as growth occurs south of the river. He said he believes the District should deal with it themselves, with DEQ if it's to be surface applied upon treatment. He recommended hiring an engineering firm to do the study and what the feasible options are, and then to provide that in a sewer facility plan to DEQ.

Next, the Board discussed the Bayshore Estates subdivision and the Nutrient Pathogen Evaluation. Mr. Austin stated that he'd just received the DEQ recommendation during the meeting and had shared it with the Board via email. He noted DEQ is recommending a Level 2 Evaluation. Since the letter was received so late, Chairman Tanner recommended another special meeting for Thursday, November 12, 2020. Mr. Freeman weighed in on the issue, stating in his discussion with Gary Stevens at DEQ that Mr. Stevens is 'recommending' the Level 2 Evaluation, not 'requiring' it. He said the Bayshore Estates developer believes the Will Serve letter from the District required only a Level 1 Evaluation and that's why he did at Level I. Mr. Hone asked what's the difference between the two levels and Mr. Freeman said it's data collection and that he likely couldn't rely on existing data so testing would be necessary, including a pump test to figure aquifer levels. After discussion, the Board tabled the issue until a special meeting on November 12, 2020 at 11 am.

Next, Mr. Utz discussed additional items needing addressed by him concerning the financial reporting, so the Board tabled the issue until the regular meeting November 16, 2020.

Next, the Board discussed the newsletter to residents and determined that it was ready to be mailed to all residents in the coming days.

ADJOURN

Next, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM, following a motion by Mr. Utz and second by Mr. Stiger.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Tanner, Chairman

John Austin, Manager