

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

Southside Water and Sewer District
P.O. Box D, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864
June 28, 2022

Call to Order and roll call: Chairman Jack Howard opened the meeting at the WaterLife Discovery Center at 5:00 pm and a roll call confirmed that Kass Larson was also present. Jim Haynes joined via phone and a quorum was attained.

Others: Treasurers Julia MacDonald and John Austin and Operator Brad White were also present.

Guests: Mike Erickson.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Howard opened the public hearing for to present the proposed fee structure changes in the District. He began by presenting a slide discussion of the changes. He noted the Board wanted to ensure rate changes didn't effect those in the District using 1 Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). He said a new well is only needed because 20% of residents use excess water (more than 24,000 gallons per month). The new rate structure passes those costs on to those residents. He then discussed the sewer system, now valued at \$3.9 million serving 500 residences. He noted the treatment of effluent is costly and therefore is reflected in the fee changes.

The proposed rate structure is:

WATER FUND:

- 12,000 gals per month – Unchanged from Current Fee
- 12-23K gal \$1.25 per 1,000 gal used – Unchanged from Current Fee
- 24-39K gal \$2.00 per 1,000 gal used – New
- 40-79K gal \$5.00 per 1,000 gal used – New
- Over 80k gal \$10.00 per 1,000 gal used – New
- Water hookup for ADU's increased to the same rate as a full hookup
- Connection Fee Schedule per connection size

SEWER FUND:

- Sewer Hookup Fee increased to \$17,000 per ERU
- Sewer ADU's the same rate as a full hookup \$17,000 per ERU
- Existing sewer inspection fee: \$200
- New construction inspection fee: Time and Materials

VACATION RENTALS:

- Annual Administrative Fee of \$200
- Sewer Expanded Use Charge: Based on permitted or stated occupancy
- One Monthly Sewer Charge (ERU) for every four persons in excess of four persons (base)
- (Stated Occupancy ERU – 1 ERU) x Sewer Base Rate

Chairman Howard then asked for any public comments. Mr. Erickson asked about the commercial developments in the District, including Sleeps Cabins and the Resort on Lakeshore and Highway 95. Chairman Howard discussed those developments and the proposed improvements at the Resort and stated that the district has rate schedules for commercial entities.

With no additional public comment the hearing was closed at 5:21 PM, following a motion by Mr. Larson and second by Mr. Haynes.

The Board then approved the rate structure and passed Resolution 22-01, following a motion by Mr. Larson and second by Mr. Haynes.

Adjournment: A motion by Mr. Larson and second by Mr. Haynes was made to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:22 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted and Approved:

Julia MacDonald, John Austin
Secretary/Treasurers

Jack Howard
Chairman of the Board