

Belfair Sewer Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2013

Present:

County Commissioner: Randy Neatherlin.

Staff: John Cunningham

Members: Chair Jack Johnson, Vice Chair, Jennifer Hines, Secretary Judy Scott, Rob Drexler, Bob Harris, Matt Matayoshi, Greg Waggett Lee Swoboda

Absent members. Ed Kruk,

Guest: Jeff Carey

I. Announcements

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Johnson at 4:02 PM Location at Port of Allyn building in Allyn WA.

Roll call was taken See above for information

Minutes were approved: Jennifer Hines moved. Greg Waggett seconded. All approved

Agenda was adopted: Jennifer Hines, moved, Greg Waggett seconded. All approved

Hand-outs that were distributed: Agenda, minutes from Aug. 8th, Suggested grouping of options (Lee Swoboda), Belfair Sewer Committee Contact information (Jack Johnson), e-mail from NMHS Dave Petersen RE: NMHS sewer connection(Jack Johnson)

Next meeting: **September 12, 2013 4:00 PM At the Port of Allyn Building**

Motion was made to have our next meeting September 12, and 26th 4PM at the Port of Allyn building. Greg Waggett moved, Rob Drexler Seconded

II. Discussion

Jack reported on the meeting with Richard Esvelt(engineer) and Bob Thurston(operator and equipment sales) at the Belfair Sewer Facility. The committee members (committee to investigate O & M costs) met with Richard and Bob and the operator of the facility (Bill Van Buskirk). There was much discussion about the sizing of the whole sewer treatment facility. There was also much discussion about the high cost of engineering for the plant.

There was a brief discussion about the possible litigation for the overbuilding of the system. Rich was asked to evaluate the system for any possible savings. Randy asked for the actual O & M costs. John Cunningham (staff) will get that information out to the committee members. Litigation was brought up again in regard to CH2M Hill. There was a suggestion of getting an audit of CH2M Hill.

NMHS Connection: Jack talked about the possibility of connection to the NMHS. The length of connection is approximately 1 ½ miles. He submitted an e-mail from Dave Petersen (NMHS superintendent) to the committee in regard to the connection. The average flow for the high school was thought to be 15K a day. Rob said he could ask the design engineer for NMHS to get

information about the high school flow. Guest Jeff Carey spoke about the cost per connection. If anything was above 20.6K per connection it is not feasible for hooking up. Jack will get the information from Rob and take this information to Rick Esvelt and see about the NMHS connection. Jennifer talked about some of the information that she has found about the ULID's. She will get together with Brian Matthews for more solid information. She said getting a petition from property owners would perhaps be the best method. There could be more "buy in" and simplify the process for the county. The hope is there would be no "mandatory hook-ups" and she will get more information on the breakdown of costs of the ULID. There was lengthy discussion and many questions. Bob Harris mentioned about promoting the UGA's LTax Dollars.

III. Wrap-up

Jack suggested that perhaps everyone could research about other communities that have the same problems and see how they managed through the process.

Jeff made comment about the North Bay sewer (Allyn) problem. Allyn has added only 1000 sq. ft. of commercial space in the last 8-10 years and unemployment is still high.

It was mentioned that growth is not expected over all. Student levels are down, economic growth is very slow.

Correction from Jeff: Allyn, since the building of the sewer system, has averaged at most about 1000 sq. ft. of new commercial space over the past 10 years

Student counts are down about 300 or 14% locally, traffic counts are at down to 2003-2004 levels.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM Lee moved, Jennifer seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Scott