

## Belfair Sewer Committee

### Meeting Minutes

*September 12, 2013*

*Present:*

County Commissioner: Randy Neatherlin.

Staff: Brian Matthews, John Cunningham,

Members: Chair Jack Johnson, Vice Chair, Jennifer Hines, Secretary Judy Scott,

Rob Drexler, Bob Harris, Greg Waggett Lee Swoboda

Absent members. Ed Kruk, Matt Matayoshi

Guest: Jeff Carey

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### Announcements

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Johnson at 4:00 PM Location at Port of Allyn building in Allyn WA.

Roll call was taken: See above for information

Minutes were approved: Jennifer Hines moved. Rob Drexler seconded. All approved

Agenda: Bob Harris asked to add to agenda about promotion of Urban Growth Area for Belfair.

Hand-outs that were distributed: Agenda(Jack), minutes from Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>(Judy), Suggested grouping of options, links for CH2M Hill Lawsuits(Lee Swoboda),

Next meeting: **September 26, 2013 4:00 PM At the Port of Allyn Building**

### Discussion

**Topic of discussion:** Bob's suggestion for the promotion of the Belfair Urban Growth Area lead to discussion of the Chamber of Commerce Stephanie Horton is now the new director. There was discussion of the chamber could restructure the organization to support local businesses more readily.

**Topic of discussion:** item of discussion was that development regulations are written without avenues of creativity. There was much discussion about the Planning and Policy for our UGA.

**Topic of discussion:** The moratorium was brought up with much discussion to get rid of the moratorium and allow businesses to develop in the UGA. One example of impact was that a person is choosing to sell their lot because of the moratorium that is in place.

**Motion** made by Rob Drexler, Jennifer seconded . Jennifer Hines offered to write up a letter to the county commissioners to recommend by the advisory committee to lift the moratorium in the UGA.

John Cunningham (staff) sent information out to the committee members via e-mail of the actual

O & M costs. Jack categorized the expenditures of the O&M and came up the figures of O&M costs of between 400-500K with up to 700K to include capital improvement.. There was much discussion and questions in regard to the cost break-down of the report.

Jack asked Bob Thornton to come up with what the costs would be to operate the Belfair Sewer. The Belfair plant is unique in it has more "brain power" and redundancy equipment and Jack said that the cost to operate would be \$85K a year, but there were many more questions as to what all the "operations" would entail. It was suggested we be able to look at the contract Bob would be submitting

We need more information and understanding about the costs of current operation and the proposal of Bob Thornton. Jack mentioned that there are some similarities in size of the Belfair Plant and the Fort Warden plant that Bob currently operates.

The Committee for O & M will meet together to get more information and discuss possibilities in more detail.

NMHS Connection: Rob had no report from the design engineer for NMHS. However, a recommendation may be to the county. Randy said that Tom Moore is talking to NMHS about possible connection. The school is not sure of their design and must decide what is best. Costs of environmental mitigation would be high to connect to Belfair. Pipes for North Bay Sewer are close.

Jennifer is working on the ULID's packets. She requested more information from Brian Matthews for more solid information. She looked up information about other ULID's and saw that Spokane has a \$150.00 hook up fee with an 80.00 monthly rate. Discovery of the low rates was due to many more hook-ups lowered individual initial costs.

Lee brought up contract cross recovery from CH2M Hill Lee handed out a list of links for CH2M Hill lawsuits and at least 9 are listed.

### **Wrap-up**

Brian will get Bill Van Buskirks job description (operator of Belfair Sewer) and CH2M Hill contract as per request.

North Mason Life article was mentioned.

Next meeting is suggested to talk about regulations and building capital facilities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Judy Scott**