

Belfair Sewer Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2013

Present:

Staff: Tom Moore

Members: Vice Chair, Jennifer Hines, Secretary Judy Scott, Lee Swoboda, Rob Drexler, Annetta Knight

Absent members. Randy Neatherlin, Jack Johnson, Bob Harris, Greg Waggett

Guests: Jeff Carey, Ken Van Buskirk

Announcements

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jennifer Hines at 4:02 PM

Location: at Port of Allyn building in Allyn WA.

Roll call was taken: See above for information

Minutes: Rob moved, Annetta seconded approved minutes of Dec. 5th, 2013

Agenda: Annetta moved, Rob seconded with addition of 7A as per Annetta's request "new business"

Hand-outs that were distributed: Agenda (Jennifer), minutes from 12-9-13 (Judy), Press Release from Mason County Commission of Water/Sewer Rate increases (Annetta)

Next meeting:

January 9th, 2014 (Thursday) At the Port of Allyn Building 4PM

Discussion

Public Input: No comment

Topic of discussion: Special Benefit Assessment: Jennifer had questions about Public Works Trust Fund of Mason Co. Are there monies that may be refunded in 2015? Short answer no it has been allocated.

Tom talked about the Ecology Grant SRF (state revolving fund). The grant to loan ratio is that 70% is needed. Tom explained how you apply. It is a very competitive funding- Example is there could be 12 projects funded out of 40 requests. . "The Feds" gives the State an allocation. They usually don't give more than 5 Million/ grant, loan. The loan percentage varies as low as ½% to 3%.

There was much discussion about the ULID process. There were many questions and it was decided that although we need to understand it. We as a committee cannot make many of the decisions and have the understanding necessary to make it happen.

The question was asked by the committee what is needed to help with Staff to move the process along.

A motion was made by Rob Drexler, Lee Swoboda seconded

The BSAC recommends to the Mason County Commission to move forward to initiate the ULID process. Motion passed.

New Business: Annetta brought up 3 items:

On December 10, 2013 The press release about the Water and Sewer Rate shall be increased 1 1/2% for the 2014 calendar year. The county owned systems, Rustlewood, Beards Cove, and North Bay Case inlet water and sewer systems. Resolution No. 04-12 amending Title 13 of MCC to revise chapter 13.31, of Belfair Sanitary Sewer Cod and monthly rate for sewer service shall remain at \$96.00 per mo. for 2014. Capital Facility Charges shall increase from 6,000.00 per ERU to \$7,900.00 beginning Jan. 1, 2014. All other permit and inspection fees shall remain the same.

Dept of Corrections: Annetta passed on an e-mail stating that Adam Aaseby from DOC regarding the proposed intake facility in North Mason. There are no plans to move forward with it at this time. They are focusing on Rochester and Maple Glen for intake centers due to their position along I-5.

Fish Consumption Issue: This has drastic ramifications. Annetta brought an article from Washington [state wire.com](#) The title of the article is Study; New Water Quality Standards Would Cost Billions, Produce Little Benefit. She said to watch this and speak up!

SKIA: Annetta said she has heard no news about SKIA

Public Input: Ken Van Buskirk reported that the MCC tabled the Capital Facilities Plan CF503 Potential litigation and did not approve. . Commissioners suggested they look at the Shelton UGA and at this time all the UGA's will be looked at. The Comprehensive Plan will be scheduled for approval in 2016.

Ken reported that Belfair Water District will increase rates by 20%.

Jeff Carey: The ULID motion has him concerned. His concern is will the ULID's proposed revenue of 200K be incentive enough for the ULID to work. He felt there needs to be policies in place first before it is implemented. He reminded everyone that if the hook-ups cost more that 25K It will not work. He said again, look at the statistics. Student count is down. Growth is not there to support it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Scott