

# Bayview Water & Sewer District

20298 E. Perimeter Rd., Bayview, ID 83803

## **PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

August 25, 2021

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairperson Ali Spahn opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and a roll call confirmed Vice-Chair Colleen Dahlseid and directors Shon Luoma, and Ted Bare were also present.

**Others Present:** District operators Bob Kuchenski and Bob Hansen, District treasurer Jessie Roe and District Clerk Clint Kuhman.

**Guests Present:** Members of the Public (Sign-In Sheet Attached).

### **Agenda Items**

Chairperson Spahn opened the public hearing at 6:05 PM and introduced Ms. Roe as the moderator and director Ms. Dahlseid as the presenter for the meeting. Ms. Roe read the rules and regulations and informed the public on how the public comments would be heard and received for the day and the coming week. Ms. Dahlseid reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (attached) to discuss the consistent operating loss on the sewer systems operations and how the water system operations are subsidizing this loss, rate inequities, total sewer system capacity. She then discussed how the new sewer ordinance will address these issues and the changes that will be made to remediate the inequities and impose fines for users who violate the system. Next, Ms. Dahlseid informed the public that the District would like to institute a program to buy-back unused Equivalent Residential Units (ER's) from customer's to aid in the sewer system operating loss. Lastly, the rate structure was presented and reviewed which outlined all the changes discussed in the presentation. The Board then opened the hearing up to the public for comment.

#### **Public Comment #1:**

Sheryl Puckett – First, Ms. Puckett commented on section 12.3 which addressed sewer buy-backs and how they will be distributed. The sentence reads “The District may maintain a waiting list for Owners requesting ER capacity”. She requested that it states that one person should be able to buy one ER so that nobody can monopolize the process, meaning someone can come in and say they are first on the list and they can come into the office and buy five (5) ER's. She believed the existing sentence leaves it too open ended and she would like the Board to take the time to go over that one sentence and not leave it open ended. Second, she stated she had a concern with the float homes and their ER allocation. Currently, the sewer ordinance says they are .7 of an ER but a full residence is 1 ER. She believes they have all the amenities as a full residence and should be assessed as such.; she would like the Board to discuss and contemplate this change. Ms. Puckett urged the public to read the ordinance and said it

very important to be informed of all changes. She applauded Ms. Dahlseid on her tireless efforts and time spent on the new ordinance.

Public Comment #2:

Jamie Berube – Expressed her concern on the existing boundaries of the District and how float homes are not currently allowed to vote on District functions but are still served by the District and effected by the decisions of the District and the Board. If they are to be taxed or increased because the Marina owner is on land, she believes the owners of the float homes should also be able to vote. She asked the Board to look in to getting this changed.

With no further members of the public wishing to make a comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:57 PM following a motion from Mr. Bare and seconded by Mr. Luoma. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted and Approved:

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Jessie Roe  
Administrative/Treasurer

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Ted Bare  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board