

# **Gallatin Gateway County Water & Sewer District**

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## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Date:** April 4, 2011

**Time:** 6:30PM

**Place:** Gallatin Gateway Fire Station, 320 Webb St., Gallatin Gateway, MT

**For:** Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

## **AGENDA**

### **I. Call To Order**

A. Call To Order (Adams)

B. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items<sup>1</sup> (Adams)

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2011 (Adams)

### **III. Reports of Officers, Standing Committees, and Special Committees**

A. Report of General Manager & Report of Financial Condition (Donnelly)

### **IV. Unfinished Business and General Orders**

A. Discussion on term and election of Board President (Donnelly)

B. Discussion of Applications for Grant and Loan funding (Donnelly)

### **V. New Business**

A. Any New Business Which May Come Properly to the Board (Adams)

### **VI. Adjourn**

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<sup>1</sup> The opportunity for members of the public to comment on District matters which are not on the agenda. Time limits may be imposed at the discretion of the President.

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## MINUTES OF THE

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gallatin Gateway County Water & Sewer District was held in the boardroom of the Gallatin Gateway Fire Station on April 4, 2011. Present at the meeting were board members Merle Adams, David Sullivan, Charlie White and Earl Wortman. General Manager Matt Donnelly was also present. Director Border and attorney Susan Swimley were not present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Adams. Mr. Donnelly recorded the minutes of the meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

President Adams asked for public comment. Seeing none, President Adams proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After confirming that all directors had a draft copy of the March 7, 2011 minutes, President Adams asked whether there were any corrections. Seeing none, Director Sullivan moved to moved to approve the minutes and Director Wortman seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

### REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Donnelly then gave the General Manager's and Treasurer's report. There was no major activity since the last report. A discussion followed regarding the District's ability to raise funds if sewer financing is delayed. Suggestions were to ask for donations; to hold another fundraiser; phase the grant funding so that we obtain an engineering design prior to finalizing the complete design/construct financing package; and/or to charge fees or levy deficiency taxes. Mr. Donnelly agreed to call other Districts to see what they do. Rich Fillbach offered to provide contact information for other knowledgeable parties.

### OFFICER ELECTIONS

President Adams opened the floor for a discussion on officer elections. The Board agreed to hold an election of officers in December.

### STATUS OF GRANT AND LOAN FUNDING

The following activities related to the status of grant applications were discussed.

- I. The DNRC grant request is encapsulated in HB6. HB6 is progressing through the legislature. No additional information was available.

- II. The TSEP grant request is encapsulated in HB351. HB351 is progressing through the legislature.
- III. The District received an eligibility letter from RD regarding our grant and loan requests.
- IV. The STAG/WRDA grant application has been negatively impacted by the federal ban on congressionally directed appropriations. The status is uncertain until we hear more about how the new Congress is going to deal with requests for appropriations for infrastructure projects, however FY12 grant applications were filed with Senators Baucus and Tester, and with Representative Rehberg.
- V. The CDBG grant application deadline was moved to September 22 due to the federal budget situation. We will need to hold public hearings in the fall to document support for the CDBG grant.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The meeting then turned to new business. Seeing none, President Adams noted that the next meeting date is May2. President Adams agreed to contract Bob Murdo to see if he would be willing to attend the May 2 meeting to discuss bond issuance.

Director Wortman moved to adjourn; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. After unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Secretary