

Gallatin Gateway County Water & Sewer District

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: March 22, 2010
Time: 7:00PM
Place: Gallatin Gateway Community Center
145 Mill St., Gallatin Gateway, MT
For: Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
and Public Information Session

Please come to this special meeting for information on a proposed technical and financial solution for providing a public wastewater system to the community of Gallatin Gateway.

AGENDA

- I. Call To Order**

- II. Discussion and Forum on a Proposed Technology and Financing Solution for a Proposed Public Wastewater System**

- III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items¹**

- IV. Adjourn**

¹ 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 special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gallatin Gateway County Water & Sewer District was held in the Gallatin Gateway Community Center on March 22, 2010. Present at the meeting were board members Merle Adams, Ted Border, David Sullivan, Charlie White and Earl Wortman. Attorney Susan Swimley and Matt Donnelly were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Adams. Mr. Rich Fillbach recorded the minutes of the meeting.

As the first order of business, President Adams announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to inform the public about the preferred alternative for a sewer collection and treatment system as outlined in the draft Preliminary Engineering Review (PER) developed by Great West Engineering. President Adams asked for public comment on items not on the agenda. Seeing none, President Adams proceeded to the agenda.

Approximately 44 members of the public were in attendance. Seated at the front of the room were five Board members, the General Manager, and Mr. Craig Pozega from Great West Engineering for a total of 51 in attendance. President Adams first made introductions of the Board. Mr. Donnelly then followed with a brief history of sewer issues in Gallatin Gateway. Mr. Pozega then followed with a summary presentation outlining the outcomes of the PER.

Following the engineer's presentation, President Adams opened the floor for discussion. Some of the questions posed were:

- How did the District count residences?
- Should renters be included on the income survey?
- What percentage of income surveys have been returned?
- Do non-residential entities need to fill out an income survey (ie. Willing Workers)?
- Why was the board in favor of the Level 2 system (AdvanTex)?
- What percentage of the alternative cost estimates is the collection system?
- What if some of the grants in the funding plan come through, but not all of them, then what?
- Where is the treatment and disposal site going to be located?
- Was land cost factored into the alternative cost estimates?

- During the course of the discussion, one resident testified that she had become sick and had required medical attention as a result of contaminants entering her drinking water supply from a neighbors failing septic system contaminating her well.
- Sandy Kust led a discussion regarding the income survey – who hasn't returned their survey?

Near the conclusion of the meeting, President Adams announced that there was a petition of support located at the sign-in table. Most of the attendees signed the petition of support on their way out of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Secretary