

Gallatin Gateway County Water and Sewer District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Director for the Gallatin Gateway County Water & Sewer District was held on February 8, 2021 at the Farmhouse Café, 76250 Gallatin Rd. Gallatin Gateway, MT. A teleconference bridge for public input was available. Present at the meeting were Board Members Ted Border, Eric Amend, Cary Fox, Matt Donnelly and Maralee Parsons Sullivan. General Manager Justin Brechtelsbauer and District Administrator Linda Cox were also present. Members of public present included Mike Ducennois and Clayton Peacock.

President Border called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. Linda Cox recorded the minutes of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

President Border asked for public comment on non-agenda items. No public comments were made.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

President Border asked if any items of conflict of interest, or potential conflict of interest, needed to be raised. None were raised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes for January 11th, 2021. Minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Consent Agenda

A. Report and discussion about Gateway Village was moved to Committee Reports.

New Business

A. Discussion on Sewer Treatment Capacity from Four Corners Water & Sewer Four Corners is planning for expansion from 700,000 gallons a day to 1.4 million a day by 2023. The expansion is now open for public comment. The Four Corners currently has 139,680 gallons per day available. The District was discussing a request for an additional 20,000 gallons a day. However, since more capacity is now anticipated in 2023, the District is considering a request for only 10,000 a day for a total cost of \$573,930. Also, the District recently learned that Lone Mountain is going forward with Gateway Village, which has its own plant. Reducing the request for capacity from Four Corners given this new information, is more conservative and reduces the risk faced by the District.

The District has committed 65 VRUs in will serve letters. General Manager Brechtelsbauer would like to use the funds in the capital reserves account to purchase capacity from Four Corners. He also suggested limiting out-of-district service in the future. Director Amend pointed out that the District has additional reserves, though General Manager Brechtelsbauer feels that these reserves could be retained since the funds generated by the will serve letters is more directly linked to the additional capacity. Director Donnelly suggested that the District reserve 5000 gallons a day for in-district customers and requested that a capacity assessment for the District be completed annually or even quarterly. Director Parsons Sullivan suggested that an annual capacity assessment could be completed in the Spring at the same time that the budget for the next fiscal year is being finalized.

Director Donnelly moved to direct General Manager Brechtelsbauer to reduce the District's capacity request from 20,000 to 10,000 gallons a day and to reserve additional capacity in Four Corners District's Phase C plan if needed. Director Amend seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous support.

Director Donnelly moved that President Border write a letter of support for the Four Corners District expansion and Director Amend seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous support. Director Donnelly also agreed to assist in drafting the letter and reminded the Board that the public comment time period ends on February 11, 2021.

Reports of Officers, Standing Committees and Special Committees

A. General Manager Report

The bulk of the General Manager's report was covered under new business. Ecocamp LLC is having problems connecting to the District's main due to the weather.

B. Report and discussion about Gateway Village (Director Fox)

The details associated with the completion of new plant in Gateway Village were discussed. It will have some excess disposal capacity. The District now has a permit for draining 40,000 gallons a day on the District's land adjacent to Gateway Village and the Buffalo Jump. Director Donnelly informed the Board that the drain field easement granted to the Buffalo Jump will disappear once a sewer hook-up is available for this establishment. However, the parking easement does not.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by President Border after he asked for unanimous consent to adjourn. Hearing no objection, President Border adjourned the meeting at 7:23 pm.