

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

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## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Date:** March 1, 2010

**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 February 1, 2010 (Adams)

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

- A. Report of General Manager & Report of Financial Condition (Adams)

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

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance Annexing Four Parcels (Swimley)
- B. Presentation of Financing Options (Guest)
- C. Report from Great West Engineering on Status of Preliminary Engineering Review (Guest)
- D. Discussion on Status of Income Survey (Guest)

### **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 March 1, 2010. Present at the meeting were board members Merle Adams, Ted Border, Charlie White and Earl Wortman. Matt Donnelly was also present. Director David Sullivan 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.

As the first order of business, President Adams asked for public comment. Seeing none, President Adams proceeded to approval of the minutes from February 1. After confirming that all directors had a copy of the minutes of the last meeting, President Adams asked whether there were any corrections. Seeing none, Director Border moved to approve the minutes and Director White seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Donnelly then gave the General Manager's and Treasurer's report. A discussion of "to do" items such as right-of-way and property acquisitions ensued. No action items were assigned.

Following the General Manager's report, Mr. Donnelly announced that Mr. Bob Murdo would be presenting information regarding different bonding mechanisms allowed by Montana statute. Mr. Donnelly noted that Mr. Murdo had travelled from Helena and requested that the Board revise the agenda to allow Mr. Murdo to speak early. The Board unanimously agreed to revise the agenda and Mr. Murdo presented various bond strategies including General Obligation Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Special Assessments and Sub-Districts. There were many questions from the Board.

President Adams moved to the next item on the agenda—the second reading of four petitions for annexation. The Board fielded questions from Meredith Tate who was in attendance. The Board reaffirmed the determination that all properties in the District as well as the properties to be annexed would benefit. The Board heard the second reading of an ordinance to annex. Director White moved, and Director Wortman seconded the motion, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2010-01 to annex the aforementioned properties. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 with Director Border abstaining because he was one of the petitioners. A 30-day protest period will ensue after which time, if there are no successful protests, the ordinance will become effective.

Next on the agenda was a report and working session with Great West Engineering on the status of the Preliminary Engineering Review. The Board and the engineer continued to examine various alternatives for collection and treatment. The Board reaffirmed its previous guidance to Great West that alley collection, packaged submersible lift station, and Level 2 treatment system are the preferred alternatives. The Board thoroughly reviewed possible financing options and determined that some combination of General Obligation Bond and Special Assessment would be most beneficial to the residents and property owners within the District. Mr. Pozega informed the Board that a public meeting to discuss technology and financing options was needed prior to the next regular meeting of the Board. The Board chose two dates, March 22 and March 24, and agreed to let President Adams select the date depending upon Community Center availability.

At the conclusion of the Great West presentation the Board discussed the income survey. The urgency of qualifying the income survey was again reiterated.

The meeting then turned to new business. Seeing none, the President announced that the next regular meeting will be held on April 5.

Director Border moved to adjourn and Director Wortman seconded. After unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Secretary