

Gallatin Gateway County Water & Sewer District

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: April 18, 2013

Time: 6:30PM

Place: Big Timberworks Conference Room, One Rabel Lane,
Gallatin Gateway, MT

For: Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

AGENDA

I. Call To Order

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- B. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items¹

II. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- A. Discussion of Ongoing Engineering Support for Sewer Project

III. New Business

- A. Any New Business Which May Come Properly to the Board

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 at the Big Timberworks Conference Room, One Rabel Lane, Gallatin Gateway, MT, on April 18, 2013. Present at the meeting were board members Ted Border, David Sullivan, Earl Wortman and Steve Janes. Board member Merle Adams was absent. General Manager Matt Donnelly and Secretary Maralee Parsons Sullivan were also present. In attendance from Stahly Engineering were Greg Benjamin, Kurt Thomson and Ryan Ritlal.

President Border called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Maralee Parsons Sullivan recorded the minutes of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Border asked for public comment on non-agenda items. There were no non-agenda items raised.

President Border proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Discussion of On-going Engineering Support for Sewer Project

President Border provided copies of the Gallatin Gateway Neighborhood Plan map, and noted that the goal is to have a single sewer district within the core of the town of Gallatin Gateway, and the District and community shall strive to incorporate new developments into this single sewer system.

Each of the Directors expressed concerns with the Stahly Engineering team regarding their sub-contractor, Terry Threlkeld of Innovating Engineering, working on both the District Sewer project, as well as the proposed Gateway Village project, which includes its own private sewer system. Director Sullivan commented on the presentation given by Mr. Threlkeld at the April 8, 2013 GG School District meeting, at which he described the proposed system as a SBR sewer system, and implied that this would be a better system than the one being developed by the District. Director Sullivan noted that there was concern raised at the meeting by some members of the public that Terry was the engineer on both projects. Director Wortman questioned Mr. Threlkeld's dedication to the District's project if he is discussing and advocating another sewer option at a public meeting, and also questioned his involvement as the District's representative on the land negotiations with the Gateway Village property owners. President Border stated that any other sewer system within the town core goes directly against the goals of the District. Director Wortman asked if Stahly Engineering was aware that Mr. Threlkeld was working on a competing

system. Greg Benjamin stated he was not aware that Terry was working on a competing system until recently, although he was aware that he was working with Gateway Village on development plans.

President Border reiterated the District's core goal: we want a single sewer district for the core town, and the Board needs to feel certain that Stahly Engineering is in full support of that goal. Kurt Thomson stated "absolutely".

Greg Benjamin stated that Terry was brought onto the sewer project team due to his depth of knowledge and experience working in and around Gateway. He stated that he did not believe Terry had violated any engineering code of conduct, to date. He stated that Stahly Engineering does have the capacity and expertise to continue the project without Terry's involvement. He stated that his intent is to take the Board's feedback from this meeting and meet with Terry Threlkeld within a few days. He stated that the decision to remove or not remove Mr. Threlkeld from the District's project will be Stahly's. Once a decision is made, he will send an email to the Board.

GM Donnelly stated that the Board's response to the county's request for comments on the Gateway Village pre-application was to request the new development hook into the District's system. There was some discussion about capacity of the sewer system, should the Gateway Village proposal be approved. The Board directed Stahly to proceed with the project "as is" and no changes will be made to the design until more information is available about the future of the Gateway Village sub-division proposal.

Director Janes commented about the need to enhance communications with the community, and a communications sub-committee might be a good idea. Director Sullivan made the motion to have Director Janes chair a new communications committee, Director Wortman seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Kurt Thomson agreed to distribute to the Board an updated communications template used by Stahly.

President Border concluded the discussion by stating the District is just in the first of many phases; it must be a well-designed project which can incorporate future growth, and the District and engineer should go forward with the knowledge that future projects will address growth and improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

President Border asked for any unfinished or new business.

President Border then asked for unanimous consent to adjourn. Seeing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary