

Gallatin Gateway County Water & Sewer District

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: May 2, 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. Working Session—Discuss possible bond structure 6:30-7:30

The board will participate in a working session with the District's bond counsel to discuss and identify one or more possible financing structures under the assumption that the District will need to borrow approximately \$1 million to finance a public sewer system. All discussions of the Board, including this working session, are open to the public.

II. Call To Order (around 7:30PM)

A. Call To Order (Adams)

B. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items¹ (Adams)

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2011 (Adams)

IV. Reports of Officers, Standing Committees, and Special Committees

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

V. Unfinished Business and General Orders

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

VI. New Business

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

VII. 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 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 May 2, 2011. Present at the meeting were board members Merle Adams, Ted Border, Charlie White and Earl Wortman. Matt Donnelly, Susan Swimley and Bob Murdo were also present. Director Sullivan was not present.

WORKING SESSION ON DEBT FINANCING

Prior to the meeting, the directors held a public working session with bond counsel Bob Murdo. Mr. Murdo presented the directors with information regarding three types of debt financing: revenue bonds, general obligation bonds, and special assessments. Pros and cons for each method were discussed. Variables affecting the final decision include cost, distribution of cost, approval by the lending agency, and many more. The directors agreed to continue gathering information.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 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 April 4, 2011 minutes, President Adams asked whether there were any corrections. Seeing none, Director Wortman moved to approve the minutes and Director Adams seconded. The minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0 with Directors Border and White abstaining.

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. Mr. Donnelly then presented a draft budget for FY2012 with discussion ensuing.

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 on the Governor's desk for signature. No additional information was available.

- II. The TSEP grant request is encapsulated in HB351. HB351 is on the Governor's desk for signature.
- III. There was considerable discussion on the RD grant/loan package and whether to modify the District's RD application in light of the fact that it will be difficult to win a STAG/WRDA award and CDBG has been moved to September. The Board directed Mr. Donnelly to work with RD to amend the application such that it reflects the possibility of using at least a portion of CDBG funds to generally benefit the District if the District is awarded these funds.
- 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 June 6.

Director Border moved to adjourn; Director White seconded the motion. After unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary