

Belfair Sewer Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2014

Present:

Staff: Tom Moore, John Cunningham

Members: Chair, Jack Johnson, Secretary Judy Scott, Rob Drexler, Bob Harris ,
Annetta Knight, Lee Swoboda, Greg Waggett

Guests: Rich Eger, Linnie Griffin, Kaye Massey

Announcements

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Johnson at 6:01 PM

Location: at Port of Allyn building in Allyn WA.

Roll call was taken: See above for information

Minutes: Rob moved, Annetta seconded. Minutes approved, no changes

Agenda: Lee moved, Rob seconded approved with 6A added: Belfair Water Rates.

Hand-outs that were distributed: Agenda (Jack), minutes from March 3rd, 2014 (Judy) ; Belfair Water District rate study handout(Bob) Low Cost Collection (Jack) (to be scanned and sent)

Next meeting:

April 10th and April 24th Thursday's At the Port of Allyn Building 6PM

Public Input: Rich Eger introduced himself. Local property owner, he commented on costs

Topic of discussion: Belfair Water rates hand out was given and some discussion and questions were brought up. It was mentioned we need to focus on our task at hand and the information was brought in for us to be aware of the 15% increase in water rates.

Topic of Discussion: Sales tax for revenue could be an option. Jack talked to Dept. of Revenue and Mason County ordinance 20-84 would have to be modified to increase or receive taxes. Rob said he would investigate the 20-84 ordinances to get a sales tax increase. John Cunningham informed us that the .09 taxes in Rural counties can be given back from the state to the county for economic development and that tax "sunsets" in 2030.

They moved on to if there were a .01 Sales tax an additional \$450,000. A year could be realized. John C. asked," what is the authority to us the .01 tax and any additional tax may have to go the legislature to authorize such a tax." The question was asked if we do get the additional \$450K how will this be allocated. There needs to be policy and a plan in place first.

Topic of Discussion: SBA or ULID is the main entity and either of these may be created without a vote. Jack gave an example of the town of Edgewood (near Puyallup). In 1996 a ULID was voted on and created. They needed \$20Million for a sewer collection (the sewer treatment plant was in

Puyallup) . Jack explained about some of the legal issues they had (appeals at Superior Court and court of appeals). They got the ULID and then they had a "mass appraisal" done. A "mass appraisal" is a method of value that amortizes the property values over a period of time and considers zoning and any other applications. The cost of such appraisal is around \$50K that takes about 3-6 months. Edgewood is paying for the collection system and the ULID has a set time limit. Their connection fee is \$7K with a monthly fee of \$47.00 per ERU. They contract with Lake Haven Contract Service for their O&M

Topic of Discussion: Revenue Possibilities. No current information.

Topic of Discussion: Low Cost Collection; Jack showed a map of the Belfair UGA. He talked about that if we do Phase II we would need to plan for re-claimed water. Jack had talked with Rick Esvelt and Bob Thurston about engineering for Phase II. A design for E-1 collection system could be engineered for as low as \$100K. Jack said he talked with Rick Esvelt and he explained the conversation of the design for Phase II. He explained about the design issues unique to this area. He also talked about the details of the pipe sizing, type of pipe, how to install the piping. E-1 pumps would be installed and Bob T. thought that E-1's would be able to handle all the collection. Jack described the location of pipes and pump stations of Phase III. He explained potential costs and had Lee scan his estimated costs based on his conversations and knowledge and will be sent to each member with these minutes as a separate attachment.

Topic of Discussion: Connection fees were discussed and with all Phases I,II, II, IV there would be about 650 ERU's.

Public Input: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Scott