

Belfair Sewer Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, December 18, 2014

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Regular meeting called to order on December 18, at 6:08 pm by Jack Johnson, Chair.

Members: Jack Johnson, Judy Scott, Rob Drexler, Bob Harris, Greg Waggett, Lee Swoboda. Not present: Jennifer Hines.

County staff: Brian Williams, Erika Schwender. Not present: John Cunningham.

Guests: Commissioner Randy Neatherlin, Jeff Carey, Linnie Griffin, Bill Walker(?), Arla Shepherd, Natalie Johnson.

Motion: Judy moved to accept the minutes of the November 20 meeting as emailed. Greg seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Greg moved to modify the agenda to allow Randy to present his proposal as the first item to be considered. Judy seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Lee moved to accept the agenda as amended. Rob seconded. Motion passed.

Erika Schwender, the County's new Public Works Deputy Director for Utilities and Waste Management introduced herself and provided a brief history of her background. She replaces Tom Moore as the staff liaison to the Committee.

Discussion item: Randy briefed the Committee on a spreadsheet providing a financial model for the Belfair Sewer Financial Plan he introduced to the BOCC at their December 15 Working Meeting. He requested the Committee review and endorse the plan and assist in obtaining public support for the ULID. Key provisions of his proposed plan are:

- An "internal bond"¹ to consolidate selected existing capital debt, pay settlements and unanticipated expenses, and partially fund construction of additional sewerage infrastructure throughout the entire Belfair UGA;
- A voter-approved 10-year ULID with a \$195 annual Benefit Assessment Charge (BAC) for non-connected properties, with cumulative BACs collected credited toward connection fees;
- Optional deferral of connection up to the 10-year ULID duration;
- Monthly service charges stabilized at \$99 per ERU for 10 years;
- Removal of the current supplementary ecological restrictions on new construction within the Belfair UGA.

The Committee agreed to form a subcommittee to review Randy's plan. Subcommittee members are Jack, Greg, Lee and Jeff. Randy requested the Committee allow him to develop and provide a narrative providing details explaining the spreadsheet model. The Committee agreed to schedule a special meeting of the whole on December 23 to review Randy's narrative and to defer any action by the subcommittee until that meeting.

Action item: Committee review Randy's plan narrative. **Action:** All

Action item: Subcommittee review Randy's spreadsheet model. **Action:** Deferred

Discussion item: Jack provided a status report on the progress of the Group 3 subcommittee that is preparing the information to provide to E/One ([Environment One Corporation](http://www.eone.com))² for their design of sewerage in the unsewered areas of the Belfair UGA. The subcommittee is creating a parcel map of all

¹ An internal bond is a bond both issued and purchased by the County. The State Treasurer and State Auditor has confirmed the legality of internal bonds and the County Treasurer has confirmed its feasibility.

² <http://www.eone.com>

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unsewered parcels from the County GIS³ data. The biggest issue is the right-of-way in the section of the UGA east of the railroad tracks. The 1996 agreement between the County and Overton Associates includes right-of-way for about 23,000 feet of road in that section, but the agreement expires in November 2016, so timely action by the County is necessary to preserve that right-of-way for sewerage from the treatment plant northward to SR3.

Discussion item: The Committee revisited our strategy for forwarding our request for status of the Group 1 recommendations⁴ to the BOCC. Brian suggested a letter from the Committee to the Chair of the BOCC was probably the most appropriate, but also suggested contacting the Clerk of the Board for procedural guidance.

Action item: Provide the Group 1 status request to the BOCC in the manner advised by the Clerk of the Board. **Action:** Jack

Discussion item: The Committee discussed the draft of the proposed BOCC resolution establishing a Citizens Utility Advisory Committee. The sense of the Committee is that the members of that committee should include all stakeholders: residents, property owners and business owners within each of the utility service areas.

Motion: Rob moved to approve version 2 of the proposed resolution as modified. Judy seconded. Motion passed.

Action item: Provide the proposed resolution to the BOCC in the manner advised by the Clerk of the Board. **Action:** Jack

Discussion item: Jack revisited the sewer coalition formed by Shelton and Port Angeles that we discussed at our 11/20 meeting. Randy indicated the BOCC has approved the County's membership in that coalition.

Discussion item: Jack discussed a news article indicating WOSSA ([Washington On-Site Sewage Association](http://www.wossa.org)⁵) is [actively pursuing legislation](http://www.wossa.org/Current-Legislation.html)⁶ to amend existing provisions in the Comprehensive Growth Plan ([RCW 36.70A.110](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.70A.110)⁷) that require properties with on-site sewage treatment systems to connect to public sewers where they are available.

STAFF REPORT

Brian indicated he would provide the 2014 expense report at our January meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS included in above discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Special meeting: December 23, at 12:00 pm in the Port of Allyn conference room.

Next regular meeting: January 15, 2015, at 6:00 pm in the Port of Allyn conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Scott, secretary
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³ Geographic Information System

⁴ See Committee meeting minutes of 9/25/14 <http://www.co.mason.wa.us/ac/belfair_sewer/minutes/2014/09252014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.wossa.org>

⁶ <http://www.wossa.org/Current-Legislation.html>

⁷ <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.70A.110>