

Wastewater System

Information Update #10

31 March 2006

On 14 March 2006 a hearing by the Lake County Commissioners was conducted in Polson. They determined sufficient public support warranted an election for the formation of the Greater Woods Bay Sewer District (GWBSD).

The election process will be discussed at the 3rd Public Meeting of the Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee on 19 April 2006, in Bigfork.

Lake County discussion highlights from the 14 March hearing follow:

“The Lake County Elections Office has determined that 23 May 2006 will be the date of the election. Mail ballots will be sent to all registered voters within the district planning area on 28 April 2006, and to all non resident property owners within the planning area who have sent voter registration validation to the Lake County Elections Office. Following a successful election and designation of the GWBSD, the Lake County Commissioners will post legal notice advertising the vacancies for the board of directors of the newly formed district. There will be a period of 90 days during which the commissioners will evaluate the applicants for the vacancies, assess the qualities of each applicant, and appoint the first board of directors consisting of at least 5 members.”

In the interim, the GWBSC is investigating Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of other water and sewer districts currently operating in our region in order to create similar DRAFT documents by the end of this summer. Planning continues for the consolidation of all three districts within the wastewater project area in order to form a Regional Wastewater Authority. This action will focus the thrust of all efforts for our wastewater facility under one administrative cap, fulfilling one of the named considerations of the State Funding Agencies.

The GWBSC will begin contacting legal professionals for the purpose of determining and selecting legal representation for the newly formed district. Additionally, we are working with our US Congressional representatives concerning the submitted applications for federal grant monies.

Individual constructive ideas and suggestions are helpful, and we are interested in yours. If you have an idea for the formation and/or operation of our district, please contact your community representative. We operate on an ethic of information sharing and volunteerism being the best form of community support. You can add to the synergy of this endeavor by sharing your constructive ideas.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee is developing, in conjunction with a qualified engineering firm, a cost effective and efficient wastewater treatment system. The system will be designed to protect the water quality of the surrounding aquifer, the waters of Flathead Lake, and the health and well-being of the people and property of the Greater Woods Bay area, from the first day of operation to well into the future.

[From the community webpage for information on the Greater Woods Bay Wastewater Project.](http://www.yennepoint.org)
www.yennepoint.org

Respectfully,
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