

Wastewater System

Information Update #11

10 June 2006

The Greater Woods Bay /Lake County Sewer District (GWBLCSD) won initial approval through the electoral process following the 23 May 06 mail-in ballot tally, and final approval on 30 May 06 after a canvas of the ballots by the Lake County Commissioners. The election results have been sent to the Montana Secretary of State for review and proclamation. Facts provided by the Lake County Elections Office on election day, 23 May 06, are these:

There were 295 qualified voters.

There were 257 qualified voters residing within the district area.

There were 125 votes cast from these qualified voters residing within the district area (48.6%). [40% min. was needed for a valid election.]

There were 159 total votes cast.

There were 124 YES votes [of 159] (78%).

There were 35 NO votes [of 159] (22%).

The GWBLCSD has no Board of Directors (BOD) or officers in it presently. The process of selecting a BOD will be carried out by the Lake County Commissioners with an appointment date tentatively scheduled for 01 September 06. In brief, there will be public notices in 2 newspapers placed twice during the summer months. These notices will solicit interested persons to make application to the Lake County Commissions for consideration as BOD members. The two newspapers that will carry these announcements will be the Bigfork Eagle and the Daily Interlake. It is anticipated that the announcements will be posted during the last week of June and the last week of July. The deadline for submission of letters of intent from interested persons will tentatively be 18 August 06. Once selected and appointed, the BOD will follow Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and conduct the first meeting on the 6th Monday following organization of the BOD. This date will likely be 09 October 06.

The Greater Woods Bay Sewer Subcommittee on Rules and Regulations has met twice and discussed further topics that will likely become part of the draft rules and regulations for the GWBLCSD. It is still anticipated that a draft document will be ready by the end of this summer.

Efforts are now underway to solicit Letters of Support for the Wastewater Project from individuals, organizations, groups, and businesses. Committee members are contacting the aforementioned in order to obtain written support which can then be

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used to enhance the funding request packages that will be needed for further studies once the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is completed. Contacting our Federal Congressional Officials (Senators Burns and Baucus, and Representative Rehberg) is part of this effort. On this point, every letter or email counts and all concerned people are encouraged to write or email these officials. Guidance on what points to cover are found at www.greaterwoodsabay.org under the Funding and Support category.

The Committee has contacted a legal professional for the purpose of representation for the GWBLCSO.

If you have constructive advice regarding our new sewer district, please talk to your neighborhood committee representative. As with most new ventures, we anticipate some learning curves and rough spots as we get organized. 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,
www.yennepoint.org

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