

Wastewater System

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In early June of this year the Greater Woods Bay Lake County Sewer District (GWBLCS D) was informed by the Kalispell office of US Senator Max Baucus that Montana would likely be receiving federal grant funds from the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA). The US Senate will vote on the Energy Bill, under which WRDA is a part, by the end of September, and we should know what portion of those funds allocated for Montana will be designated for the Greater Woods Bay Wastewater Project. The board of directors is working with Morrison-Maierle, Inc., to determine the best use of any funding that is allocated to the project.

The board of directors for the GWBLCS D conducted its quarterly meeting on the 29th of August at the Flathead Lake Brewing Company meeting deck. The resolution for the acceptance of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was signed. The action now places the district in the position to request consideration for Montana State funding in the forms of grants and loans, as the situation and the phases of the project dictate. Submission for State grants will commence at the earliest possible time. A meeting with the State funding agencies will be conducted in Helena on 15 October to chart the course for funding requests.

There exists a small difference between the board of directors for the GWBLCS D, and the committee members of the Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee (GWBS C), the former being composed of members of the latter. Any member of the community is welcomed to join the GWBS C and the board of directors for the GWBLCS D welcomes all. Key to the endeavor for our project is the understanding that while just one district is being offered the opportunity to continue the work of the wastewater project, the other 2 districts are included in this effort as well. These are the Woods Bay Water and Sewer District and the Sheavers Creek Water and Sewer District. Emphasis is still being placed on the matter of the *administrative* consolidation of all three districts within the wastewater project area in order to eventually form a Regional Wastewater Authority. Additionally, there could be future possibilities for each district to separately make application for funding that more directly corresponds to the phasing of the design and construction plan. The project continues to receive the support of the Bigfork Water and Sewer District Board of Directors.

As of this update, the mission statement for the GWBSC is now, also, the mission statement for the GWBLCSD.

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,
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