

Wastewater System

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On 15 January 2009 the Board of Directors for the Greater Woods Bay Wastewater Project gave testimony in front of the long range planning committee at the Montana Legislature in Helena. The district testified in support of the Treasure State Endowment Fund applications that were submitted for all three districts in the Greater Woods Bay Planning Area. Testimony was in response to the possible of grant money for the 2009-2010 biennial funding period. In mid-April, the Montana Department of Commerce was given authority to fund all three districts for sub-phases 1b, 1c, and 1d of the First Phase of the project. Each district received a different funding level and the details of the matching funds for this grant will be the task of the next few months. The Core System, from Woods Bay to Bigfork, has received additional federal money, but on that matter a separate funding strategy will be needed.



{15 January 2009, Helena: Pat Smith, Chairman of the Greater Woods Bay Sewer District delivers testimony on behalf of all 3 districts in the Greater Woods Bay Planning Area}

The work ahead will consist of meeting with other funding agencies to determine the best way to arrange the loan part of the funding strategy. The debts for the subphases may be carried forward with the help of a Rural Development long term loans. Rural Development is being consulted on this matter. The procedure to be used for the Core System will be a general obligation bond. The procedure for a general obligation bond, which is based on property values, has several legislative requirements in accordance with Montana Code Annotated titles. All will be

followed and legal bonding counsel has been consulted. In brief, there must be public input, a County public hearing, a comment period, and a ballot vote. The requirement for passing this type of bond is that at least 40% of the property owners must return ballots and then a simple majority is required to pass the vote. There are other requirements if less than 40% of the property owners return ballots.

The test of our community resolve for the support of the wastewater treatment system will hinge on the Core System being funded by both grants and loans. This and other facts of the bonding procedure will be main subject of the late July 2009 Public Meeting held by the Greater Woods Bay Sewer District in conjunction with Morrison Maierle Inc. Other topics will include the routing of the Core System, MT Department of Transportation rights of ways for utilities, and the administrative operations expense procedure for the further development of the management aspects of the District. The time and date of the July public meeting will be announced through Public Service Announcements, Radio/TV bulletin boards, and hand flyers and posters.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Greater Woods Bay Sewer District 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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