

Point Services Corporation
Sewer System Discussion Update #2
13 January 2005

On Tuesday, 11 Jan 05, a public meeting was held at the Bethany Church in Bigfork (ref. PSC Update #1 dated 30 Dec 04). There were approximately 50 people from the various communities in our area. The PSC Sewer Committee was in attendance as were 2 other property owners in the PSC. Comments and topics discussed at the meeting by the committee and the 2 property owners were limited to their own as the committee was not asked to offer any other comments, points, or concerns on behalf of PSC.

The following individuals were present and had input to the overall discussion, or led the discussion at one point during the approximate 2 hour meeting.

Thomas, Dean & Hoskins, Inc Engineering Consultants, Kalispell
Ms. Shari Halloran, P.E. and Ms. Lisa Wurster, P.I.E.
(common reference is TDH)

USDA Rural Development, Missoula
Ms. Christine Mullaney, Community Programs Specialist

Midwest Assistance Program, Whitefish
Mr. Bill Leonard, Rural Development Specialist

The overall objective of the meeting according to TDH was to ascertain the level of interest beyond the Sheaver's Creek and Woods Bay Homesites (SCWB) Water and Sewer district, before continuation on the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). In their professional assessment, doing a PER for the entire region would be the most practical, efficient, and expedient use of their professional services. The other areas include at least PSC, Romain Estates, White Cap Lane, the homes around the marina at Woods Bay which are not included in the Woods Bay Homesite, and the area north of Sheaver's Creek up to the southern limit of the Bigfork Sewer District. Refer to the map included with Update #1 which described those areas as "potential study areas".

TDH used several charts and maps during the meeting on 11 Jan 05, all of which have been included in this update or in the case of the map, in Update #1. Each item was described briefly by TDH. Some additional comments from Christine Mullaney and Bill Leonard were also added. About 45 minutes of the meeting consisted of individual questions and concerns from some of those present. Near the conclusion of the meeting TDH described the SCWB PER process status as "on hold" pending the expression of support for inclusion of all the other areas. In brief, the process for SCWB thus far has taken about 3 years to arrive at this point. Referring back to the TDH professional assessment, it would be very advantageous for all areas to be included while the wheels of progress are in motion.

In order to be considered for inclusion in the PER, the areas that are not part of SCWB have a choice; Annexation to SCWB or form a separate district. The charts point out the highlights only. The details for each option is what I am working on now. All three subject matter experts (SME) expressed optimism with the turnout of support at the meeting and offered their services to discuss details at a future time. I have contacted all three by email (and gotten responses) and have tentatively requested they look at April 2005 for a time that they could visit with at least the Board members of PCS and Romain, and any interested property owners. Details for the meeting will center on the specifics of the first steps in the process. The 3 bullets under each option will likely be the subjects for discussion leading to a decision on the "way ahead". The key piece to this is the PER. Consider a house with lots of rooms, or options. Before you can really see the options, you have to have a key to the front door. This is what the PER is,... the key to the front door. Following the formal meeting, three groups were formed to share telephone numbers and addresses. These groups were the 3 "potential study areas". Each group consisted of about a dozen people. The PSC Sewer Committee along with one property owner met one member from White Cap Lane and exchanged contact information. Contact information will be sought for others from the general Woods Bay Point Peninsula who attended.

The status of the amount of information regarding this matter remains unchanged: Voluminous. I will keep you informed regarding my actions as the PSC Sewer Committee. For your convenience, all correspondence with the PSC Sewer Committee should be sent using email. Reason: I'll have several deployments commencing on 22 Jan 05. I will essentially be overseas until the end of March, with a few days in between missions at home. I can fairly well depend on email whereas phone messages and USPS mail will have to wait until I return to be addressed. My schedule is also the reason I've asked the SMEs to consider April 05.

Thank you for your patience. My email address is listed below.

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