

Yenne Point

Point Services Corporation

Future Wastewater (Sewer) System

Information Update # 4

09 May 2005

On Friday , 29 Apr 05, a meeting of the Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee (GWBSC see ref. in update #3) was convened to hear the fifth and final engineering firm presentation for the opportunity to be the contracted engineering firm to conduct the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the future sewer project in the Greater Woods Bay area. A selection was made following that meeting. The engineering firm selected is Morrison Maierle, Inc.

Morrison Maierle, Inc has offices throughout the state of Montana and has extensive Wastewater Project experience around our area, notably in Elmo, Lakeside, Missoula, Kalispell, and Libby. The Supervising Municipal Engineer is Mr. Scott B. Murphy, P.E., DEE from the Helena office, and the Senior Municipal Engineer is Mr. William A. Buxton, P.E. from the Kalispell office. Scott has a vested interest in this project as his parents reside on Sylvan Drive and he frequently visits the area. In addition to significant practical engineering work experiences, these men are astute practitioners in the area of grant funding and acquisition of grant monies. This project will be relying on their experience in this area for the lion's share of the project cost.

To that end, Morrison Maierle Inc has proposed a multi-year workplan commencing with the PER. The PER is the first real requirement that establishes the potentials and probabilities for the type and extent of the wastewater treatment operation best suited for the greater woods bay area. Loosely tied to the PER but with greater impact on the construction phase of the project will be the granting agencies, and most importantly, their money. One of the many factors in influencing the granting agencies, both State and Federal, on the worthiness of our project will be the amount of community support that is extant in the project area. The GWBSC community points of contact (POC) are actively pursuing means by which community support and information sharing can be achieved efficiently. Information update such as this are included, as are a future website, use of the

local print media, and plain old fashion neighborly activities such as informal visits, chats, phone calls, and the occasional coffee with crumpets.

For the next 8-12 months, Morrison Maierle Inc will be conducting investigations and surveys to find out just how complex a wastewater treatment project will be required for the Greater Woods Bay Area. They provided the GWBSC with a DRAFT PER workplan during our first meeting with them on Friday, 06 May 05. The general outline for the workplan consists of these 10 tasks:

1. Existing Data Review and Organization
2. Prepare Existing System Inventory and Condition Assessment
3. Identify Current and Future Planning Characteristics
4. Develop Collection System Alternatives
5. Develop Treatment and Disposal Alternatives
6. Develop Project Costs, Compare and Select Alternatives
7. Environmental Analysis
8. Preparation of preliminary Engineering Report
9. Public Participation/Education Program
10. Project Management and Funding Assistance

Some tasks, or portions thereof, may be in progress concurrently with other tasks. For example, while task #1 is being conducted planning for tasks # 3, or #9 could be ongoing.

One of the upcoming means by which Morrison Maierle Inc will be able to better assess the status of current septic systems is through the *Sanitary Survey*. The Sheaver's Creek and Woods Bay Homesites Water and Sewer Districts utilized this method several years ago to help in the planning for the water system which is now being installed throughout these areas. In that case, the survey was enabled through the efforts of a few volunteers in those communities, and generated the initial momentum for community involvement with the water project. Morrison Maierle is currently reviewing that sanitary survey for applicability to the Greater Woods Bay area, and will make appropriate modifications. Following that, the questionnaire will be distributed to the GWBSC neighborhood representatives for further distribution to property owners. It is hoped that the same sense of community involvement and momentum successfully established in the Sheaver's Creek and Woods Bay Homesites Water and Sewer Districts will be present in the Greater Woods Bay Area.

Members of the GWBSC as of this date are:

Pat Smith	Representative for Shore Acres and Orchard Land, and GWBSC Chairman
Jerry Brobst	Representative for Community Lane
Lyle Whiteman	Representative for Woods Bay Homesites
Bob Hand	Representative for Sheaver's Creek
Paul Rana	Representative for Yenne Point, and GWBSC Vice-Chairman
Bob Seccombe	Representative for Yenne Point Road
Brent Passwater	Representative for Ridgewood
Lisa Cloutier	GWBSC Secretary

Other areas within the GWBSC;
Romain Estates, White Cap Lane, and Sylvan Drive

The GWBSC and Morrison Maierle are in the process of solidifying a mid-June meeting in Helena to conduct initial discussions with personnel from the various MT State agencies with whom we expect to be in close working contact through the PER process,.. and beyond. Additionally, the GWBSC and Morrison Maierle intends to conduct a Public Information Meeting in the early fall of 2005 with the goal of getting as many of the property owners as possible to attend, prior to the annual fall exodus from the area of many of the property owners. This public meeting is not yet established but will likely take place after Labor Day but before the end of October.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

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