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The Waste Watcher

Our Mission: To provide the best possible customer and wastewater services while preserving the public health, in accordance with all State and Federal regulations, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS

There are two six-year term Board Member seats up for election in 2019. The incumbents, Cliff Sires (Seat #2) and Eric Paull (Seat #3), are both declaring candidacy for the May 21, 2019 election. If any resident of the District is interested and qualified to serve in either of these positions, please contact the District Clerk. Deadline for filing a Petition of Candidacy and Declaration of Candidacy is March 22, 2019 with the KPSD office.

Seat #2 Incumbent Cliff Sires: Originally from Oklahoma, Cliff relocated to North Idaho in 1971 after completion of his service in the U.S. Airforce. He has lived in the District since 1976 where he and his wife raised their 3 children. Cliff worked as a manager for Cygnus located in Ponderay. He has served as a valued KPSD Board Member since 1983.

Seat #3 Incumbent Eric Paull: Eric settled in the Sandpoint area with his wife and two sons in 1995. Eric has over 36 years of banking experience and is currently the Vice President and Commercial Banking Relationship Manager of Washington Trust Bank. Eric is also involved with Bonner County Economic Development, Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency, and Sandpoint Rotary Club. Eric has served as a valuable member of the KPSD Board since 2000.

811 Know what's **below.** **Call 811 before you dig.**

CALL 811. The one call center will contact all member facility owners with service lines on the proposed excavation site.

1. Wait 2 full business days after the day you call for a request before digging.
2. Do not dig until all known facilities are located.
3. Hand dig within twenty four (24) inches each side of the under ground facility markings. Do not assume depth.

Idaho division of Building Safety Damage Prevention Board, https//damageprevention.dbs.idaho.gov
"The 811 logo is a registered trademark of the CGA." www.commongroundgroundalliance.com

Board Members

Jim Osman
Larry Ellis
Eric Paull
Cliff Sires
Robert Thurston

The Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sewer District office starting at 6 pm. Please call the office at least one (1) week in advance if you would like to be included on the agenda.

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"It's a New Year and a great time to review your bill pay program"

Please review your statement as rates did change on October 1, 2018. Also, the District has been updating the account numbers in our data-base. You may have a new account number.

If you have an auto payment coming from your bank directly to KPSD, now is a good time to update the amount and account number to ensure that your account stays current.

THANK YOU.

The current billing statement is due in full by March 31st, 2019.

STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive your statement electronically, please email us at kpsdclerk@nctv.com

FROZEN LAGOONS DURING SEVERE COLD SNAP



(Picture showing staff fixing a tipped aerator in lagoon.)

Yes, the lagoons do freeze over. This does not create any issues for the health of the plant, but it does create some interesting situations for the plant operations team. The colder temperatures combined with freezing winds caused some ice build-up and tipped several of the aerators. The ice needs to be manually broken up to maintain a good flow and in this case the aerators needed to be reset. They can only be reached by row boat and brought to the edge to be placed upright again with the crane.

2018 in Review—Your District at Work

Completed just over 500 "Call before you Dig" locates ~ The District accepted an existing Sewer Main Extension ~ ~ Assisted patrons in the assessment of their laterals and installation of proper clean-outs ~ Continued with the FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) program, ensuring proper grease traps are installed and maintained on commercial/industrial properties ~ Completed approximately 140 private property sewer assessments for owners, realtors and title companies ~ completed a planned sewer main repair in Ponderay ~ upgraded the plant emergency generator ~ received our new NPDES permit and are working to comply with the new interim requirements ~ rebuilt the internals of one of the lift stations ~ logged trees surrounding shop for damage prevention to District buildings and improving access to buildings ~ purchased a new service truck

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