KOOTENAI-PONDERAY SEWER DISTRICT

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.

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BOARD MEMBERS
Jim Osman
Larry Ellis
Eric Paull
Robert Thurston
Daniel Hanson

BOARD MEETINGS
August 12, 2024
6:00 PM
September 9th, 2024
6:00 PM

Board meetings are held at the District office located at 511 Whiskey Jack Road

PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET MEETING
August 26, 2024
5:00 PM

Please call the office at least one (1) week in advance if you would like to be included on the agenda

OFFICE CLOSURE
Labor Day Mon, Sep. 2





It's Not just summer, it's

CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

Be alert for workers.



EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT



Stop in and say Hi to our newest member, Sheryle Davenport. Sheryle is our new Front Desk Administrative Assistant and plays a vital role in our operations.

Sheryle grew up in Sandpoint and although she moved away for a time, she was always drawn back to her home town.

Sheryle enjoys gardening, canning and quiet walks in the woods. She is extremely excited to be part of the "team" here at KPSD and providing excellent customer service to our community.

HELPING HAND



We would like to take a moment to explain a donation program at the District called "Help Your Neighbor". Donated funds are collected and used, at the discretion of the board, for individuals who may be in need of aid with their sewer bill. Applications for the program are available through the office. Anyone is able to donate and will receive a receipt upon request. Donations may be made anonymously or may be listed in the news letter.

For commercial accounts, with a donation, they may have their business card displayed in the newsletter or they may remain anonymous. Please contact the office for more information.

Thank you to our donation partners over the past few years! You have made a difference!



KPSD Wastewater Plant Upgrades

In our series of earlier newsletters on the plant upgrades, the District presented ***potential*** cost increases that customers may see on their sewer billings as a result of the necessary project. The estimated increases were based on the current number of users of the system and the potential cost to complete the project.

The full costs of the Project are estimated to be $32,000,000. The District currently anticipates the receipt of Leading Idaho Funding (LIF) grant funds in the estimated amount of $13,771,044. The District anticipates utilizing a voter-approved revenue bond to finance the remaining project costs of approximately $18,228,956. The District is eligible for a State Revolving Fund Loan through the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in the amount of $8,798,956, with a low interest rate of 2.50% and a repayment period of 30 years.

The District is looking at a phased approach to the revenue bond amounts to be collected with the monthly sewer charges. The increase would be phased over a period of 2-3 years to allow our customers time to make adjustments for the increase more easily. The Board chose to institute only a small increase this year to begin collecting the funds for the debt repayments. These funds will be specific to repayment of the debt and will be moved to a specific account reserved for that purpose. As of July 2024, the interest rate for the District's funds invested with the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) is 5.18% . LGIP rates have fluctuated from 5.17%-5.44% between January - July 2024. The Board plans to take advantage of the current higher earning rates by reserving funds while interest rates are higher. The interest earned will be reserved for repayment of the debt.

The District is still pursuing other grant opportunities to help reduce the necessary debt amount. Although additional grants have not yet been awarded, the District is still actively looking for those opportunities.

The following is the ***potential*** timeline for the plant upgrades:

Phase 1A - Environmental Assessment
Work should start in May of 2024 and finish by May 2025.
Phase 2 - Basis of Design Report and pre-procurement process to select a manufacturer to supply a package membrane bioreactor wastewater treatment.
Work should start in May 2024 with a draft report by September 2024.
Identify treatment plant manufacturer and equipment
Phase 3 – Final Design
Anticipated start of Phase 3 by end of 2024 and finish around January 2026.