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KOOTENAI-PONDERAY SEWER DISTRICT

May 2021



Board Members

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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.

OFFICE CLOSED
Mon., - May 31st
Memorial Day

KPSD
Board Meeting Dates

June 14, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM

July 12, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM

July 20, 2021
Budget Workshop
12:00 PM—2:00 PM

August 9, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM

August 26, 2021
Public Hearing
Budget & Rates
Time: 5:00 PM

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.

News and Reminders

Kootenai Ponderay Sewer District is seeking to complete a project located at 511 Whiskey Jack Road. This project is a 2,592 sf (36'x72') building which will be used as a shop and/or storage space in order to house equipment that is currently stored outside.

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We are starting spring duties and working at our Land Application Site to replant willows and poplars. Our collection crew is out and about working. Please help us keep them safe!

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The District will begin the process of reviewing costs for the next fiscal year in July 2021. These meetings are open to the public.

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Overdue accounts not brought current by July 30th, will be turned over to collections. Please contact our office for more information.

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

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STATEMENTS

The current billing statement is due in full by **June 30, 2021.**

If you would like to receive your statement electronically, please contact the office.

LID BILLING

The annual LID payment is due **June 19th.** Please make your check payable to KPSD LID #1. Payments must be for the amount due or the exact payoff amount. Billing statements will be forthcoming. Please contact our office for your payoff amount.

Now Accepting (in office only) the following:

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DISCOVER NETWORK

MAINTENANCE NEWS

The Land Application Site is used to minimize the amount of treated wastewater that is discharged into the Lake during the summer growing season of June thru September. The impervious nature of the soils in this area as well as the high ground water makes the specific crop that we grow an important choice. The choice of native poplars is due to their ability to have a high uptake of water. Later the poplars help provide an option for "Natural Resources Conservation Services" (NRCS). To achieve a multi functioning crop, willow whips are used in stream back mitigation. Willows have a high uptake of water and provide a value to the prevention of erosion in stream bank mitigation. We have planted a small batch of willows in one of our 2.5-acre modules.

High Winds and Power Outages

During storms, there is a potential for power outages. At these times, you may see District trucks out at all hours of the day and night. The maintenance staff can be very busy running around the clock (and sometimes dodging trees), while pulling the portable generator in between Lift Stations. When the power goes out in your home, chances are good that the power is also out to the many Lift Stations within our district that move the sewage from the main pipes to the District Plant. To keep up with the flow, the generator has to be moved to each Lift Station, pumped and then moved on to the next continuously until power is restored.

The District has installed some permanent back-up generators on a couple key major Lift Stations. Not only will this save man hours; but it will also serve as a safety measure should we have longer or more severe outages. We all know that North Idaho is beautiful, but our weather is very unpredictable!

These new generators are a prime example of a capital expense which is covered by New User Fees and hook-ups. This cost does not come out of everyday operating expenses which are covered by the quarterly fees. Please help by remembering to keep water usage to a minimum during power outages, which will lower the volume going into our system.

For up to date information, please visit us at www.kootenaiponderaysewerdistrict.org



Welcome to our new Front Desk Administration Staff:

Daranee Mullaley Humrich
(Pictured here with husband, Tim)

Daranee and Tim are long time residents of Bonner County and grew up in Priest River. They have been residents of Sandpoint since 1990. They have two grown sons, John (23) and Jacob (21). Both graduates of Sandpoint High School.

Daranee is excited to join our family and looking forward to a bright future with Kootenai Ponderay Sewer District. Daranee loves spending time with her husband, sons and her 5 dachshund "puppies", even though the oldest ones are 14 years old.

Welcome and Best of Luck!

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