

Coolin Sewer District
Board Meeting
November 2, 2021

Directors of the Coolin Sewer District met on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 8 AM. Those present: Tom Nicholson, Jacob Copeland, Jason Peplinski, Bob Brown; Clerk/Treasurer, Mary Meek maintenance personnel, Chris Morris and Tom Holman; District Engineer, Dan Larson. A list of all who attended is attached. Tom Nicholson called the meeting to order at 8 AM. He stated to the audience that this is a board meeting not a public hearing and if you are not on the agenda, you will have no say. 10 minutes time warning on the people on the agenda.

District Chairman, Gordon Cook resigned from the district effective 10-16-21. Mary stated that Janet meets the requirements to be on the board as she verified with the Elections Office. A motion was made by Bob to appoint Janet Langley to the board. The motion was seconded by Jacob and carried.

Mary read the minutes to the board and audience and a motion was made by Jacob Copeland to approve the minutes, payment of bills and Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Jason and carried.

Mary stated that we are holding a budget hearing on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at the district office at 8 AM.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dan stated in the Record Plans that the system was designed for 770 ER's but the LID list had 816.5 Phase 1 ER's. He currently counted 843.5 Phase 1 ER's accepted onto the system out of a count of 903.5 possible ER's in the District (based on current lot count). John Budig asked for flow numbers and stated that there could be possible leaks. Dan refused to speculate on this. There are gauges on LS 1 & 2, but no flow meters. The meters in the lift stations are in place but not used or epoxies for flow measurements. John stated that since we don't have flow meters, how can we know if the flow rates are right? Dan accounts the rates of flow for it out at the lagoon. The board will look into this.

Mike Budig attended the meeting along with his Engineer, Andy Tom from Sewell Engineering and his concerns for the protection of the lake. Mike stated that we should continue with the moratorium until capacity numbers are in and costs should be passed on to the developers. Andy gave his presentation numbers which were close to Dan's, but his presentation didn't imply it that way.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Director of Bonner County, Milton Ollerton attended the meeting. He discussed the rapid growth in that the county used to get between 500-600 BLP's monthly. Now, it is

1600 BLP's monthly in which 600 are for single dwelling homes. He discussed the rules and regulations on land divisions. Mary stated frustration in that we haven't been getting the BLP's through the district office since 2016. That is our main mechanism of tracking who is on and our procedure on signoffs by the board on the BLP. She explained that procedure with the district is that the patron comes in with his/her BLP and site plan and if there is capacity, they will disperse an application and have the patron sign and send it back with a hookup fee and the board then signs off on the BLP. She makes a copy and places it in the file. But now we have to wait for Planning Dept. to email the monthly BLP's and have to police it, which is difficult. Then we have the situation with Cliff Mort and 27 signed applications that the district didn't disperse to him and still haven't seen a site plan. Mary explained that the district has never accepted prepaid ER's for an unseen site plan. A person from the audience asked how this happened with the BLP process and Milton stated he would not elaborate and that he was at the meeting to explain procedure of splitting lots of land. Milt stated if Panhandle Health signage was removed, it would go through local sewer district. In lots of 5 acres or smaller the district would signoff as it is mandatory He then left the meeting at 9 AM.

Cliff Mort came to the meeting with his attorney Brent Featherstone. Mary explained that on 10-16, Cliff Mort had called her and was requesting a sewer application. She stated that she could not release any sewer applications because of the temporary moratorium. She stated to Mr. Mort that first we have to wait for our district engineer to come up with capacity numbers. Mr. Mort then called 4 -5 days later stating he wants to send the board a packet. The board opened the packet and it was 27 applications that Mr. Mort happened to obtain not through proper channels of the district. The district's attorney directed the board to continue with the temporary moratorium and was directed by legal to not accept the applications. The numbers for capacity have to happen first and a site plan. She will place the applications in the district safe along with certified checks until the numbers are in.

A motion was made by Jacob to approve the sewer applications for Janet Langley at Merle's Estates. It was confirmed by the county that the lots have not been split. The motion was seconded by Jason and carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Hewson's tore down their old cabin and broke a line which Chris repaired. Ebert's power? Chris replaced pump at Peterson's. He bled off the AV at Hess Point. At Preston's he wired the electricity in the pump tank.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Jacob to adjourn from the meeting and go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Bob and carried. A motion was made by Bob to go out of Coolin Sewer District

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executive session. Motion was seconded by Jason and carried. No further business was discussed by the board and a motion was made by Jacob to adjourn. Motion seconded by Bob and carried.

Submitted by,

Mary Meek
Clerk/Treasurer
Coolin Sewer District

Coolin Sewer District
Budget Hearing
November 23, 2021

Directors of the Coolin Sewer District met on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 8 AM for the budget hearing. Those present were: Tom Nicholson, Bob Brown, Janet Langley; patron, Paul LaCasse; maintenance personnel, Chris Morris and Clerk/Treasurer, Mary Meek. Not present was director Jacob Copeland. Tom called the hearing to order at 8 AM.

The board concurs with the budget and a motion was made by Bob to adjourn the hearing at 9 AM. The motion was seconded by Janet and carried.

Submitted by,

Mary Meek
Clerk/Treasurer
Coolin Sewer District

Coolin Sewer District
Board Meeting
12-7-21

Directors of the Coolin Sewer District met on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at The Inn at Priest Lake. Those present: Tom Nicholson, Jacob Copeland, Janet Langley, Bob Brown; maintenance personnel, Chris Morris and Tom Holman; district engineer, Dan Larson and district attorney, Thad O'Sullivan, district patron, Paul LaCasse. Tom called the meeting to order at 8 AM.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

A motion was made by Jacob to approve the appointment of Paul LaCasse. The motion was seconded by Bob and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Jacob to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Bob and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom opened the meeting to public comment to Suzanne Duntley and Mike Budig. Suzanne explained that her neighbor Dan Bowling has five possible hookups on 1.5 acres in a residential (non commercial) community and the strain it puts on the system. She explained that the covenants for the Langley Addition prohibits trailers and mobile homes. The board stated that the covenants are not a sewer issue. The board directed Chris to check out what is going on at the Bowling residence and report back to them. Mary told the board that on the BLP monthly permits, the Bowling's had three BLP's for 1.5 acres. The board tabled the discussion until the next meeting on the Bowling property.

Mike Budig came to the meeting and stated that he didn't agree with Dan's numbers. He asked who gets sewer connections if ER's are spoken for. The board reiterated that the existing patrons who haven't split their land are priority until capacity numbers come in. Mike suggested a study by IDEQ. Mike also stated his engineer is not getting full disclosure and they don't agree with Dan's capacity numbers. Mike and Andy Tom want to look at everything. Thad told him to send in a public records request. Thad suggest to hold a public hearing tentatively scheduled for January 13, 2022. Mary asked Thad for a legal sample to place in the newspaper for the hearing. Mike stated he wants the new study and doesn't want to be an adversary.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Bob to approve a sewer application from Paul Horn. The motion was seconded by Jacob and carried. A motion was made by Bob to approve the existing LID sewer application for Paul Abbott. The motion was seconded by Jacob and carried. A motion

was made by Bob to approve the sewer application for Wodelman's. The motion was seconded by Jacob and carried.

A motion was made by Bob to remove Gordon Cook and Tom Nicholson as key executives and signers for the Coolin Sewer District located at 13837 E. River Road and add Jacob Copeland and Paul LaCasse as the new key executives and signers. The motion was seconded by Paul and carried. Mary stated that Paul and Jake need to sign on to the bank accounts at STCU and P1FCU. \$250k is in each account and are strictly savings accounts only.

A motion was made by Jacob to approve the FY 21-22 budget. Motion was seconded by Bob and carried.

A motion was made by Bob to approve a 5.9% COLA increase and \$300 Christmas Bonus for Chris and Mary. Motion was seconded by Paul and carried.

A motion was made by Jacob to approve authorization for an independent engineer. The motion was seconded by Bob and carried.

A motion was made by Bob to appoint Jacob Copeland as Chairman and Paul LaCasse as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Janet and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary announced she is retiring effective 2-1-22. She will post the position at the Coolin Post Office and in the local paper. Jacob recommended putting it on Pecky Cox' FB page. Mary stated that she is working on getting on the current audit and will have it ready for Mary Richter to pick up on January 17th to take to Magnuson & McHugh in CDA. In the meantime she will meet with Mary R. so she can enter the journal entries to finish up FY19-20 audit. Checking account balance is \$5,918.11; Savings balance \$297,763.69; LID savings balance \$24,904.12; P1FCU \$250,113.05 and STCU \$250,138.38 for a total of \$833,837.35.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dan stated there has been a lot of confusion about the ER's when they designed the system, they did not follow what they should have and that it wasn't done correctly in the beginning. They used the flows rather than the capacity. IDEQ is going to evaluate and come up with a independent secondary report.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Chris stated that he is waiting on generator estimates from local installer Steve Stoinak.

No further business was discussed and a motion was made by Bob to adjourn at 8:47 am. The motion was seconded by Paul and carried.

Submitted by,