

Payette Lakes Recreational Water & Sewer District

**Regular Meeting
January 15, 2025**

Directors Present

Ellen Holm, Chairperson (telephone)
Ken Patterson, Vice-Chair

Dallas Young
Bill Weida
Mark Larson (telephone)

Advisors Present

Adam Christenson, Legal Advisor (telephone)
David Watkins, J-U-B Engineers (telephone)
Maggi Lloyd, J-U-B Engineers

Staff Present

Tammie Richardson
Jeff Bateman

Also Present

Russ Fogel, Patron
Bill Hendrickson, Patron

Vice-Chairperson Ken Patterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2024

Dallas moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2024, it was seconded by Bill and the motion carried.

Approve December 2024 Treasurer's Report

Bill moved to approve the Treasurer's report for December 2024, it was seconded by Dallas and the motion carried.

Ellen joined at 9:03 am.

Approval of Sewer Line Extension Easement Agreements

Adam reviewed the sewer line extension easement agreements before the Board. One is for 410 S. 3rd Street, and the second is for the McCall Donnelly School District staff housing project. He gave some general background on sewer line agreements, explaining that when one of these sewer line extension projects is complete, the District will get three documents from the property owner. The first is a bill of sale and transfer of ownership to the District of the sewer line improvements; we also get a contractor affidavit with warranty waiver and release of lien, and the third document is the easement agreement, which grants the District easement rights over grantors property to service and maintain the line extension improvements. He explained that we developed approved forms for sewer line extension documents years ago. The District executes the easement agreement but does not sign the other two documents. The District is not a party to the bill of sale or contractor affidavit, but we receive those documents. The two easement agreements before the Board today are identical, with specific facts related to each project and the grantor's property. Both of these agreements are consistent with the approved form. Idaho Code 42-3212 (f) grants the Board the power to acquire easements within or without said District. Because of the form and everyday nature of these easement agreements,

we haven't always brought them before the Board for approval before having the board chair sign them. To make this as easy as possible going forward and assuming that the Board is agreeable, he thinks the goal for the action item today is three fold: The first is to approve the easement agreements for 410 S 3rd St and the McCall Donnelly School staff housing project and authorize the board chair or vice chair to execute those on behalf of the District. The second part will be to delegate to the board chair or vice chair the ability to execute future sewer line extensions without additional Board approval, provided those agreements are consistent with the District's approved form. If material deviations are made from the form, the Board's specific approval will be required. The third would be to ratify any executions of previous sewer line extension easement agreements executed by the District. This cleans up any theoretical issues from ones that we may have missed.

Bill moved to approve the easement agreements for 410 S. 3rd Street and the McCall Donnelly School District staff housing project and authorize the Board Chair or Vice Chair to execute those on behalf of the District, secondly to delegate to the Board Chair or Vice Chair the ability to execute future sewer line extension easement agreements without additional Board approval provided such agreements are consistent with the District's approved form, and provided, further, that if material deviations are made from the form, specific Board approval will still be required; and to ratify the execution of any previous sewer line extension easement agreements execute by the District, it was seconded by Dallas and the motion carried.

Authorize Scope and Fees for JUB Engineers for Lift Station 27 Replacement Project not to Exceed \$62,800

Maggi explained that this was to authorize the scope and fees for the design for replacing lift station 27. She is working on the PER report under the general engineering services task. There will be an amendment for bidding and construction at a later time.

Ken moved to approve and authorize the scope and fees for JUB Engineers for Lift Station 27 Replacement Project not to exceed \$62,800, it was seconded by Bill, and the motion carried.

Pond Liner Update

David gave a quick update on the progress of the pond liner. JUB is just wrapping up the design and putting some final touches on the technical part of the design. JUB is still working through some QC items but is on track to wrap up the design and have it ready to be bid. The remaining pieces are that we are going through a prequalification process and then working through some compliance items with DEQ. JUB sent a letter to DEQ regarding the permit compliance during construction and the compliance under the CAS. They responded, and now JUB is preparing a response to their response.

Bill provided the Board with the Environmental Assessment of Cascade Reservoir Resource Management Plan dated January 1991 from the U.S. Department of the Interior. He pointed the Board to pages 3-9. On this page, you can see the estimate of phosphorus loading into the Cascade Reservoir from all nonpoint and point sources. He noted the table on this page and reviewed some of the numbers from the watershed. There are 12,207 kilograms of phosphorus per year from agriculture operations, and those agriculture operations are almost 100% south of

us and north of the dam. When you have a heavy load of phosphorus, the question is, what else does anything make in terms of a difference. The answer is basically not much.

He also presented the Cascade Reservoir Watershed 5-Year Review TMDL dated February 2018 from Lance Holloway from DEQ. He pointed the Board to page 12, where they did water tests on the total number of phosphorus concentrations in Cascade Reservoir. The test was done from May 2015 to September 2015, and he reminded the Board that it was one of the bad fire years that dumped a bunch of phosphorus in the watershed. He went over the column of data, and you can see the heavy concentrations at the bottom of the dam. Make a note that the concentration in our lake prior to anything going through the water system or sewer treatment that is running about .07 right now could be high as .08. At the bottom of the dam, that corresponds with all the current research on phosphorus in our lake, and that is that it settles to the bottom and our lake acts as a trap with the wake boats stirring it up every so often but what doesn't get stirred up stays at the bottom. That is what you are seeing: it is at the bottom of the dam at Cascade. If you turn to the next page, you can look at those numbers and see 2016, and you will notice the string of numbers for the concentration. Interestingly, for every virtual case, it's far less than the concentration of just phosphorus in Big Payette Lake. The phosphorus level is higher because the lake holds water for so long here and is a trap. Suppose you could have a situation where they dump the water out once a year, and that is the situation with Cascade at that point; it blows all that phosphorus downstream. It amounts to whether Cascade has a bad blue-green algae problem, but it's not because it is not from the phosphorus from here. The reservoir is too shallow, has a maximum depth of 26 feet, and is spread over too much ground. Reservoir is a nice name, but it's just a big mud puddle. Here is where politics come in: It becomes a heavy political deal when you launch off on a giant property sale, which Tamarack has been using the reservoir as a great piece of water from the get-go. As members of the Board, we will be asked about that as we make our presentations. We should be ready to stand up and say there is no evidence of any effect. We don't want to throw extra phosphorus in, so that will have to do with the liner, but as far as the effect downstream, that is their problem. They can do nothing to keep the blue-green algae from growing in Cascade Reservoir except blow up the dam.

Master Plan

David went over the Master Plan. JUB has received comments from DEQ, and we have addressed them. David will be sealing the Master Plan today and sending it back to DEQ. After DEQ issues technical approval, the Board should consider the submitted public comments and adopt the Master Plan. He will then submit it one final time to DEQ. The Board discussed how many mailers and workshops they would like to see. It was decided on two mailers and two workshops, one in the evening. Maggi will have Rebecca from the Langdon Group call into the board meeting in February.

Engineer's Report

David reported that we are wrapping up last year's annual report. District staff did a great job preparing most of the report and data. Jules from JUB worked with staff on a few items. JUB sent a letter of intent (LOT) for the loan with DEQ for 2026. If the bond election passes, this low-interest loan may be a good alternative to a bond. Tammie & he will attend a meeting with DEQ about the LOI because there is a chance that the loan the District was approved for last year that we had to pass on. Since we did not have a bond election in November, we may be able to adapt

that approval for the new single-liner and collection system scenario. We will attend the meeting and see what they have to say.

Maggi reported that she is working on the Mission Street Replacement project. They have 90% done and are working toward the final design with construction this summer.

Legal Report

Adam informed the Board that the resolution for the bond election in May will be presented at the February board meeting. He reminded the Board that they adopted this resolution at the August board meeting; however, following the county's inability to administer the election, the Board postponed the bond election until May 2025. We will need a new resolution that calls for the election in May. The cutoff date is March 31 for the May election. Adam reported that the legislature is back in session and will do his best to report on any items that will affect the District in the next several months.

Staff Report

1. Tammie informed the Board that Johanna the Valley County Treasurer informed the County Commissioners that the Idaho State Tax Commission lost a case in court that will affect taxing districts. She explained that each taxing District will have to pay their portion. Valley County's portion is 103k, so Tammie does not think the PLRWSD portion should be large. More will come when Johanna contacts the taxing districts to explain.
2. Tammie reported that we sold one permit in November and one in December.
3. Tammie reported that the office has been busy posting payments. We have been processing the semi-annual and annual along with the monthly invoices.
4. Tammie reminded the Board that Kurt from Quest CPAs will conduct the audit on February 4, 2025, for the fiscal year 2024.
5. Jeff reported that we got the 24-inch valves replaced at the 450 station.
6. Jeff informed the Board that the MCC panels for the WWTF were ordered in the middle of October, and we are still waiting on them. He reached out to see when we could expect them. A lot of these components won't be here until March.
7. Jeff reported that in the last couple of weeks, the developers on hold for years have contacted him, and a few of them may do their developments this summer.

Executive Session:

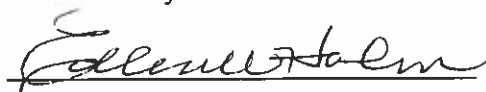
Ken moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. Bill seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Decision From Executive Session

No Action was taken.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Ken and the motion carried.

Submitted by: Tammie Richardson



Ellen Holm, Chairperson