

SOUTH DAVIS SEWER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PUBLIC HEARINGS  
2 December 2021

The Board of Trustees of the South Davis Sewer District, Davis and Salt Lake Counties, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office located at 1800 West 1200 North, West Bountiful, Utah, with the following members present:

Dee Hansen	Chairman
Howard Burningham	Vice-Chairman
John Davies	Trustee (via videoconference)
Randy Lewis	Trustee
Mark Preece	Trustee (via videoconference)
Len Arave	Trustee (exc. 7:05 pm/rejoined via telephone)
Ryan Westergard	Trustee

Others meeting with the Board:

Dal Wayment	General Manager/Treasurer
Matt Myers	Assistant General Manager
Mark Katter	Accounting Manager/Clerk
Susanne Monsen	Administrative Asst/Asst Clerk
Ron Mortensen	Resident, Bountiful
Gered Anderson	Resident, Woods Cross
Wes Welsh	Resident, North Salt Lake
Alan Haacke	Resident, Bountiful
Deby Marshall	Resident, West Bountiful
Summer Keaunui	Resident, North Salt Lake
Brad Butters	Resident, Bountiful
Karen Butters	Resident, Bountiful
Charles Eaton	Resident, Bountiful

1. OPEN MEETING:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT WITH RESPECT TO A PROPOSED TAX INCREASE:

Motion was made by Mr. Ryan Westergard seconded by Mr. Len Arave to open the Public Hearings. Motion carried unanimously with Trustees Hansen, Burningham, Davies, Lewis, Preece, Arave and Westergard voting "aye".

A. PRESENTATION.

The District's Assistant General Manager/Engineer, Matt Myers, made a PowerPoint presentation giving a background on recent regulatory issues that require the District to construct new facilities for the removal of the plant nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus. The presentation is available on the District's website. Mr. Len Arave commented on the science behind the new processes required to meet the limits required by the Utah Division of Water Quality. He also noted the District would be subject to daily fines for non-compliance in the amount \$10,000/day per violation.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Summer Keaunui, Resident of North Salt Lake

Q. Why were we out of compliance for only two months this year?

A. Permit limits for nutrients are seasonal. Our trickling filter plants were not intended or designed to remove nutrients. During the cold months of the year this biological process performs less efficiently leading to these violations.

- Q. The District has known about these limits since 2014?  
 A. The District has known since 2014 that there would be lower limits, but what those limits were to be was not known until 2017 when new lower limits were incorporated in the District's permit limits. There were minor modifications to the District's permit limits in 2018 and 2020. The latest limits became effective in our latest permit in 2021. Planning and engineering studies have taken place throughout this period as well as preparation for financing these projects.
- Q. Will the treatment plants still be biological or something else?  
 A. The South Plant phosphorus removal will be chemical, but the MBBR will be biological. The North Plant will be an algae-based process using a photobioreactor. Algae love nitrogen and phosphorus thereby removing/reducing nutrients.
- Q. Why a property tax increase?  
 A. Ryan Westergard explained the tax rate loss based over several years.
- Q. It would be nice to see how the costs are derived.  
 A. Capital cost and present worth were explained. A comprehensive study has been completed which determines costs and financing.

Brad/Karen Butters, Residents of Bountiful

- Q. The Butters own apartments and were concerned about how rates are calculated.  
 A. Equity was discussed relative to monthly fees versus property taxes.

Gered Anderson. Resident of Woods Cross

- Q. Are personal/wet wipes still a problem?  
 A. Yes. Regardless of labeling, they do not biodegrade.
- Q. On a personal matter, would he need a pump to serve his property?  
 A. This would need to be determined by your contractor. Property value is increased by installing sanitary sewer.

Allen Haacke, Resident of Bountiful

- Q. At a previous meeting several years ago, he was told fees and taxes would not be raised. He felt there were broken promises.
- Q. On one of the presentations on the District's website there was talk of trunkline fees. He will not pay the trunkline fees.  
 A. The comment on trunkline fees was not specific to the District, but referred to projects nationally. He does not pay any trunkline fees with the South Davis Sewer District.  
 A. The cost increases in the overall project were explained. Due to Covid, supply chain issues and inflation have increased our costs significantly as well as the large reduction in permit limits imposed by the Utah Division of Water Quality.  
 A. Mayor Lewis of Bountiful explained staff responsibilities and operations.

Deby Marshall, Resident of West Bountiful

- Q. What is the percent tax increase?  
 A. 29%.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked all those participated for the comments and concerns.

3. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT WITH RESPECT TO THE 2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET:  
A. PRESENTATION.

Mr. Wayment presented the final draft for the 2022 Budget. Line item summaries of projected revenues and expenditures were reviewed. One correction regarding debt service amount has been made since the tentative budget was approved in October.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Ron Mortensen, Resident of Bountiful City.

Comment: Mr. Mortensen thanked management and the Board for taking the time to thoroughly answer all questions during the Public Hearing.

4. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Motion was made by Mr. Randy Lewis seconded by Mr. Howard Burningham to close the Public Hearings. Motion carried unanimously with Trustees Hansen, Burningham, Davies, Lewis, Preece, Arave and Westergard voting "aye".

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 107-22 - ADOPTING 2022 BUDGET:

Motion was made by Mr. Ryan Westergard seconded by Mr. Howard Burningham to adopt the 2022 Budget as corrected through Resolution No. 107-22. Motion carried unanimously with Trustees Hansen, Burningham, Davies, Lewis, Preece, Arave and Westergard voting "aye".

6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL TAX RATES AND BUDGETS FOR 2022 - REPORT 800C:

Motion was made by Mr. Randy Lewis seconded by Mr. Ryan Westergard to approve the Resolution Adopting Final Tax Rates and Budgets for 2022-Report 800C as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Trustees Hansen, Burningham, Davies, Lewis, Preece, Arave and Westergard voting "aye".

7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, 6 December 2021, 4:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURN:

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman, Board of Trustees