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MAY 22, 2018

IONA-BONNEVILLE SEWER DISTRICT (IBSD) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Brady Belliston (Chairman); Robert Esplin; Jeff Miner (absent); Kurt Nelson (absent); Michael Cousin (absent)

IBSD Staff: Marina Meier, Manager; Donna Bridges, Field Coordinator

Attorney: Tony Sasser, Sasser Law Office

Public: Kevin Harris, Forsgren & Associates; Jeff Kelley, Councilman City of Shelley

Agenda Items:

1. Action Item – Eastern Idaho Regional Wastewater Authority Discussion

Meeting minutes: For additional information, please reference the meeting recording.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brady Belliston at: 12:10 p.m.

00:00:00 ACTION ITEM – EASTERN IDAHO REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY DISCUSSION

Mr. Belliston stated the reason for the meeting is to access whether it makes sense to join EIRWWA for wastewater treatment. Mr. Jeff Kelley introduced himself as a representative of EIRWWA. He is a member of the City Council in Shelley. He spoke about some of the measures being taken to recharge the aquifer. Mr. Esplin stated that he had met Mr. Kelley at a meeting a couple months prior which created an interest in getting more information regarding IBSD joining EIRWWA.

Mr. Kelley stated the existing wastewater treatment plant is reaching capacity. He believes by having IBSD join and finish the upgrades the existing capacity will double allowing IBSD flow to be treated. This would be beneficial for all parties. The plant was designed for the increase in volume but additional equipment and upgrades would need to be added. Currently the plant is handling just under 2 million gallons per day with a maximum of 2.2 million gallons per day. The upgrade would increase capacity to 5 million gallons per day.

EIRWWA owns the trunk lines that collect flow from lines owned by Cities of Ammon and Shelley. Both Ammon and Shelley own and pay for the bonds that were incurred. They also collect and pay the remaining amount to EIRWWA. EIRWWA also charges an amount per equivalent residential unit (ERU). Each entity maintains their own lines.

The intent is for EIRWWA to become a District. They are currently in the process of moving forward with this effort. If IBSD were to join then it would be a large District covering a vast

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area. The current estimate by JUB Engineering for IBSD to join is \$15 million. This is the cost of upgrades and would double the capacity of the plant.

Mr. Esplin believes the primary advantage of IBSD joining is that it would allow boundary changes and growth without permission from the City of Idaho Falls. There are definite advantage and disadvantages to renting, as opposed to owning, but he is not sure what would be better long term. IBSD is not allowed to increase existing agreed upon service area but there is also not an incentive to grow. He would like to study and consider the possibility at this time since there are infrastructure upgrades imminent. The City of Idaho Falls will likely ask to share costs for the improvements. Mr. Esplin believes it is advantageous to Idaho Falls to limit IBSD growth since it may promote additional development in the City. There are developers near the current boundary that would like to be included but cannot since IBSD boundary increases are restricted. He also noted that since they are not in the District currently IBSD is not compelled to provide service.

Mr. Kelley stated that IBSD would not be joining and buying the existing bonds. None of the existing debt or bonds would be passed to IBSD. If EIRWWA becomes a District it will take a lot of effort and expense. If IBSD joins then it would be an easier process. Mr. Belliston stated he would not be comfortable making the decision as a Board, he would prefer an election with patrons making the ultimate decision.

Mr. Sasser stated he has concerns coming in and joining a group that is known to not get along. There would be a redistricting that would have to occur. Mr. Kelley stated that how it works now is three of the four entities have to agree to carry the vote.

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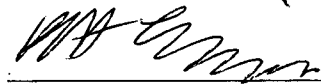
The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Brady Belliston, Chairman of the Board of Directors

6/27/18

Date



Robert Esplin, Secretary/Treasurer

7/11/18

Date