



Pinto Point Sewer District

Priest Lake, Idaho

Dave Tewel-Chairman / Jim Bell-Vice Chairman./ Jeff Christenson / Bryan Dearden / Jim McLean / Melanie Mikkelsen /Jan Tewel – Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2021 9:00am

Legacy Lot 209

47 E. Pinto Point Road

Coolin, ID 83821

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Dave Tewel. Board Members present were Dave Tewel, Melanie Mikklesen, Bryan Dearden and Jan Tewel.
2. **Report of Officers**
 - a. President – Dave Tewel – Flow Meter Installation project status. Dave Tewel advised the members regarding the Flowmeter reading collection. Currently we are averaging below the maximum average daily flow requirements for Quarter 1 (Nov. 2020 through January 2021) & Quarter 2 (February through April 2021). The readings for Quarter 3 (May through July 2021) are closer to the maximum allowable limit, but we have only collected data for half of July.
 - b. Treasurer – Jan Tewel - As of June 15, 2021, the balance in the PPSD Checking Account was \$24,315.33 and the PPSD Savings Account balance is \$31,542.39.
 - c. Financial Statement – Jan Tewel - 2020 Financial Statements were emailed to all members with Spring Board Meeting Minutes. Repair Database – Four pumps failed and were required to be replaced so far this year. Two upgrades were completed, as a carryover from 2020, since the Flowmeter Project took too much time for 4 upgrades to be completed last Fall. The goal is to complete six to eight upgrades this Fall, depending on the cost of repairs during the summer. The cost of repairs & upgrades for 2021, as of 7/23/2021 is \$21,810.66.
 - d. Pumping Database (2021) distribution & notification of upgrades – Jan Tewel
Jan will notify members, by late August, if their tank is scheduled to be upgraded and pumped. Those tanks that are scheduled will need to have the covers to both tanks exposed for access. No one will be able to occupy their cabin during the upgrades.
3. **Old Business –**
 - a. **PHD Septic Expansion Moratorium** - No expansions allowed by PHD for more than the number of bedrooms listed on the original PHD Sewer Permit. Our hope is that the data collected from the Flow Meter will prove that we have the capacity for the existing cabins in our current drain fields and also room for cabin/tank expansions. Should we find out that we are close to or over capacity, it is likely that PHD & DEQ will require us to expand our drain field. Dave Tewel advised that the maximum daily allowed estimated flow when the drain field was constructed in 1982 was 125 gallons per day per cabin which limits our maximum daily flow allowed to 6250 gallons per day. PHD/DEQ have increased that estimated flow per cabin to 250 gallons per day per cabin. Since we could not prove our actual flow per



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day, we were required to install a flow meter. If PHD/DEQ demand that we build an additional drain field, we will need to hire a Professional Engineer to give us an estimate of the cost and hire contractors to complete the work, before PHD will lift the moratorium Sewer Permits for cabin expansions.

b. **Flowmeter Data** – the first Flowmeter Data Report for the first six months of Flowmeter Data collected been emailed to PHD. There were some problems with a bad flowmeter to remote transmitter cable and some issues with the remote transmitter firmware. Jan & Dave worked with the ABB Account Manager who helped with interpretation of the raw data and the conversion from the csv file to an Excel Spreadsheet to use for the reporting to PHD. The average daily flows were as follows:

Jan. 2021 – 70.35 gallons/day

Feb. 2021 – 249.19 gallons/day

Mar. 2021 – 436.78 gallons/day

Apr. 2021 – 355.75 gallons/day

The maximum average flow per day allowed to meet the PHD/DEQ requirements is 6250 gallons/day. After July 31st, we will be reporting our average daily flow readings, per quarter, to PHD. The third quarter average daily flow readings may be very close to our maximum allowable flow.

Dave asked the members present if they would like to consider increasing the drain field prior to waiting for the Flow Meter collection for two years. Some members suggested that we might want to just go ahead and do that. The cost could be \$5000 or more per cabin to add a new drain field but we would need to hire a Professional Engineer to give us an estimate to do that. A suggestion was made to look into the financing or grants available to fund the construction of a new drain field. If we were to try to get grants for this project, we would need help from the members who are experienced with writing grant applications.

4. New Business -

a. **Trustees** - The PPOA Board approved a change in the Bylaws to allow for nomination of Trustees to the Board of Directors from the Membership, annually, at the Annual Member Meetings. This allows for new non-voting Trustee Board Members to give people a chance to decide if they would like to become a member of the Board of Directors. Are the members interested in changing the PPSD Bylaws to allow for nomination of Trustees? Since there was no response to this question from the members, it will be further discussed at the next PPSD Board Meeting in the Fall.

b. **New Construction** - Any members who intend to do construction need to notify Jan via email as soon as possible. Jan will provide instructions regarding submission of Sewer Permit Applications, drawings, etc.

c. **Other new business** – No other new business was discussed.

5. Adjournment - 9:55 am