## APRIL 14, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe, Council Members Earl Beattie, Adam French, Jeff Kelley, Kim Westergard. City of Ammon Mayor Dana Kirkham, Council Members Sean Colletti, Russell Slack, Brian Poole, Byron Wiscombe, Rex Thompson, Public Works Lance Bates, Ray Ellis, General Office Rachelle Brown, Ron Folsom, and Scott Hall

## Opened at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting is being held with the City of Ammon Mayor, Council and staff members to discuss the future of EIRWWA, and the possibility of forming a Sewer District.

Dana said everyone is here to discuss the future of EIRWWA. She said there will be a time when we have to bond for upgrades at the plant. Brian gave a power point presentation that JUB had put together regarding the wastewater treatment plant (wwtp) flow. He said the Northern Interceptor (Melaleuca) is severely underfunded. Brian said the estimates show that we are in the hole with outstanding ERU's that have been obligated, but not used. He said that does not include the ERU's from Country Club Subdivision. Brian discussed the contributions that were made by the various entities. He said based on the revised count of ERU's, Ammon has overpaid by \$1 million dollars. Stacy said he talked to Swede, the former Mayor of Shelley and was told that Ammon used some of their bond money to buy sewer equipment that was for their sole use. Dana said no, they used reserve funds for that equipment. She said the additional funds paid for the screening project and an upgrade to the pump. Brian said his concern is how should this be rectified down the road, and that the northern interceptor portion of the project severely under paid. He said the way it stands now, only Ammon and Shelley can bond, but the other areas outlying in the county benefit too. Melaleuca under paid by 2 million dollars. Brian said we need to make sure that everyone can bond, and not just the cities. He said the counties don't really have any skin in the game; however there are two Board Members that make decisions. Stacy said the whole thing got started because Ammon was controlled by Idaho Falls and wanted to get out from under it, understandably. He said he feels Shelley are the ones dealing with all of the issues; once it leaves Ammon we receive the wastewater down here and it becomes our problem; odor, etc. Dana said if a District is formed, the new Board would be able to focus on the job better than those of us representing cities who are trying to take care of their own jurisdiction. Brian said he would like to have representatives on the Board that have skin in the game. Stacy said the City of Shelley is not giving up any voting power. The group discussed different ways to accommodate Shelley's request for equal representation.

Brian said when Stafford Smith put in the infrastructure at exit 113 they was a Development Agreement that allowed him to get paid back a portion of the initial expense as others accessed the line. However, when people access other sections of Ammons and Shelley's line they don't get paid back for the infrastructure they put in, it actually goes to the region. Sean said the state code allows a Sewer District to be divided into five zones. Dana said she wants to make sure that both cities are comfortable going back to the EIRWWA Board to create a Sewer District.

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She felt the details can be worked out regarding how the zones will be set up. Stacy said everyone needs equal representation. Brian asked Scott to verify with the Attorney General's office that zones can be created any way they need to be, but not solely on population. He said then we could draw up the maps.

Dana said she would like to talk about the million dollar excess they paid and the sludge removal at the treatment plant. Russell said Ammon could take a portion of the connection fees as repayment. Brian said they are not looking to ask Shelley to pay them back, however they would like to be paid back from any new connections on the main line they installed. He said when the residents bonded they will be paying back \$8000 over the 30 year loan period; everyone who connects now should be also paying \$8000 for capacity replacement. Scott Hall said JUB has done the study that shows the connection/capacity replacement fee should be \$7500, and now they need to decide what the developer is going to be charged.

Dana asked what could be done about the sludge build up at the plant. Russell said he feels another county should open up their landfill and help. Jeff said Bingham County dumps in the Bannock County landfill. Dana said she felt EIRWWA needs to talk to the Commissioners in each county and request their help. She suggested asking for their help in writing for assistance in the sludge removal and for Bingham County to get their ordinance drafted to reflect what the regulations for connection to the regional line are. Stacy suggested this be brought up in next week's Board meeting.

Adjourned: 7:37 p.m. hea ATTEST Samo Wagherd APPROVE