Hoback Water and Sewer District Board Meeting March 13, 2024 1:30 pm

## **Board Members Present**

Bob Frodeman, Chair Chris Jaubert, Vice Chair Marty Camino, Secretary Trevor Robinson

#### **Guests Present**

None

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by Bob Frodeman, Chair.

# **Approval of Previous Minutes**

The approval of the February 2024 minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

#### Chair Report

Bob gave various updates and discussed an array of topics.

The District received a bill from Nelson Engineering for \$1,050 for phone calls. We've not been billed directly before so Bob requested clarification and a fee schedule.

There was discussion about a target monthly cost for water for members of the district, the political implications, as well as the budgetary considerations to reach our target.

The board also discussed potential expansions of the district, including into Horse Creek for the Housing Trust project. It was noted that the area is not currently zoned for the density they are proposing.

The Teton County Water Quality Master Plan was discussed, which provides high level priorities for county initiatives and funding. The remainder of the 2024 budget includes allocating surplus funds to our District, final amount pending. The 2025 budget draft includes a staff recommendation of \$300k to the District.

Bob is hoping that we can get county funds up front, knowing we don't know what we would spend it on right now but we will need it very soon. The current number from Nelson for 55 taps is \$4M. Adding fire suppression adds \$1.9M. That additional cost should not be carried by property owners only and is an appropriate use of public funds.

The board discussed establishing a mill assessment for the District. 1 mill assessment on J-W Drive would be about \$120/yr, so the total is about \$5500 for the whole district. Maximum is 8 mil. If we don't impose an assessment then DEQ and the state will not provide funding.

Chris made a motion to approve a 1 mill assessment for all property owners beginning as soon as possible, likely by fall of 2024. Marty seconded and the motion passed.

The board discussed the Department of Audit training, which all board members are required to complete by July 1. Bob offered to circulate the link to the online training.

The draft bylaws were briefly discussed. They will be reviewed over the weeks ahead and they will be voted on in the April meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

The District has \$17k in the bank.

#### Old Business

None

## **New Business**

None

Marty moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.