



## Eastern Idaho Regional Sewer District

### October 15, 2024, 9 AM Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Powell (President), Craig Cutler (Vice President), Sid Hamberlin, Jeff Cox, Frank Lemmo

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS:** Weston Davis (NHPT Law), Alan Giesbrecht (J-U-B), Scott Barry (EIRSD), Justin Johnson (City of Shelley), Tyler Wood (GSE), Justin Blickle (GSE), Amanda Nunes (GSE), Caden Fuhrman (Eagle Rock Engineering); Jeff Freiberg (Freiberg Engineering)

**1. Call to order @ 9:04 AM**

**2. Consent Items**

**a. Approval of minutes – Action Item**

**[Action Item]:** Mr. Sid Hamberlin motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the 9/17/2024 regular board meeting and the bills. Mr. Frank Lemmo seconded. Approved unanimously.

**b. Review and approval of bills – Action Item**

**[Action Item]:** Mr. Hamberlin motioned to approve payment of the bills. Mr. Craig Cutler seconded. Approved unanimously.

**c. Review and approval of construction bills – Action Item**

**[Action Item]:** Mr. Cutler motioned to approve payment of the construction bill (Draw Request #2). Mr. Hamberlin seconded. Approved unanimously.

**3. Set public hearing for annexation/de-annexation petitions**

**a. Petition #2024-6: Jeremiah Clark Annexation – Action Item**

Mr. Jeff Freiberg reported this parcel is on Sunnyside and will be developed into a commercial site in the City of Ammon. Mr. Alan Giesbrecht reported that this annexation petition had been reviewed and was ready for a public hearing.

**[Action Item]:** Mr. Jeff Cox motioned to approve setting a public hearing for Petition #2024-6: Jeremiah Clark Annexation. Mr. Hamberlin seconded. Approved unanimously.

**b. Petition #2024-7: Granite Creek Subdivision Annexation – Action Item**

Mr. Freiberg reported this parcel is across the street from Sand Creek Golf Course and will be a commercial development in the City of Ammon. Mr. Alan Giesbrecht reported

that this annexation petition had been reviewed and was ready for a public hearing.

**[Action Item]:** Mr. Hamberlin motioned to approve setting a public hearing for Petition #2024-7: Granite Creek Subdivision Annexation. Mr. Cutler seconded. Approved unanimously.

**c. Petition #2024-8: North River Estates Annexation – Action Item**

Mr. Caden Fuhrman of Eagle Rock Engineering noted that the development would consist of 36 lots in Bingham County just east of New Sweden Road. Mr. Alan Giesbrecht reported that this annexation petition had been reviewed and was ready for a public hearing.

**[Action Item]:** Mr. Hamberlin motioned to approve setting a public hearing for Petition #2024-8: North River Estates Annexation. Mr. Lemmo seconded. Approved unanimously.

**4. J-U-B Engineers – Alan Giesbrecht**

**a. Update on legal descriptions for EIRSD boundary and zone boundaries – Discussion Item**

Mr. Giesbrecht reported that the corrected version of the legal description and map for the original boundary has been submitted to the Tax Commission. The annexations approved by EIRSD will also be submitted to the Tax Commission for approval and incorporation into the district before January 10 as required by the Idaho Code. Mr. Scott Barry reported that the corrected original boundary and annexations have also been submitted to the Counties for filing and recording.

Mr. Brian Powell asked if ballots prepared by the Counties in April would reflect annexations approved by EIRSD even if the Tax Commission had not yet completed their incorporation of the new parcels into the district. Mr. Weston Davis said that he would research the code and provide an opinion on that question.

**5. J-U-B/GSE - Upgrades Project**

**a. Project updates – Discussion Item**

Mr. Tyler Wood with GSE reported that Project 1 continues to go well. Blower building trusses are coming in. Return lines are installed. Starting to shift from underground to mechanical work. Still looking into transfer switch scheduling that will affect the start-up date. Estimate is approximately 75% complete. Mr. Powell said that targeting a start-up in the spring would be acceptable so no need to unnecessarily accelerate project to start up earlier.

For Project 2, Mr. Wood and Mr. Justin Bickle reported that final bid quotes for the process building were coming in. No major adjustments to the previous cost estimates are currently anticipated. GSE anticipates being able to present a final GMP for Phase 2 to the board at the November board meeting so that the board could consider approving it at the December board meeting.

**b. Population of new membrane basins - Action Item**

Mr. Giesbrecht provided a summary of the pros and cons of fully populating the new

membrane Basins #3 and #4 with membranes versus only populating each basin half-full. A rough cost comparison showed the cost of both options to be similar, but fully populating would provide added benefits of more reliability / redundancy, reduced risk of failure, and ease of operation. Mr. Cutler requested that a more detailed financial comparison of the two options be provided before the board makes a decision. Mr. Giesbrecht responded that he would provide that before the November board meeting.

**c. UV System Repairs - Action Item**

Mr. Barry noted that keeping the three ultraviolet (UV) system vessels fully operational is becoming increasingly difficult as the internal are wearing out. Having all three UV vessels functional is critical for redundancy in meeting disinfection requirements and permit limits. The system vendor evaluated the system and presented a rehabilitation cost of \$68,000 per vessel, and the total cost would be \$232,291. The board agreed that the repairs were needed and concluded that the repairs constitute a capital replacement and should be paid with capital replacement funds rather than be part of the Upgrades Project and paid with loan funds.

**[Action Item]:** Mr. Cutler motioned to approve proceeding with the UV repairs as presented paid for by the EIRSD capital replacement funds; Mr. Cox seconded. Approved unanimously.

**6. Manager's Report – Discussion Item**


Mr. Barry reported that a portion of the interceptors were cleaned with no issues. The Flo-Dar flow meters are being installed in the collection system at the locations discussed previously. The board reviewed an update of the flows (1.78 mgd avg) and loads entering the plant and the number of ERUs being served (9,130). Repair of a leaking manhole was completed for \$50,000 which reduced flows by 80,000 gallons per day.

**7. Public Comment**

No other public comments or questions. The board discussed moving next month's regular board meeting to November 12 due to schedule conflicts.

**8. Adjournment**

Mr. Lemmo motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 10:20 AM. Mr. Hamberlin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved:  Attest: 