

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Sewer Fee Committee Meeting Minutes
4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2017
Courthouse Jury Room**

Present: CEO Bill Everett, Wayne Wendt, Paul Puccinelli, Eric Hoiland, Commissioner Kevin Hart

Absent: Karen Courtney

Others Present: Julie Pooley, Clerk of Commission and Ed Janney, DOWL

CALL TO ORDER

Eric Hoiland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 16, 2017 MEETING

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2017 meeting; seconded by CEO Bill Everett.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review the Draft of Updated Ordinance No. 230

The board reviewed the following items from Ordinance No. 230:

- 1) Dump Stations: The board agreed the ordinance should further define a dump station and add additional wording to include locations such as Town Pump. It discussed whether pumper trucks should be delineated from a dump station. Ed Janney indicated it is difficult to calculate the additional cost RV dumping adds to the system without the Town Pump stations being metered. Commissioner Hart pointed out that adding an additional user classification could potentially solve the issue of RV's tying into residential units. If the ordinance dictated that a unit must be zoned commercial for an RV to dump into the system, it may alleviate the residential issue.
- 2) Rates: The board agreed that rates should be done by resolution.
- 3) User Types/Dumping Rates: Ed Janney informed the board he used the Butte-Silver Bow ordinance as a template when he and Susan Callahan drafted Anaconda's current ordinance. He suggested the committee using Butte's ordinance again to determine user types and rate structures. Ed Janney volunteered to visit with Bob Ferron in Butte regarding user types and report back to the board. With regard to rates, Mr. Janney suggested the septic dump truck rates could be increased from \$26.25 to \$40.00 which is the same as the residential rate. Commissioner Hart thought the rate seemed low, but CEO Everett does not want to overcharge or be higher than Butte-Silver Bow.
- 4) Complaints: The current ordinance states that removal of fees will be done by resolution. Julie Pooley indicated this procedure is not followed. Commissioner Hart wants the criteria in the ordinance. Julie Pooley reiterated that a resolution is not enforceable; it is only a statement of fact. However, the removal of fees should be done by resolution because it is a fee that is being removed from the tax bill.
- 5) Connection to the System: The current ordinance mandates connection to the system if a property is within 200 feet of the sewer. The group discussed whether sump pumps or back flow preventers should

be mandated in the ordinance. The group felt this condition should be included for any new construction.

The board reviewed the memo from the previous planning director, Doug Clark. The memo continues the discussion on appeals and complaints. The memo will serve as a good starting point for the resolutions as well as rewriting Ordinance No. 230.

New Business

- A. Eric Hoiland will draft complaint and appeal resolutions, as well as add the sewer fees to the yearly mill levy resolution setting fees. Once they are complete he will give the board members copies to review.
- B. The current pending sewer fee removal requests will be reviewed once the ordinance is redone.

MISCELLANEOUS

No miscellaneous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled when all prior work is completed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Julie K. Pooley, Clerk of Commission

Eric Hoiland, Chair