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JUNE 12, 2013
IONA-BONNEVILLE SEWER DISTRICT (IBSD)
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kelly Howell at: 12:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Kelly Howell (Chairman); Mike Klingler; Jason Blundell; Glen Clark; Robert Esplin

IBSD Staff: Cindy Wellman, Manager; Donna Bridges, Field Coordinator

Attorney: Tony Sasser, Sasser Law Office

Public: Kevin Harris, Forsgren Associate; Ron Folsom, City of Ammon; Paul Scoresby, Schiess & Associates; Dana Kirkham, City of Ammon

Agenda Items:

1. Ammon Separation: Discussion
2. Adjournment

Meeting minutes: For additional information, please reference the meeting recording.

00:00:00 **AMMON SEPARATION: DISCUSSION**

Mr. Howell stated that he and Ms. Bridges have met with Chris Fredrickson, Idaho Falls Public Works Director, to discuss the IBSD proposed plan to construct a force main to divert flow to Idaho Falls for treatment. Ms. Bridges stated that a letter has been sent requesting permission from the City of Idaho Falls to receive flow for treatment from Ammon patrons in the event IBSD constructs a force main to divert flow. He has put this request on the agenda for the City Council meeting on June 13, 2013 to which she and Mr. Howell will attend. Mr. Fredrickson is supportive of this change and does not believe his Council will be opposed.

Mr. Howell stated that Mr. Blundell has received correspondence from Ms. Kirkham regarding the separation. Based on the content he has requested this special meeting to discuss the separation decision. Mr. Blundell believes the Board made the decision to construct the force main without having all the information from Ammon.

Ms. Kirkham stated Ammon does not view this as a turf war; they will go along with whatever is best for patrons. She said she has a high comfort level with the ways things are proceeding and noted that the staff from IBSD and Ammon are working very well together.

The Board discussed the option that have been presented and discussed and stated that the choice comes down to two options: Plan A would be trying to get the patrons being service by Ammon to accept a buyout to petition to exclude themselves from the District and Plan B to construct the force main to reduce the amount reimbursed for treatment. IBSD will still be reimbursing Ammon but it will be a differential of 25 customers as opposed to the 254 customers

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currently being to Ammon. There is also a do nothing option but the Board does not believe this makes any sense feasibly. The concern with Option A is that there may be opposition from patrons in agreeing to deannex.

Ms. Kirkham stated that with the buyout incentive IBSD is offering she does not think there will be a problem getting patrons to deannex. Mr. Blundell thinks we should try this option so the Board knows for sure what the customers want. He does not think the board should assume that this will be politically impossible and not even try to present it to the patrons.

The Board discussed sending a letter with a survey to the effected patrons. A public hearing will also be scheduled to get feedback from the patrons.

The Board had decided at a previous meeting to construct a force main, Mr. Howell stated that a motion would be required if they want to pursue the option of deannexation of customers. Mr. Clark would like to go ahead with the force main and forget the deannexation. Mr. Klingler stated he feels like there will not be enough support for the deannexation but this is only a feeling and he agrees with Mr. Blundell in that it may be worth pursuing.

MOTION: Mr. Blundell made a motion to halt the previous motion to construct a force main so more exploratory work can be done to see if effected patrons would be open to the deannexation option. **MOTION FAILED:** No second.

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Mr. Clark would like to continue with the previous motion made and construct a force main to separate customers. He also proposed letting the entire District know that IBSD is subsidizing the amount paid for treatment for these customers. Mr. Klingler stated that this happen in other circumstances and the flat rate is shared by the entire District.

MOTION: Mr. Blundell made a motion to halt the previous motion to construct a force main so more exploratory work can be done to see if affected patrons would be open to the deannexation option and to at least let customers have a say as to whether they would like to be accepted into the City of Ammon with a payment of \$1,020.00. He further proposed that an amount of \$5,000.00 be budgeted to send out a letter and get a survey of these customers. **MOTION SECONDED:** Mr. Klingler seconded. **MOTION PASSED:** 3-2 (Yay: Mr. Klingler, Mr. Blundell, and Mr. Esplin; Nay: Mr. Clark and Chairman Howell)

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Ms. Kirkham will see if her Council is willing to share the cost of lift station upgrades and report back to the Board.

Ms. Wellman will put a letter together for the patrons with a survey and distribute to the Board for approval. This will be a separate mailing to the 254 effected patrons asking if they will be willing to petition for exclusion from the District.

A public hearing will be scheduled for July 17th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of getting feedback from patrons.

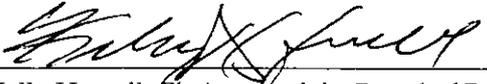
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Mr. Scoresby suggested getting professional help in the wording of the letter so that it neutralizes the language in the letter so that a fair response is received. The Board just wants the basics of the issue presented so that a fair assessment is given and received.

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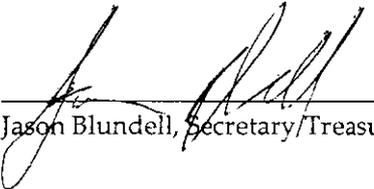
00:57:40 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned approximately at 1:15 p.m.



Kelly Howell, Chairman of the Board of Directors

6-26-2013
Date



Jason Blundell, Secretary/Treasurer

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