

OUTLET BAY SEWER DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Outlet Bay Sewer District held its annual meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. at the District Office. Present were Chairman Tom Bell, Directors Justin Bradbury, Jeff Stockdale and Fred Simpson. Also present were Fritz Broschet, Jason Eveland and Kari Davis.

Chairman Bell Called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, it was approved as written.

The Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Board presented the 2025-2026 FY Budget which was adopted by the Board in the budget hearing.

Chairman Bell gave the Year-In -Review.

Highway 57/Lamb Creek Upgrade

The district received four bids for the Highway 57/Lamb Creek Upgrade. The lowest bid was from Sonray Enterprises. The bid was awarded to Sonray in April and work began in May. The project is to be finished in mid-November. Without this upgrade, the district was down to only 8 new connections available. This upgrade will give the district capacity for many years to come. The entire upgrade was paid for from System Development Charged assessed to new development.

Permit Compliance

The District completed the timber harvest as required by our Permit with DEQ. After expenses, the District realized a profit of \$120,000. Some of this money will be used to thin the laterals which will begin this fall. The estimated cost of thinning is around \$48,000. The permit renewal process will begin in November, with an estimated cost of \$60,000.

Maintenance Personnel

The District hired Jason Eveland on a part-time basis to begin his apprenticeship to become a Class II Operator. This is a four-year apprenticeship. Jason will be going full-time October 1st.

Baby Wipes Problems

The 1HP pump in one of our main lift stations failed. Upon inspection, the fault was caused by numerous baby wipes clogging the pump. The replacement of the pump cost the district over \$10,000. This has been a continuing problem with customers who don't have septic tanks. If the problem continues, it may become necessary to charge those customers a surcharge to cover the costly repairs. As a rule, please do not flush baby wipes, dude wipes, cleaning wipes, feminine hygiene products or any foreign objects!

Rate Increase

The District experienced cost increases this year in insurance rates, parts, utilities, maintenance of an aging system, chemicals, permitting and licensing costs, and the cost of the addition of a full-time employee. Because of the additional expenses, the district was faced with not funding the necessary reserves for its five-year plan. As a result, the district will be raising rates this coming year from \$50 per month to \$55. There are tentative plans to increase rates over the next four years to assure it can meet the necessary repair and maintenance costs to keep the district operational. The district looks forward to continuing to provide quality service with the upmost importance on environmental protection of our pristine Priest Lake.

There being no public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Davis
District Secretary