

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**of**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**of**  
**STRAWBERRY HOLLOW WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of **Strawberry Hollow Wastewater Improvement District** was held at 4455 N. Strawberry Hollow in Pine, AZ on **June 23, 2023** at 11:00 a.m. The following directors were present:

LOREN PETERSON  
DIANE PETERSON  
GAIL HEWLETT by phone

LOREN PETERSON presided as Chairman of the meeting.

It was proposed and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of Resolution #48 Tentatively Adopting a Budget and Sewer Rate Schedule for Publication and Approving the Notice of Hearing thereon.

LOREN PETERSON then proposed the acceptance of Resolution #48 and upon motion duly made and seconded, Resolution #48 was unanimously resolved that:

1. The Board of Directors of SHWID hereby tentatively adopts for publication purposes pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ss 42-17103 the attached Budget for the SHWID.
2. The Board of Directors of SHWID hereby tentatively adopts for publication purposes pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ss 48-910 the attached Sewer Rate Schedule.
3. The Board of Directors of the SHWID directs that a public hearing will be held on **Thursday, the 20th day of July, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.** at 4455 N. Strawberry Hollow in Pine AZ, concerning the attached Budget and Rate Schedule. At that meeting any owner of real property within the District may appear and present objections, if any he may have to any item of the proposed Budget or of the proposed Rate Schedule.
4. The Chairman is authorized to execute the NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE BUDGET AND SEWER RATES and post the same in not less than three places within the District for not less than ten days prior to the date of the hearing and publish the same twice in a newspaper of general circulation within the district, said publications being not less than one week apart, the first publication occurring not less than ten days prior to the date of the hearing.

5. The Chairman is authorized to mail a copy of said notice to the Board of Supervisors of Gila County not less than ten days prior to the date of the hearing.

Discussion took place regarding the withdrawal of the APP Application with ADEQ, and the acceptance by ADEQ. This prevents SHWID from having to proceed with the bonded indebtedness discussed at the Special Meeting held 3/13/23.

As the demands on our wastewater system have grown, so have the demands on our wastewater system reporting.

In order to provide ADEQ with aquifer results of wastewater treated, SHWID, in 2005, committed to drilling a monitoring well when a volume of 2,000 GPD was reached. We anticipate reaching that volume when the new few homes are built.

To stay ahead of the increased volume during the life of the system, we are making two additions to our wastewater treatment process which don't include engineering changes: (1) installing an automatic filtering system to replace manual weekly cleaning of the filter; and (2) enhancing the process of reducing nitrates/nitrites.

A building to house the new equipment is currently being installed at the wastewater treatment site at the south end of Strawberry Hollow.

New rates were discussed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved to raise the quarterly rate from \$90/quarter to \$100/quarter, to increase the user availability fees from \$180/annual to \$200/annually, and to change the billing date of the user availability fees to August 1<sup>st</sup> to decrease the confusion experienced by homeowners when they get 2 invoices in 1 month (previously July). Upon motion duly made and seconded, all increases were unanimously approved.

Next was discussion of the payment of District bills and ratification of payment of bills. Diane Peterson informed the Board there were no outstanding bills as of this date.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Diane Peterson  
Secretary

ATTEST:

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Loren Peterson  
Chairman