

SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PROPOSITION 218 HEARING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 15th, 2023

APPROVED BY DIRECTORS:

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mike Arnold called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mike Arnold	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Randy Aubrey	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Larry Doss	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ed Lawson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ted Thomas	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Approve the Agenda

First: Mike Arnold moved to approve the Public Hearing Agenda

Second: Ed Lawson second

Roll Call: Yes: Mike Arnold, Larry Doss, Ed Lawson, Randy Aubrey

Not Present: Ted Thomas

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing for Proposition 218

1. Open Public Hearing: Mike Arnold opened the public hearing at 12:05 pm, adopting the sewer rate schedule from the NorthStar rate study, and finding the adoption to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. General Manager Report: 726 letters were mailed on Tuesday, August 21, 2023. There were approximately 175 responses returned before the official count. She repeated that that all protests must be submitted prior to the close of the public hearing.
3. Correspondence regarding Sewer Rate Schedule: There was one individual who rescinded their original response letters to being in support of the rate increase.
4. Public Comment
 - a. Cheryl Alvernaz commented that the Prop 218 hearing was held illegally.

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- b. James Porter inquired about where the bond money goes, and about delinquency. There was further discussion.
 - c. Dan James would like to see some kind of action taken for those people who don't pay their sewer bill. There was further discussion.
 - d. Vickey Shoemaker asked for the number of ballots that came back undeliverable. Her question was answered.
 - e. Meryl Jessop wanted all residents to protest the rate increase.
 - f. Clyde Johnson thought the proposition should have included all residents, not just residents who are hooked up to sewer. There was further discussion.
 - g. Clyde Johnson also talked about adding non-payments to property taxes and letting the county foreclose on their properties.
 - h. Jason Stokes wanted to know the amount of money that was spent on sewer maintenance before Prop 218 started. There was some discussion on this.
 - i. Terri Russo asked about the repercussions if the rate increase did not pass. Further information was provided.
 - j. Brian Quist wanted to know if there was anything the community could do with the sewer system to help lower the maintenance costs. Some interesting suggestions were presented.
5. Close Public Hearing – Mike Arnold asked if there were any further questions or comments from the audience. No further comments were presented. The public hearing was closed at 12:55 pm.

5. ADJOURN

Motion: Motion to Adjourn

First: Larry Doss moved to adjourn the Board

Second: Randy Aubrey second

Roll Call: Yes: Mike Arnold, Larry Doss, Ed Lawson, Randy Aubrey

Not Present: Ted Thomas

The Public Hearing meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm