



MINUTES
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Special Called Meeting
March 15, 2006
1:30 pm

Members Present

Ron Klein, Mayor
Carl Bazemore
Len Steiner
Ron Watts
Lou DeVita
Bob Bobinski

Linda Fluegel, Town Administrator

Others Present

Dennis Hoyle, URS Corporation
Marco Menendez, URS Corporation

Discussion was held on the Wastewater User Rate Study draft report by URS Corporation dated February 2006.

Rate structure is comprised of a standard charge to cover the Brunswick County infrastructure costs recommended, since the County will bill the Town in this manner. All commodity charges are based on collection system and treatment O&M. Assessments are figured on front footage. There are three customer classes: Island, Mainland-high front-footage and Mainland –low front-footage.

Debt Service Requirements were discussed. The three alternatives are Buy-In (all) which an initial up-front fee is assessed to each customer, the Buy-in (partial) an initial upfront fee is assessed to each customer with the remainder of the capital being financed through financing options and the third is to finance the entire project.

The combined rate structure for wastewater user charges recovers revenue requirements through three charges:

1. Assessment fees assessed to each customer account to provide for basic wastewater service.
2. Volume rates charges are fixed based on an average water usage charge per month. These charges are proportional to the wastewater usage by customer class.
3. Brunswick County will assess fixed and variable monthly rates to all customers in the County to recover costs associated with upgrading treatment capacity, constructing transmission lines and a pump station and monthly O&M treatment charges.

Lin Steiner asked URS why they did not look at a more fair method of assessing than by front footage. Why not use REU to determine the cost per customer. Mr. Hoyle said he would take the suggestion back and work up an additional user rate.

Sue Weddle of North Shore Dr stated that it would upset all the permanent customers on the island if they were all billed the same as the renters. She asked that URS look at using the REU to determine the cost per customer.

No further discussion the meeting was closed.

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Attest:

Linda Fluegel, Town Administrator