

**OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICT  
BY  
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**FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 – EVERGREEN**

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***DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES***  
***Safe, Reliable, Cost-Effective Since 1965***

DISTRICT IS A STAND-ALONE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY FORMED UNDER MT LAW

GOVERNED BY A 7-MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 5 ELECTED VOTING MEMBERS, 2 APPOINTED ADVISORY MEMBERS

- **JACK FALLON, PRESIDENT (ELECTED)**
- **B.J. LUPTON, VICE PRESIDENT (ELECTED)**
- **BILL MATTHEWS (ELECTED)**
- **BOB BALDING (ELECTED AND IN CHARGE OF FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT)**
- **BUTCH CLARK (APPOINTED BY THE CITY OF KALISPELL)**
- **DENNIS FALCON (ELECTED)**
- **T.J. WENDT (APPOINTED BY FLATHEAD COUNTY)**
- **CINDY MURRAY, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD AND GENERAL MANAGER**

MONTHLY MEETINGS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 AM 130 NICHOLSON DRIVE

ANNUAL PUBLIC FINANCIAL AUDITS, OPEN RECORDS, OPEN MEETINGS

SERVICE AREA IS APPROX 8 SQUARE MILES- LARGEST WATER & SEWER DISTRICT IN THE STATE

## **WATER**

WATER SYSTEM INSTALLED IN MID-LATE 1960s AFTER EVERGREEN'S FLOOD IN 1964

3473 DOMESTIC WATER ACCOUNTS; 160 IRRIGATION ACCOUNTS

AVERAGE WATER DEMAND IN THE SUMMER IS 4-5M GPD (500,000 GPD IN WINTER)

DISTRICT HAS 11 WELLS AND TWO STORAGE TANKS UP ON THE BLUFF WITH A TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 2.6 MILLION GALLONS. TWO MORE WELLS HAVE BEEN DRILLED AND SHOULD BE IN SERVICE BY THE FALL OF 2024

DISTRICT DOES NOT CHLORINATE OR INJECT FLUORIDE. WATER QUALITY IS PH 6.8 WITH 11 GRAINS OF HARDNESS

FREE NONPOTABLE WATER AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE

## **SEWER**

SEWER SYSTEM INSTALLED IN 1994

3827 SEWER CUSTOMERS, SOME WITH CONVENTIONAL SEWER AND OTHERS WITH SEPTIC TANKS THAT ARE CONNECTED TO THE DISTRICT'S SYSTEM

1500 SEPTIC TANKS WITH EFFLUENT PUMPED IN 6-YR CYCLE

APPROXIMATELY 410,000 GALLONS PER DAY OF WASTEWATER. ALL WASTEWATER IS TREATED BY THE CITY OF KALISPELL. CONTRACT EXPIRES 2035. SERVICE AREA EXPANSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CITY APPROVAL. VOLUME IS CAPPED AT 805,000 GPD. CITY HAS INDICATED IT WILL NOT ALLOW ANY EXPANSIONS OR PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL CAPACITY.

350,000 – 400,000 GALLONS PER YEAR OF "SEPTAGE" DISPOSED OF BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

PRETREATMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED IN 2023 IN COMPLIANCE WITH KALISPELL AND EPA REQUIREMENTS

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT OPTIONS ARE BEING EXPLORED

## **OPERATIONS PROFILE:**

STAFF: 10 FULL-TIME (5 FIELD), 1 PART-TIME ACCOUNTING, 1 CONTRACT ADMIN/BOOKKEEPER

5 CERTIFIED WATER OPERATORS; 3 CERTIFIED SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATORS

FULL TIME DISTRICT ENGINEER ON STAFF AS OF JAN 2023

STAFF HAS OVER 200 YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER

OVER 100 VENDORS, MANY OF WHOM ARE IN EVERGREEN

APPROXIMATELY 28M ASSETS, ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET 3M, NO DEBT

5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN/ENGINEERING STUDIES ONGOING

10M IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ARPA FUNDED PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED BY DEC 2025

### **CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE:**

- **SECURITY & SAFETY (PEOPLE, ENVIRONMENT, FACILITIES)**
- **AGING INFRASTRUCTURE-COST MANAGEMENT**
- **WORK FORCE TRANSITION**
- **FUNDING PROJECTS TO LEVERAGE FED/STATE INFRASTRUCTURE MONIES**
- **RATES AND UPDATED POLICIES/SPECIFICATIONS**
- **GROUNDWATER PROTECTION**
- **LAW AND REGULATION**
- **GROWTH**
- **KEY SERVICE PROVIDERS**
- **SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY-FUNDED SEPTAGE TREATMENT PLANT**
- **TECHNOLOGY**
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION**
  - \*water conservation
  - \*no “flushable” wipes
  - \*business compliance with EPA Pretreatment Requirements (grease traps and oil/sand interceptors)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

THANK YOU!