

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Southside Water and Sewer District**

P.O. Box D, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

**March 26, 2025**

**Call to Order and roll call:** Chairman Jack Howard opened the meeting at the District Maintenance Shop at 4:00 pm and a roll call confirmed that Kass Larson and Doug Bopp were also present.

**Others Present:** Operator Jason Barnhart was present, and Treasurer Julia MacDonald was present via remote access.

**Members of the Public:** Travis Haller from 7B Engineering and Patty Murphy from 1841 Lakeshore

**Special Business – All Items are Action Items**

**Groundwater Protection Workshop:**

Chairman Howard presented concerns regarding Idaho's groundwater regulation, highlighting inadequate monitoring, contamination challenges and threats from septic systems and abandoned wells. He explained the zoning implications of a comprehensive plan revision, specifically focusing on a mixed-use designation that could allow for industrial development. The Board discussed groundwater protection overlay zoning classifications and developing a centralized database for groundwater test data, potentially incentivizing private well owner participation. The plan will require further collaboration with Idaho Rural Water, the planning commission, and board of commissioners for implementation.

**Adjournment**

The workshop adjourned at 4:59 pm

Respectfully Submitted and Approved:

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Julia MacDonald  
Treasurer/Administrator

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Jack Howard  
Chairman of the Board

*“Life liberty and the pursuit of happiness starts with a good glass of water”*