

Vote YES!
November 7

SAMPLE BALLOT

SPECIAL ELECTION

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 13
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

QUESTION

Shall Public Water Supply District No. 13 of Jefferson County, Missouri issue its sewerage system revenue bonds in the amount of Eight Million Dollars (\$8000000.00) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping common sewer treatment facilities to serve properties within the District, the cost of operation and maintenance of said sewerage system and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the District from the operation of its sewerage system, including all future improvements and extensions thereto?

YES

NO

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: If you are in favor of the question, place an X in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an X in the box opposite "NO".

Vote YES!
Protect the
Quality of Our Lake



*Protect the quality of our lake.
Protect the quality of our well water.
Vote YES for
Proposition Clean Lake*

Jefferson County Water/Sewer District #13

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5699 Lake Tishomingo Rd

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Vote YES to Protect the Quality of Our Lake

Why do we need sewers?

To protect our lake and to protect our drinking water. We need sewers now because:

- Several coves in the lake have tested high for E. coli,
- All septic systems eventually fail and will contaminate the lake,
- We are at the center of an area of rapid growth and new homes will contribute to the problem.

A sewer project takes so long to complete, we need to act now.

Who will our sewer system serve?

Homeowners within the Lake Tishomingo, Tishomingo Forest, and Lake Bono Del subdivisions.

How will the sewer system be financed?

We will use low-interest loans and grants from federal and state governments. The loans will be secured by the revenue bonds voted for in this election and retired by user fees over a 35-year period.

What costs will be charged to the homeowner?

The monthly user fee and a one-time charge to "retire" your existing septic tank (to be negotiated by the sewer board).

How much will the connection fee be?

There will be no connection fee for existing houses. Connection costs will be covered by the District. Houses not included in the original plan will pay a connection fee.

What will the monthly user fee be?

At this point in time we do not know what it will be. We hope to be able to set a user fee of about \$50 per month. The problem is that we have the engineer's estimate of \$119 per month and right now we have no grant money. THE BOARD WILL NOT ALLOW SEWERS TO BE BUILT AT THIS

Points to Remember

- This bond issue is to allow the District to construct a centralized sewer system and treatment facility.
- There is no tax increase.
- Homeowners in the District will have to install sewers sooner or later, it is inevitable. All costs increase with time. The cost of construction of installing sewers now will be less than installing them in the future.
- All septic tank and drainfield systems have to be replaced at some point in time. Wouldn't that money be better spent on a sewer system?
- Centralized sewer systems increase property values.
- Passing the Bond Issue does not obligate the District to take out an \$8 million loan. It simply means that the District can borrow up to \$8 million should there be a need to expand the system. Only if the Bond Issue passes can the project move forward.
- Our engineer's preliminary cost estimate for a sewer system is in the \$4 million range. The Board is working now to secure grants and make the project affordable. The Board will not approve a project that the homeowners cannot afford.

COST. Also, the lending organization (USDA) will not lend us the money if the user fee is this high. The final user fee will depend on how much grant money we receive.

What is the Board doing to make the project affordable?

To make the project feasible we need to reduce the cost of the project, connect more houses or get grants. The Board will not go ahead with the project until the user fee is manageable. The Board is working hard to secure grant money to make the user fee reasonable.

Will the roads or my property be damaged by the construction?

At this point we don't know where the pipe will be laid. There are advantages and disadvantages to going down the middle of the road and alongside of the road. But in either case the contractor will be required to restore the road or property to as good or better condition than original.

Who can vote in the bond election?

Only homeowners that are registered voters within the Sewer District boundaries will be allowed to vote on the bond issue.

Why is the bond election for \$8 million?

The bond election amount is based on twice the expected project cost to allow for future expansion of the system. Since our engineer has estimated the project cost at over \$4 million, the bond election is for \$8 million.

Where will the treatment plant be located?

Behind the Tishomingo dam. It is not yet finalized, but will probably be a closed, modular system.

If we build sewers will the Lake Tishomingo minimum buildable lot size be reduced from 40,000 square feet which would lead to a substantial increase in the number of homes in the subdivision?

The minimum buildable lot size within the Lake Tishomingo subdivision is set by the LTPOA building regulations. The installation of a sewer system will not change this.

"We fish in the lake, our kids and grandkids swim and play in the water, of course we're going to vote for sewers."