



McDonald County sewer expansion endorsed at polls

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PINEVILLE, Mo. — A proposal to issue \$2.5 million in revenue bonds to extend sewer service in McDonald County passed overwhelmingly Tuesday. The plan put forward by McDonald County Public Water Supply District No. 1 passed by a vote of 157 to 35, according to complete but unofficial results, said McDonald County Clerk Barbara Williams. The measure needed a simple majority to pass.

A sewer line will be installed from the Gordon Hollow Creek bridge to Jane, a distance of about three miles, Jonelle Lawyer, president of water district's board, has said.

The project will cost about \$5.9 million, including the bonds, according to Chris Erisman, of Allgeier Martin & Associates Inc., which provided the district with engineering services. The district plans to finance the rest of the project through grants.

The bond debt will be financed through a combination of a loan and user fees paid by those who hook up to the system. Erisman said the average bill for a house would be about \$35, assuming the use of 5,000 gallons of water a month.

The bond measure is part of a plan hatched by the water district several years ago. The initial phase of that plan called for the district to contract with Village Wastewater Co., of Bella Vista, Ark., to provide some sewer service through construction of a 1.3-mile sewer line from the state line to the Gordon Hollow Creek bridge. The extension of the service from Gordon Hollow to Jane is the second phase of that plan.

A look back

McDonald County Public Water Supply District No. 1 covers about 40 square miles of territory in McDonald County, including Jane, Powell, Caverna and the rural area south of Pineville. It successfully petitioned the circuit court in 2005 to expand its services to include sewer.

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