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Sewerage District Number Nine of Ward One

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Community Survey

1) Do you feel Moss Bluff needs a public wastewater system?

- Yes
- No

2) According to Calcasieu Parish Jury Ordinance No. 4555, "It shall be unlawful to allow any individual sewerage system to discharge untreated effluent into any drainage outfall, roadside ditch, pipe or within the road right-of-way located with the unincorporated areas of Calcasieu Parish, unless otherwise permitted by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital's Office of Public Health (LA DHH/OPH) as per the Louisiana Sanitary Code."

In your opinion, do you think:

- All home and business owners in Moss Bluff are in compliance with this ordinance.
- Most home and business owners in Moss Bluff are in compliance with this ordinance.
- Less than half of home and business owners in Moss Bluff are in compliance with this ordinance.
- Very few home and business owners in Moss Bluff are in compliance with this ordinance.

3) For homes using field lines in lieu of a mechanical system, Calcasieu Parish Ordinance No. 4555 states the following: "Effluent from all individual sewerage systems must be disposed of within the boundaries of the building site upon which the sewerage originated. Under no circumstance shall untreated effluent be allowed to run off said building site."

In your opinion, do you think:

- All home-owners not using a mechanical system in Moss Bluff are in compliance with this ordinance.
- Most home-owners not using a mechanical system in Moss Bluff are in compliance with this ordinance.
- Less than half of home-owners not using a mechanical system in Moss Bluff are in compliance with this ordinance.
- Very few home-owners not using a mechanical system in Moss Bluff are in compliance with this ordinance.

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- 4) According to Calcasieu Parish Ordinance No. 4555, the Calcasieu Parish Division of Planning and Development, hereafter referred to as the division, shall inspect individual sewerage systems to ensure their proper installation, functioning and performance in accordance with all laws, rules, and regulations of Part 13 of the Louisiana Sanitary Code and of this chapter. The division's inspector is authorized to enter upon any private premises at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner to inspect said system.

- I have been informed the parish will begin inspecting sewerage systems.
- I did not know the parish will begin inspecting sewerage systems.

- 5) Beginning January 1, 2005, all existing sewerage disposal systems, two (2) years and older, must be inspected and issued an inspection tag with three (3) years of said date. Inspection tags shall be issued for a period of three (3) years. Prior to the issuance of an inspection tag by the parish, an inspection by the parish inspector must be conducted and the system approved or evidence must be submitted to the division by a certified, Louisiana licensed, sewer plant installer certifying that the system is in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of Part 13 of the Louisiana Sanitary Code. The inspection tag must be renewed every three (3) years. Prior to the issuance of a renewed inspection tag, a "request for inspection" must be scheduled and fee paid with the division. The parish inspector will inspect the system within seven (7) days of the "request for inspection." Should an inspection not be performed by the parish, evidence must be submitted to the division by a certified, Louisiana licensed, sewer plant installer certifying that the system is in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of Part 13 of the Louisiana Sanitary Code. All new or renewed inspection tags must be affixed to the system in a conspicuous location and readily accessible to the parish inspector. Failure of an individual to submit a "request for inspection" and pay the established fee for a sewer plant inspection tag, within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the tag, will be deemed delinquent. At this time, the fee for a sewer plant inspection tag will be doubled, as a penalty.

- I am aware of the procedures involved with the inspection process.
- I did not know about these procedures.

- 6) According to Calcasieu Parish Ordinance No. 4555, all existing individual systems, which do not meet the criteria of this chapter, shall be brought into compliance according to the following requirements:

- All untreated direct discharge shall be eliminated within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this chapter. (January 1, 2005)
- All failed or malfunctioning systems shall be corrected within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this chapter. (January 1, 2005)
- Note: The system owner will be responsible for all costs associated with repair and upkeep of the individual treatment system in question.

- I am aware of the time period allowed to bring a system into compliance.
- I did not know the time period allowed to bring a system into compliance.

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- 7) The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury commissioned a study performed by the McNeese State University Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences in 1999 to evaluate the condition of the water in roadside ditches throughout the parish. The quality of the ditch water was measured by the quantity of “fecal coli forms” (human waste) found in ditch water. Sixteen water samples were collected from various locations in the Ward 1 area. The average quantity of fecal coli forms found in Ward 1 ditches was 70,000 per 100 milliliters. The acceptable amount per the US Coast Guard Standards is 1000 per 100 milliliters. The acceptable amount per US EPA permit for Louisiana is 400 per 100 milliliters.
- Yes, I was aware that the quality of the ditch water was really that bad.
 - No, I did not know that the quality of the ditch water was really that bad.
- 8) The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury has recently created a “Wastewater Committee” to begin studying the feasibility of a parish-wide wastewater system. Are you agreeable to the Moss Bluff / Ward 1 area being included in this study?
- Yes, I would like Moss Bluff / Ward 1 to be included in this study.
 - No, I do not want Moss Bluff / Ward 1 to be included in this study.
- 9) If a public wastewater system is installed in Moss Bluff, the preliminary cost estimate will be in the range of \$30 to \$40 million for Moss Bluff / Ward One alone. Would you be willing to vote in favor of a tax to assist with the cost of installing a wastewater system?
- Yes
 - No
- 10) Would you favor an addition to your property taxes to subsidize a wastewater system in Moss Bluff? If so, what would you consider an affordable and fair annual individual property tax addition?
- \$1,000 per year
 - \$750 per year
 - \$500 per year
 - \$250 per year
 - I would not support an addition to the property taxes to subsidize a wastewater system.
- 11) Would you support a sales tax to subsidize a wastewater system in Moss Bluff? If so, what percentage sales tax would you consider to be an affordable and fair?
- 3%
 - 2.5%
 - 2%
 - 1.5%
 - 1%
 - I would not support a sales tax to subsidize a wastewater system

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12) Would you be willing to pay a tax without receiving service immediately?

- Yes
- No

13) How long would you be willing to wait to receive service while paying a tax?

- 5 years
- 4 years
- 3 years
- 2 years
- 1 year
- I want it now

14) Would you be willing to invest in public bonds used to pay for a wastewater system through your private investment activities?

- Yes
- No

15) What would you consider to be an affordable and fair user fee for connection to a public wastewater system?

- \$100 per month
- \$75 per month
- \$50 per month
- \$25 per month
- \$15 per month

16) If a wastewater system is installed in Moss Bluff / Ward 1 and the construction of an independent treatment facility required in the community, please briefly provide your thoughts on the best location to build a wastewater treatment facility in Ward 1.

17) Do you think the health of the community will improve or stay the same after the installation of a wastewater system?

- Improve
- Stay the same

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18) Do you think the installation of a wastewater system in Moss Bluff will improve the economy and standard of living in Moss Bluff / Ward 1?

- Yes
- No

19) After completing this survey, do you feel Moss Bluff needs a public wastewater system?

- Yes
- No

20) Are you interested in being added to the Sewerage Board's mailing list so that we may keep you informed of our activities and progress?

- Yes (Please provide a business card or write you contact information in the space below.)
- No

21) Would you be willing to assist with lobbying efforts devoted to seeking state and federal assistance with the overall cost of a wastewater system?

- Yes (Please provide a business card or write you contact information in the space below.)
- No

For numbers 20 and 21:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please mail this survey to:

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