Utilities Program  
Water Resources Division  
Nez Perce Tribe  
General Council Report  
Fall, 2020

Mission Statement
Utilities Program and Board are here to provide clean, potable water and remove wastewater for our customers as well as maintain a reasonable rate structure that customers can afford.

Utility Board and Employees
Rachel Edwards, NPTEC Liaison
Loretta Halfmoon, Chairwoman
Taricia Moliga, Member
Mary Johnson, Member
Joann George, Member
Leslie Randall, Member
Ken Clark, Water Resources Director
Jason Vangen, Utilities Coordinator

Priscilla Arthur, Utilities Accountant
Roberto Lopez, Water/Wastewater Operator
Greg Eneas, Water/Wastewater Operator
Gary Draper, Water/Wastewater Operator
(Marcus Oatman, Jr., Water/Wastewater Operator (New Hire in Kamiah)

Customers Utilities Serve
Total Customers Served 351
Water Customers 152 – Lapwai 124; Kamiah 27
Sewer Customers 199 – Lapwai 174; Kamiah 23

Utility Board Meetings
Meets the second Monday of each month. The Utility Board has been meeting the last few months by tele-conferencing, due to COVID-19. If you would like to attend a Utility Board meeting contact Priscilla Arthur, Utilities Accountant at (208)621-3899 or by email priscillaa@nezperce.org.

North Lapwai Expansion
Keller Associates has been designing engineering plans for North Lapwai (aka Domebo Flats) to connect the homes to the main sewer line that runs along Highway 95, from the City of Lapwai to the Lapwai Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant. Construction to connect the homes is scheduled to begin within the next 6 months. Since the houses already have a sewer line that runs into the drainage field, construction will be limited to the area from the drain field to the main sewer line, with little to no construction occurring near residents’ houses.

Covid-19 Update
We have not been shutting customer’s water off during this pandemic, but do recommend that everybody continues to make an effort to pay their utility bill or contact the office to make payment arrangements, to avoid accruing a large bill that will have to be paid later.

Do Not Flush these items down the toilet
Wipes, paper towels, rubber gloves, Kleenex, and flushable wipes, etc. Toilet paper should be the only item to be flushed. This goes for residential and commercial businesses.