

**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	Priscilla Arthur, Utilities Accountant
Loretta Halfmoon, Chairwoman	Roberto Lopez, Water/Wastewater Operator
Taricia Moliga, Member	Greg Eneas, Water/Wastewater Operator
Mary Johnson, Member	Gary Draper, Water/Wastewater Operator (New Hire in Kamiah)
Joann George, Member	Marcus Oatman, Jr., Water/Wastewater Operator
Leslie Randall, Member	
Ken Clark, Water Resources Director	
Jason Vangen, Utilities Coordinator	

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.