

MOYIE DAM BOND ELECTION



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How does the Moyie Dam affect the City of Bonners Ferry community?

The Moyie Dam has been owned and operated by the City of Bonners Ferry for nearly 70 years. It benefits Bonners Ferry Electric customers by providing dependable power to both City residents and outside residents.

2. How does the Moyie Dam affect my electric rate?

The Moyie Dam produces approximately 30% of the City's annual power need, which contributes to low cost electrical rates for City customers.

3. Why does the Moyie Dam need concrete repairs?

The Moyie Dam concrete repairs are needed now to comply with requirements set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), who oversees the Dam. Concrete deterioration has dramatically increased over the past years, requiring extensive removal and replacement on the two spillways and both dam wing walls. Without these repairs being started by 2021, FERC may not grant further licenses to generate power.

4. What is a bond?

A bond is a loan. Bonds are used by companies, municipalities, states, and sovereign governments to finance projects and operations.

5. Will tax dollars be used to pay for the bond?

No, this bond will not use tax dollars to pay back the loan. Therefore, taxes will not be

increased to pay for this project. This bond will use utility rates to pay back the loan.

6. Why does the City need a bond for the Moyie Dam repairs?

The electric department does not have enough "cash-on-hand" to pay for the repairs without taking out a loan. Like a home loan, the bond will allow the City to make the repairs now and pay it back over a period of time.

7. Why do I need to vote?

Idaho State law requires an election with majority (greater than 50 percent) vote to borrow the money. The money will be paid back through existing utility rates (not City or State tax dollars) over the next 20 years.

8. Will my rates be affected by the bond?

This bond will not affect rates. Your current rates will cover the loan payments.

9. What happens if the bond does not pass?

If the bond is not approved the City will be faced with: 1) Risk of losing FERC license to generate power, and 2) Since the repairs are mandated, the Council will have to consider raising electric rates substantially to cover the full project costs upfront.

10. How can I participate?

Visit the City's bond election web page www.bonnerrsferry.id.gov to learn more, so that you can make an informed decision for your future electric rate. Ultimately, please request your absentee ballot now, www.idahovotes.gov, to cast your vote in the May 19, 2020 election.

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