

**GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**406-761-6528**  
**Minutes of the Public Board Meeting**  
**Public Meeting**  
**Nov 24, 2024**

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Dave Schuler, Kristie Blackford, Jerry Ulmen, Colette Phillipe  
Conducting: Dennis Peppenger  
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter  
General Manager: Brian Blackford  
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson  
Guest: Shyler & Ciara Torstenbo

The Public Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Jerry  
Second: Kristie Passed  
Motion to accept the minutes of 11/12/24: Jerry  
Second: Colette Passed

**Checks received at the meeting:**

**Old Business:**

3/12/24 ~ Dave reported from Joel on 2/27/2024 that MJD is six weeks out on equipment for the Poly Phosphates. 9/10/2024 ~ the activation date is 9/19/2024. 10/22/2024 ~ Poly Ortho Phosphates have been installed and operational 11/12/2024 ~ Joel sent an email to DEQ 11/5/2024 providing the certification of the project. This should finalize the payment to MJD and complete the project. 11/26/2024 ~ Complete

#603 ~ was asking about opting out of the water district and the pros and cons of that. 10/8/2024 ~ Brian has received a text from the home owners requesting to withdraw from the Gore Hill Water District. 10/22/2024 ~ Dennis is going to contact Montana Rural Water to find out what the current procedure is for someone to be removed from the district. 11/12/2024 ~ Dennis provided the procedures from MCA to all board members. This will be sent to the homeowners as well. The account must be brought current prior to them submitting the letter asking to be removed. 11/26/2024 ~ The homeowners served us a petition for withdrawal from the district along with check # 109 for \$100.00. Christy will file with the county on 12/3/2024.

#705 ~ Homeowner was questioning what the status of the generator was. He offered to help us sell the generator Dennis said he will ask Grant to start the process of selling the generator for \$16,500. 11/12/2024 ~ Homeowner has placed the ad on craigslist with Dennis's phone number. 11/26/2024 ~ Dennis has heard nothing from Grant. The generator is currently working. Kristie and Brian will also advertise on Facebook Marketplace.

#586 was questioning if there was any way they could have a reduced monthly maintenance fee. They do not use the water, but do not want to be removed from the system. The board explained the 2 options available thru MCA. Petition the board and go thru the process to be removed, or pay the monthly maintenance fee. 11/26/2024 ~ There is a link on our website for those people who can not afford their utilities. Closed.

**New Business:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month is 12/24. We will hold that meeting on Monday 12/23/2024.

**Bookkeepers Report:**

8/27/24~ # 580 sent an email asking about the attachments we should be sending with the emailed bills. Arny and Christy will get an email list together to and will send out the CCR and Quarterly Newsletters. We will continue to send out enclosures in bulk emails blind copied to those who received emailed statements. 9/10/2024 ~ Arny will provide Christy a list. 10/22/24 ~ Arny has provided Christy a list.

5/14/2024~ The gal who was doing our Audit went on emergency maternity leave. **Audit is complete.** 10/8/2024 ~ Arny heard from Cyd stating that we do not need to have a 2023-2024 audit. This will be every other year audit. 11/12/2024 ~ Wiplfi has agreed to do our 2025 audit. The board has question on the last bill of \$10,000. Arny is working on this. 11/26/2024 ~ the bill for is for audit services that we owe. Arny talked to the representative from the state and he will send Arny a list of companies that could provide audit services.

#625 has not made a payment since 9/24/24. She is being hung again tonight. Payment due 11/25 Term 11/27. \$ 257.34 (current bill plus \$100.00) 11/26/2024 ~ We rec'd \$143 cash with a promise the remaining \$114 by 12/2/2024. Motion to terminate 11/27/2024 due to lack of complete payment and continued delinquency.

Arny has paperwork from the credit union to update the signatures for the board members. We had board member's sign. 11/26/2024~ The credit union is requesting that the minutes officially stating that Colette Phillippe was authorized to sign for Gore Hill. We also need to state that at least by Mercy Padgett and Lori Eby are no longer employed by Gore Hill.

11/26/2024 ~ #509 stated that they paid \$137.00 several months ago that we have never received. Brian talked to the homeowners tonight and they will repay and additional \$35 from the billed amount in each of Jan, Feb, Mar and April 2025.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Great West Engineering	\$ 2,578.95	Engineer 4 & Clerical
Wendy Weissman CPA	\$ 155.00	QBO & Payroll
Hawkins Inc	\$ 40.00	4 Chlorine Cylinder
Wipfli	\$ 10,110.00	Annual Audit
Energy Labs	\$ 1,403.00	Testing
MT DEQ	\$ 460.00	230 Connection Fees
	<b>\$ 14,746.95</b>	

Motion to Pay the Bills as Read: Jerry  
 Second: Colette Passed

**Delinquents:**

Payments are due 12/9/2024 Termination will be 12/13/2024

# 501 \$ 188.78	# \$	# 510 \$ 60.31	# 534 \$ 183.20
# 548 \$ 63.15	# 567 \$ 318.36	# 571 \$ 99.13	# 593 \$ 107.08
# 606 \$ 52.99	# 608 \$ 342.68	# 635 \$ 109.93	# 646 \$ 96.43
# 648 \$ 550.53	# 650 \$ 93.56	# 660 \$ 590.24	# 664 \$ 494.41
# 665 \$ 305.55	# 683 \$ 151.80	# 697 \$ 179.76	# 719 \$ 98.53
# 731 \$ 152.41	# \$	\$	#

**Treasurer's Report:**

Nothing to Report. Kristie finally has access to Black Mountain but has not had an opportunity to review.

**General Manager's Report:**

- 2 bottles on the lead and copper sampling were rejected. They will be retested.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 Dave  
 Second: Kristie Passed

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 Dennis Peppenger  
 President

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 Christy Walter  
 Secretary