

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
406-761-6528
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
April 23, 2024

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Kristie Blackford, Jerry Ulmen, Colette Phillippe; Dave Schuler(late)
Conducting: Jerry Ulmen
Recording Secretary: Kristie Blackford
General Manager: Excused
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson

The Public Meeting began at 7:07 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Dennis
Second: Colette Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 4/9/24: Colette
Second: Kristie Passed

Old Business:

1/9/2024~ Lori asked Arny to call and see if we could get an extension for filing our Annual Financial Report which was due 12/31/2023. This was for fiscal year 2023. 02/13/2024 A \$55.00 late fee for not turning in the financial report on time.
3/12/24 ~ Dave reported from Joel on 2/27/2024 that MJD is six weeks out on equipment for the Poly Phosphates.
4/9/2024 ~ Chemical Feed MT (polyphosphates) is waiting on materials/equipment before they complete install. 4/23/24
~We are still waiting for the equipment for the poly phosphates.

3/26/24 ~ Dennis reported that the Lead and Copper rule has changed. We will need to inventory and report by August 2024. Royce and Brian will work on this. 4/9/2024~ Royce reported that GHCWD will have to report our inventory service lines using a spreadsheet DEQ has provided us. We will need to verify the incoming service line to the meter. Royce reported that with the new wells we will need to amend our Lead and Copper Testing schedule. We need to have 5 additional test sites with a 6-hour dormant period completed semiannually until DEQ determines we can return to normal testing period.

Colette has brought up a question about our bi-laws and direct voting. Other board members discussed this issue and clarified the concern she had. 3/26/2024 ~ there is a lot to review and the board members are still reviewing.

Website is back up. 3/26/2024~ Dave was refunded for 5 years and we are good until 2029. 4/19/2024~ Go Daddy shut off our website after Dave was refunded. He had to pay on his credit card and will allegedly be refunded. We need to look for a different domain provider when we renew in 5 years. 4/23/2024~ Dave is still having trouble with receiving his refund. There may be an outage for the website because he plans on switching to another provider.

New Business:

Arny handed out the Profit and Loss reports.

Bookkeepers Report:

4/9/2024 ~ To use the Utility Billing would require us to change from the credit union to a bank. It was decided that we will continue. 4/23/2024 ~ Arny is trying to find out what we may owe for training that we will not be using. Arny will follow up with the Wipfli about where we are with the audit. He knows there are findings, but he has not received anything on what those are.

The following information was read for approval:

City of Great Falls	\$ 26.00	Water Samples
Anderson's Backhoe	\$ 1,350.00	Excavate and locate Chlorine line/Back fill
Energy West	\$ 52.01	PH # 2
Energy West	\$ 69.24	PH #1
Cascade County Elections 2023	\$ 713.83	Replacement check for #4921 dtd 7/8/23
AT & T	\$ 111.06	Monthly Cell Phone Service
Northwestern Energy	\$ 1,108.81	PH # 1
KDS Networks	\$ 54.95	Monthly Internet
Northwestern Energy	\$ 1,866.62	PH # 2

Montana State Fund	\$	405.50	Workman's Comp
Wipfli	\$	5,593.00	Professional Fee
Wipfli	\$	15,936.50	Professional Fee incurred thru Jan 2024

Motion to Pay the Bills as read: Colette
 Second: Dennis Passed

Delinquents:

Payments are due May 13, termination will be May 15

# 598	\$ 204.26	# 668	\$ 174.80	# 516	\$ 134.02	# 645	\$ 209.51
# 567	\$ 196.81	# 660	\$ 560.85	# 507	\$ 224.74	# 712	\$ 255.86
# 648	\$ 575.74						

Treasurer's Report:

Everything is looking good in Quick Books. Nothing to review in Black Mountain because of lack of access.

General Manager's Report: Excused

- 4/9/2024 ~ Chlorine levels at PH #2 have stabilized.
- Brian reached out to the Senus distributor about getting a new charger for our meter readers reader wands. He is waiting for a response.
- Brian met with Aqua Source at the water conference and they will be emailing us cost for a spare well pump and check valves. This will provide us with spares as needed and to space out the cost for our preventative maintenance.
- Our system loss numbers have gone up 2% in the last 3 months. Brian will use the Hydrophone to look for leaks when the low overnight temperatures are above 50 degrees. This will take 2 or 3 mornings. We are still below the 10% allowable system loss.

Upcoming absence: Brian and Kristie will be gone Aug 9-19.

Motion to adjourn at 7:46: Dennis
 Second: Colette Passed

Jerry Ulmen
 Vice - President

Christy Walter
 Secretary