

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
406-761-6528
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Annual Meeting
July 9, 2024

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Kristie Blackford, Jerry Ulmen, Colette Phillippe; Dave Schuler
Conducting: Dennis Peppenger
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter
General Manager: Brian Blackford
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson
Guests: Art & Kari Schalin

The Public Meeting began at 7:07 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Jerry
Second: Colette Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 6/25/2024: Jerry
Second: Colette Passed

Checks Received at the meeting: #541 \$65.15 ck#13877 #502 \$200.00 ck #12284

Homeowners at #501 mentioned that whoever moved the berm at Pumphouse #1 pushed up against the fence at least 4-6 Inches and on his sprinklers. Brian will use his Kubota to correct this.

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.
4/9/2024 ~ Chemical Feed MT (polyphosphates) is waiting on materials/equipment before they complete install. 5/28/2024 ~ Good News - We received an email from Marty at MJD Contracting saying the materials are in Billings being delivered to Helena early next week. Hopefully the install will be complete by July 1st. 6/25/2024 ~ no updates on phosphates.
7/9/2024~Brian received a text from MJD saying he should have the remaining supplies by the end of this week?

3/26/24 ~ Dennis reported that the Lead and Copper rule has changed. 7/9/2024 Closed

Dave brought up the generator – he suggests selling it. Nothing is wrong with the generator; it was low on antifreeze and oil. Dennis has completed the maintenance. We need to start it annually and log it. 7/9/224 The generator needs to be started and logged quarterly.

Jerry mentioned that because of the excessive water flooding the homeowner on the east side of Pumphouse 1 has had pump his septic twice and needs to have another pumping. The board approved paying for the next pumping, the homeowner will provide us with the statement for that pumping. 7/9/2024 ~ homeowners will have the third pumping once the ground dries out.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. GHCWD 2025-001 ~ Resolution of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana to Increase Rates for the Users of the District's Water System

Motion to Accept Resolution No. GHCWD 2025-001: Colette
Second: Kristie Passed

RESOLUTION NO. GHCWD 2025-002 ~ Resolution of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2025 for the Users of the District's Water System.

Motion to Accept Resolution NO GHCWD No. 2025-002: Jerry
Second: Colette Passed

RESOLUTION NO. GHCWD 2025-003 ~ Resolution of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana to Adopt the Updated Fee Schedule (See Attached).

Motion to Accept Resolution NO GHCWD No. 2025-003: Jerry
Second: Colette Passed

Bookkeepers Report:

Arnie passed out Year End (P&L, Balance Sheet) reports.

Commented [GW1]:

537 is moving mid-July. Arny will send out the welcome packet.

Checks have been ordered. Checks should be in next week.

5/14/2024~ The gal who was doing our Audit went on emergency maternity leave. Arny is meeting with Clayton, Wednesday 5/28/2024 to determine the findings. Another audit will need to be completed by 12/31/2024 since our project was not completed in one year. 6/11/2024 ~Arny will have hopefully a final meeting 6/13/2024 with WIPLI6/25/2024~ Nothing from Clayton since June 13. 7/9/2024 ~ Arny needs to contact Clayton with Arny's bio. Arny will call him again tomorrow.

Insurance of approximately \$7,700 due by July 1,2024. 6/25/2024 ~ no invoice has been received as of today. 7/9/2024 ~ payment is due 7/30/2024. We have received the invoice and policy. Invoice will be paid at the next meeting.

#625 has not made a payment since June 2023. Current balance due is \$1,605.01 for water. That does not include the money that we forwarded her in 2020 for the leak. She is being notified that she will be terminated on 6/27/2024. She will not be turned back on until funds are received. 7/9/2024 ~said she is working with Neighbor Works. Board decision is unless we get confirmation from Neighbor Works or payment, she will be terminated 7/17/2024.

The following bills were read for review and approval:

# 4984	Lori A Eby	\$	289.17	Grant Administrator's Wage
# 4985	Colette Phillippe	\$	138.53	Director's Fee
# 4986	Gerald Ulmen	\$	138.53	Director's Fee
		\$	566.23	

AT & T	\$	109.51	Monthly service
Utilities Underground Locate	\$	8.60	5 locates
Wendy Weissman CPA	\$	375.00	QB & Payroll
KDS, Networks	\$	54.95	Monthly service
Northwest Pipe Fittings	\$	50.84	Couplings & Ball Valves
Northwestern Energy	\$	1,378.22	Pumphouse # 1
Local Government Services	\$	55.00	Late fee on AFR Filing
Liffring Machine	\$	2,864.93	Repair Horizontal Pump
City of Great Falls	\$	26.00	Water Test
Brian Blackford	\$	1,484.23	General Manager Wage
Kristie Blackford	\$	138.53	Director's Fee
Alice Christensen	\$	261.64	Mowing
Gary Humble	\$	309.64	Wages, Mileage Misc
Arnold Schandelson	\$	939.06	Bookkeeper's Wage
David Schuler	\$	108.53	Director's Fee
Royce Shipley	\$	355.31	Wages, Mileage Misc
Christina M Walter	\$	378.39	Secretarial Wage
	\$	8,898.38	

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

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to Report

General Manager's Report:

- Brian is working with his Tech person to upgrade our office tower, monitors, etc. Total cost should be about \$150.00
- Courtesy shut off. #661 has a meter pit, but had a curb stop that allowed Brian to isolate the yard hydrant.
- Billed 2.5 million gallons in June.
- Isolation valves will be exercised starting July 11 & 12. More days in August as necessary.
- #559 courtesy shut off for shut off in house.
- PH #1 backwash has been completed.
- Brian will pick up 3 cases of paper.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 Jerry
Second: Colette Passed

Dennis Peppenger
President

Christy Walter
Secretary