

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

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Colette Phillippe; Dave Schuler, Jerry Ulmen
Conducting: Dennis Peppenger
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter
General Manager: Excused
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson

The Public Meeting began at 7:07 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Jerry
Second: Colette Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 7/25/2024 with correction: Dave
Second: Colette Passed

Correction: Motion to pay the bills AS LISTED not read

Checks Received at the meeting: #502 \$200.00 ck#12297

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?
7/23/2024 ~ Hawkins will be delivering the phosphates. It is supposedly in route. 8/13/2024~ Nothing New

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. Brian will continue working on #501 when it cools off a little. 8/13/2024~ Nothing New

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. Motion to pay pumping: Colette Second: Kristie Passed 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. 8/13/2024 ~Nothing New

New Business:

No New Business

Bookkeepers Report:

AT&T send out a notice that we had been hacked in May of 2022.

36 month CD expired at the credit union the first of July. Dennis wants to know what the interest rate is for the money market at the credit union. Arny will find out and let him know.

#536 received a new meter and an over reading on the meter. Arny will have Brian check on this.

#603 has new owners. The previous owner had installed a cistern. They are refusing to pay for the water because someone told them that they don't have to pay for water. They do not understand that we have a monthly fee and a usage fee.

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 WIPLI 6/25/2024~ Nothing from Clayton since June 13. 7/9/2024 ~ Arny needs to contact Clayton with Arny's bio. Arny will call him again tomorrow. 7/23/2024 ~ Clayton told Arny that the audit is in review. He doesn't know why we need another audit 24-25. Arny will call DNRC and verify. The board is under the impression an audit is needed each fiscal year.

#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. 7/23/2024~water was turned off on 7/17/2024. Water was turned back on 7/20/2024. She stated that she will be receiving a check from Neighborworks on July 29. She she will contacting a board member once she has it. She will be hung on 7/29/2024 5:00 pm if we have not received this partial payment with termination on 8/1/2024 along with another turn on fee. 8/13/2024 ~ \$1,000.00 cash was received on 8/6/2024.

The following bills were read for review and approval:

# 4987	Colette Phillippe	\$	138.52	Director's Fee
# 4988	Gerald Ulmen	\$	138.52	Director's Fee
#		\$	277.04	

Ferguson's Waterworks	\$	3,040.58	Supplies
Energy West	\$	26.41	PH # 1
Anderson's Backhoe	\$	1,005.00	12 Yards of bedding sand built up around fence
Ferguson's Waterworks	\$	227.12	Meter gun charger?
Associated Business Systems	\$	144.50	Check blanks
KDS Networks	\$	54.95	Monthly Internet
Utilities Underground Locate	\$	12.04	7 locates
Hawkins Inc	\$	10.00	Chlorine Cylinder
City of Great Falls	\$	26.00	Water Test
AT&T Wireless	\$	109.68	Monthly service
Wendy Weissman CPA	\$	247.50	QB and Payroll & meeting with Dennis
Northwestern Energy	\$	2,604.24	PH # 2
Hawkins	\$	612.14	Chlorine and Cylinders
	\$	8,120.16	

Transfer fm O & M to Main \$3,100.00 covers Ferguson bill
 Transfer fm Primary to Main: \$4,037.15 bank entered a deposit into the wrong account

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

Delinquents:

Payments are due 8/12/2024 Termination will be 8/14/2024. There are questions about the terminations. This was held off until the next meeting.

# 507	\$ 223..43	# 564	\$ 198.40	# 593	\$ 286.60	# 603	\$ 182.10
# 635	\$ 291.73	# 646	\$ 35.98	# 649	\$ 23.44	# 650	\$ 124.96
# 665	\$ 296.42	# 687	\$ 85.93	#	\$	#	\$

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to Report

General Manager's Report: Excused:

- PH #2 had a chlorine line tubing crack. Tubing has been replaced
- #509 has a billing issue.
- #531 had a brittle signal wire. This has been replaced.
- DEQ notified us of a violation on combined radiums and gross alpha for the monitoring period of 4/1/24-6/30/2024. The letter dated 7/16/2024 and test results were published 7/16/2024. Brian is going to call DEQ and verify that any action is required.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 Jerry
 Second: Colette Passed

 Dennis Peppenger
 President

 Christy Walter
 Secretary