

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

Board Members present: Jerry Ulmen, David Schuler, Dennis Peppenger, Kristie Blackford
 Conducting: David Schuler
 Recording Secretary: Christy Walter
 General Manager: Brian Blackford
 Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson
 Guest: Bruce Clark

The Public Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Motion to open the meeting and accept the minutes of Jan. 9, 2024: Kristie
 Second: Jerry Passed

Checks Received at the Meeting: #559 \$78.10 ck# 4522

Old Business:

1/9/2024 Lori reported that Joel said the Poly Phosphates should start in the next few weeks. 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. This is part of the audit process and we are waiting for completion. Lori responded to the Auditors about the grants and loans. They have access to Quickbooks. We have heard nothing further from them. 1/23/2024~ Dave had emailed Joel questioning the timeline on the poly phosphates. We have been told "just a few weeks" since September. Our district members are asking about this regularly. He has not received anything back from Joel. Brian has emailed Joel multiple times regarding assistance with relocating check valves at PH #1. He has received zero assistance on this matter even though Joel at Great West attested to assist us. Arny will follow up with the auditor regarding the Annual Financial Report.

New Business:

MT Rural Water conference is March 21-23.

Arny addressed Bruce's questions about the new bill and payment history.

Bookkeepers Report:

1/9/24 ~ Arny provided copies of 4 statements for the board to review. We see positive changes with these statements. Black Mountain wants to go live with the Accounting for 3/1/2024. We will need to keep Quickbooks until 3/31/2024. Arny will need to file with ETPPS for filing taxes. Black Mountain says our general ledger accounts don't line up with the Montana Bar system. Black Mountain can convert those for us. 1/23/24 ~ There were several hiccups with the new system. Arny is working with district members to make corrections.

#603 has moved. We know nothing about the new owners.

#505 will be selling tomorrow (1/24/2024). Arny received notification today.

The following information was read for approval:

AT&T Wireless	\$ 109.40	Monthly Cell Phone
Energy West	\$ 36.71	PH # 1
Energy West	\$ 61.05	PH # 2
City of Great Falls	\$ 26.00	Water Samples
Hawkins	\$ 1,321.00	Chlorine Gas Components
Hawkins	\$ 50.00	Chlorine Cylinders
Hawkins	\$ 24.50	Tubing
	\$ 1,628.66	
# 4962 MT Rural Water	\$ 1,250.00	5 operators to attend conference.
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Motion to Pay the Bills as read: Jerry
Second: Dennis Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to review because of lack of access to Black Mountain.

General Manager's Report:

- Printer needs to be serviced. We believe that it needs a drum repair/cleaning. Brian will inquire and determine if it is more economical to repair vs replace.
- Rebuilt multiple components of the gas chlorine system at PH #2.

Upcoming Absences:

Collette will be out Feb 4 - 8

Christy will be out Feb 13-23.

Dave will be out Feb 20 - March 3

Jerry will be out Feb 5 – March 6

Motion to adjourn at 7:53: Dennis
Second: Jerry Passed

David Schuler
President

Christy Walter
Secretary