

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Jan. 9, 2024

Board Members present: Jerry Ulmen, David Schuler, Dennis Peppenger, Colette Phillippe, Kristie Blackford
Conducting: David Schuler
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter
General Manager: Brian Blackford via phone
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson
Grand Admin: Lori Eby

The Public Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Motion to open the meeting and accept the minutes of Dec. 26, 2023: Dennis
Second: Jerry Passed

Checks Received at the Meeting: #568 \$70.00 ck # 1064 #502 \$200.00 ck#12226 # 541 \$65.04 ck# 13816

Old Business:

We need to start the process of putting in 2 new wells. 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.

We received a Lead and Cooper violation from DEQ reporting that we did not test properly. Royce believed that with the new wells that our reporting would start fresh. Royce was advised by the Rule Manager at DEQ today that we will have to initially test for Lead and Copper semiannually and testing 10 sites vs 5 sites. We will include the notification in the next Quarterly newsletter. 11/28/2023 ~ Royce has the test kit for the lead and copper. We are waiting to retest once the new wells are up and operational. We need to find out what the new test schedule for the new wells.

New Business:

Lori provided the secretary and bookkeeper the schedule for the semiannual Bond Repayment.

Bookkeepers Report:

Opening balances have been entered as of November 1, 2023. 12/26/2023~ Arny will be working with Black Mountain on Jan 2 to complete the December billing. Bills will be mailed out sometime the first week of January. 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 ETTPS 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.

The following information was read for approval:

# 4957	US Bank Trust	\$ 12,000.00	Bond Repayment
# 4958	Colette Phillippe	\$ 135.53	Director's Fee
# 4959	Gerald Ulmen	\$ 135.52	Director's Fee
# 4960	USPS	\$ 990.00	15 Rolls of Stamp
# 4961	US Bank Trust	\$ 16,693.21	Bond Repayment Balance Due
		\$ 29,954.26	

