GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT 406-761-6528 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	

MT Dept of Revenue	\$	798.37	1% Project
Wendy Weissman CPA		145.50	QBO and Payroll
KDS Networks		54.95	Monthly Internet
Associated Business Systems	\$	159.50	2 Boxes Window Envelopes
Brian Blackford		1,501.58	General Manager Wages
Kristie Blackford	\$	135.52	Director's Fee
Eby, Lori	\$	340.22	Grant Admin Wage
Humble, Gary	\$	217.74	Wages, Mileage Misc
Arnold Schandelson	\$	926.20	Bookkeeper's Wage
David Schuler	\$	105.52	Director's Fee
Christina M Walter	\$	349.23	Secretarial Wage
	\$	4,734.33	

Transfer from Bond Repayment to Main: \$6,046.00 Cover part of 12,000 Payment

Motion to Pay the Bills as read: Kristie

Second: Colette Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Excused

General Manager's Report by phone

Nothing to Report

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: Collette Passed

David Schuler Christy Walter President Secretary