

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
406-761-6528
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Public Meeting
February 11, 2025

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Dave Schuler, Jerry Ulmen, Kristie Blackford
Conducting: Dennis Peppenger
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter
Operator: Brian Blackford
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson
Guest: Scott Werthern

The Public Meeting began at 6.57 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Jerry
Second: Kristie Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 1/28/24: Jerry
Second: Kristie Passed

Checks received at the meeting: #502 \$200.00 ck#12357

Old Business:

#603 ~ was asking about opting out of the water district and the pros and cons of that. 10/8/2024 ~ Brian has received a text from the home owners requesting to withdraw from the Gore Hill Water District. 10/22/2024 ~ Dennis is going to contact Montana Rural Water to find out what the current procedure is for someone to be removed from the district. 1/14/25~ By a vote of the majority of the district members present, account # 603 will not be allowed to be removed from the district. Christy will determine what needs to be filed with the county. 1/28/2025 ~ Arny will mail out an itemized statement. 2/14/2025 ~ Christy took the minutes to the county showing the results of the 1/14/2025 meeting. They need nothing further from us.

#705 ~ Homeowner was questioning what the status of the generator was. He offered to help us sell the generator Dennis said he will ask Grant to start the process of selling the generator for \$16,500. 11/12/2024 ~ Homeowner has placed the ad on craigslist with Dennis's phone number. 12/23/24 ~ Dennis had a request to purchase the generator. This was refused because it was a low-ball offer. Dennis is waiting to hear back. 1/14/2025 ~ Dennis is still waiting. 1/28/2025~ It was suggested to re-run this ad. 2/11/2025 ~ David will follow up with the homeowner.

12/10/2024 ~ MT Rural Conference registration is out. Conference dates are 3/12/25-3/14/25. Dave will not be able to attend.

1/14/2025~ Colette Phillippe passed away on 12/24/2024. It has been posted that this position needs to be filled. This is posted on our website and in our quarterly newsletter. We are asking anyone interested to contact a board member for more details. Board to decide on 2/28/2025. 2/11/2025 ~ at this time Mercy Padgett is the only person who has shown interest.

Dave will not be available for any of the meetings during February and March due to a scheduling conflict with his job.

New Business:

#672 ~ was questioning his water usage. His December usage was over 20,000 gallons. Brian did check the meter 12-13 days ago with the wife. Brian verified that the when the water was shut off there was no meter reading. The board reviewed his annual billing and Brian suggested changing his meter tomorrow.

Dave completed a 10-hour course for his CE for this year.

Bookkeepers Report:

8/27/24~ # 580 sent an email asking about the attachments we should be sending with the emailed bills. Arny and Christy will get an email list together to and will send out the CCR and Quarterly Newsletters. We will continue to send out enclosures in bulk emails blind copied to those who received emailed statements. 9/10/2024 ~ Arny will provide Christy a list. 10/22/24 ~ Arny has provided Christy a paper list. He is working on an electronic list.

1/14/2025 ~ #567 has some sort of excessive water usage issue. Arny has asked Brian to follow up on this. 1/28/2025 ~ Brian has checked with homeowner's daughter and they have hired professional cleaners to clean the house. The daughter asked the board via email if she could make \$200 per month payments until this is caught up. The board approved. 2/11/2025 ~ did have a running toilet. Closed

2/11/2025 ~ new resident at #636. Arny is sending out the welcome package.

2/11/2025 ~ Arny is sending out the welcome package to #681 to the new family member. Previous homeowner is deceased.

2/11/2025 ~ motion to purchase 15 rolls of stamps: Kristie
Second: Dave Passed

The following bills were read for approval:

Northwest Pipe Fittings	\$	152.44	4 bolt pak set & gaskets
City of Great Falls	\$	26.00	Water sample
Energy West	\$	74.93	PH # 1
Energy West	\$	144.92	PH # 2
Northwest Pipe Fittings	\$	112.38	Supplies
Associated Business Systems	\$	225.00	Envelopes/Hang Notices
McAfee	\$	149.99	Antivirus 1 year
KDS Networks	\$	53.95	Monthly Internet Service
Cascade Electric	\$	564.00	checked soft start & motor leads
Utilities Underground Locate	\$	1.75	1 locate
Wendy Weissman CPA	\$	360.00	QB and Payroll (Jan payment returned)
	\$	1,865.36	

# 5002	MRWS	\$	300.00	Jerry's Conference Registration
# 5003	Gerald Ulmen	\$	138.53	Director's Fee
		\$	715.59	

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

Delinquents: Payment is due 1/13/2025 Termination is 1/15/2025. No terminations this month.

Treasurer's Report:

Kristie has reviewed the "paper" side of the paperwork. She will get online to review further.

Operator's Report:

- Check valves at PH #1 are acting up again. Brian has ordered supplies for a long-term solution. Board Approved. 2/11/2025 Parts came in and will be installed as time allows.
- Gmail having issues. Will have tech support up.
- #664 had an emergency shut off due to a leak in the home. Shut off was at the bottom of a snow bank.
- Monthly chlorine report was submitted to MT DEQ.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50: Jerry
Second: Kristie Passed

Dennis Peppenger
President

Christy Walter
Secretary