

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Public Meeting
February 25, 2025

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Kristie Blackford
Conducting: Dennis Peppenger
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter
Operator: Brian Blackford
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson
Guest: Mercy Padgett

The Public Meeting began at 6.57 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Kristie
Second: Dennis Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 2/11/24: Kristie
Second: Dennis Passed

Old Business:

#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 705. 2/25/2025 ~ Continued.

1/14/2025~ Colette Phillippe passed away on 12/24/2024. It has been posted that this position needs to be filled. We are asking anyone interested to contact a board member for more details. Board to decide on 2/25/2025. 2/11/2025 ~ at this time Mercy Padgett is the only person who has shown interest.

Motion to appoint Mercy Padgett to complete remainder of the Colette Phillippe's term: Kristie
Second: Dennis Approved

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. Mercy will need to attend the conference to maintain her operator's license.

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

#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 when the water was shut off there was no meter reading. The board reviewed his annual billing and Brian suggested changing his meter tomorrow. 2/25/2025~ Brian changed the meter.

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

New Business:

No New Business:

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

