

**GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**406-761-6528**  
**Minutes of the Public Board Meeting**  
**Public Meeting**  
**April 22, 2025**

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Jerry Ulmen  
Conducting: Dennis Peppenger  
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter  
Operator: Excused  
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson

The Public Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Jerry  
Second: Dennis Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 4/8/25: Jerry  
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. 2/11/2025 ~ David will follow up with the 705. 4/22/2025 ~ Continued.

#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. 2/25/2025~ Brian changed the meter. 3/11/25 ~ meter has been changed. We are monitoring usage.

The homeowner at #525 has been out of town for the last 2-3 months. He had extremely high-water usage while they were gone. Mercy suggested that we install a new meter and follow it for the next 60 days to see what is going on. They will be gone off and on over the next few months. 3/25/2025 ~ New meter was installed. We will observe the usage for the next 60 days, but the outstanding flat rate needs to be paid.

3/25/2025~ Dennis and Jerry have gone down the Credit Union to get Mercy added. 4/8/2025 ~ Kristie has been at the credit union. Still waiting for Dave and Mercy.

Dennis signed for the \$67,000 loan on Saturday and then then there was confusion on who and how to complete, so it was re-signed by Dennis and Jerry tonight. Arny will email. 4/22/2025 Check Paid tonight. Close

**New Business: No New Business**

**Bookkeepers Report:**

8/27/24~ An email was sent asking about the attachments we should be sending with the emailed bills. 10/22/24 ~ Arny has provided Christy a paper list. He is working on an electronic list.

#567 ~ Lani (daughter) has been in contact with Arny. Arny is working on getting this taken care of.

#681 ~ Grandson was questioning bill Arnie explained. Closed

3/11/2025 ~ We received a bill from Great West to MJD Contracting for the polyphosphate's installation from November 2024. Motion to reopen the loan and add this bill to our loan passed at the previous meeting. 3/25/2025 Arny is working on this. 4/22/2025 Check paid tonight. Closed

#594 Homeowner has sold to another owner. There is a renter on the property. Closed

The following bills were read for approval:

Hawkins Inc	\$	60.00	Chlorine Cylinders (6)
City of Great Falls	\$	26.00	Water Test

Great West Engineering	\$	388.00	Post Construction Professional Fee
Cascade Electric	\$	167.00	Troubleshoot VFD with no power
	\$	<b>641.00</b>	

# 5009	MJD Contracting LLC	\$	66,330.00	Poly ortho phosphate install
		\$	<b>66,330.00</b>	

#### Estimated Gross Payroll April 2025

Brian Blackford	\$	2,148.19	Christina Walter	\$	558.10
Gary Humble	\$	277.70	Kristie Blackford	\$	150.00
Royce Shipley	\$	238.49	David Schuler	\$	150.00
Arnold Schandelson	\$	1,149.88	Mercy Padgett	\$	150.00

Transfer from Loan Advance to Main Checking:	\$67,000	Pay MJD Contracting
Transfer from Main Checking to MT State for 1%:	\$670.00	

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

**Delinquents:** Payment is due 5/12/2025 Termination is 5/14/2025.

# 607	\$ 97.29	# 648	\$ 728.07	# 686	\$ 124.86	# 707	\$ 209.15
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**Treasurer's Report: Excused**

**Operator's Report: Excused**

- PH # 1 Distribution pump 1 Variable Speed Drive (VSD) is non-operational. Cascade Electric came out 4/8/2025 and stated "Repair is outside their scope". Nash Electric out of Helena is assisting.
- PH #1 Distribution system extension pipes were added between Distribution pump and check valve. This should hopefully extend the working lives of the check valves closest to the distribution pumps.

**Upcoming Absences:** Kristie and Brian will be out 4/22/2025

Motion to adjourn at 7:37	Jerry	
Second:	Dennis	Passed

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Dennis Peppenger  
President

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Christy Walter  
Secretary