

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
406-761-6528
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
April 9, 2024

Board Members present: David Schuler, Dennis Peppenger, Kristie Blackford, Jerry Ulmen, Colette Phillippe
 Conducting: David Schuler
 Recording Secretary: Kristie Blackford
 General Manager: Brian Blackford
 Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson

The Public Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Jerry
 Second: Kristie Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 3/26/24: Colette
 Second: Dennis Passed

Checks received at the meeting: #502 \$200.00 ck # 12256 #571 \$242.14 ck#1806 #637 \$68.97 ck1016

Old Business:

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. 02/13/2024 A \$55.00 late fee for not turning in the financial report on time. 3/12/24 ~ Dave reported from Joel on 2/27/2024 that MJD is six weeks out on equipment for the Poly Phosphates. Arny has the ARF completed and will email this in week. 4/9/2024 ~ Chemical Feed MT (polyphosphates) is waiting on materials/equipment before they complete install.

3/26/24 ~ Dennis reported that the Lead and Copper rule has changed. We will need to inventory and report by August 2024. Royce and Brian will work on this. 4/9/2024~ Royce reported that GHCWD will have to report our inventory service lines using a spreadsheet DEQ has provided us. We will need to verify the incoming service line to the meter.

Colette has brought up a question about our bi-laws and direct voting. Other board members discussed this issue and clarified the concern she had. 3/26/2024 ~ there is a lot to review and the board members are still reviewing.

Website is back up. 3/26/2024~ Dave was refunded for 5 years and we are good until 2029. 4/19/2024~ Go Daddy shut off our website after Dave was refunded. He had to pay on his credit card and will allegedly be refunded. We need to look for a different domain provider when we renew in 5 years.

New Business:

Royce reported that with the new wells we will need to amend our Lead and Copper Testing schedule. We need to have 5 additional test sites done semiannually until DEQ determines we can return to normal testing period.

Kristie reported that she and Arny have been working a lot of extra hours trying to get Black Mountain up and running along with working the audit. Arny worked 92.95 hours in a 40-hour scheduled monthly timeframe March 1 - 31.

Motion to pay Arny a one-time payment of \$1456: Kristie
 Second: Colette Passed

Bookkeepers Report:

4/9/2024 ~ Arny provided a sheet on his recommendations between Quickbooks and the Utility Billing for Black Mountain. To use the Utility Billing would require us to change from the credit union to a bank. It was decided that we will continue

The following information was read for approval:

# 4968	Colette Phillippe	\$	138.52	Director's Fee
# 4969	Gerald Ulmen	\$	138.52	Director's Fee
		\$	277.04	
Wipfli		\$	18,470.50	Professional fees thru Feb 2024
Wendy Weissman CPA		\$	141.25	QBO and Payroll
Brian Blackford		\$	1,634.23	General Manager

Kristie Blackford	\$	138.52	Director's Fee
Lori Eby	\$	301.91	Grant Admin Wage
Gary Humble	\$	191.96	Wages, Mileage Misc
Arnold Schandelson	\$	939.06	Bookkeeper's Wage
David Schuler	\$	224.37	Director's Fee and Reimbursement
Royce Shipley	\$	150.28	Wages, Mileage Misc
Christina M Walter	\$	378.38	Secretarial wage
	\$	22,570.46	

Transfer from Admin to Main: \$10,000 Pay Auditor Part 2
 Transfer from Admin to Main: \$8,470.50 Pay Auditor Part 1

Motion to Pay the Bills as read: Jerry
 Second: Colette Passed

Delinquents:

Arny asked for clarification on delinquents. Payments were due April 8, termination will be April 10
 #673 \$59.79 #712 \$64.18 #529 \$69.84 #645 \$125.65 #660 \$368.74

Treasurer's Report:

Everything is looking good in Quick Books. Nothing to review in Black Mountain because of lack of access.

General Manager's Report:

- 4/9/2024 ~ Chlorine levels at PH #2 have stabilized.
- Brian reached out to the Senus distributor about getting a new charger for our meter readers reader wands. He is waiting for a response.
- Brian met with Aqua Source at the water conference and they will be emailing us cost for a spare well pump and check valves. This will provide us with spares as needed and to space out the cost for our preventative maintenance.
- Our system loss numbers have gone up 2% in the last 3 months. Brian will use the Hydrophone to look for leaks when the low overnight temperatures are above 50 degrees. This will take 2 or 3 mornings. We are still below the 10% allowable system loss.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05: Dennis
 Second: Colette Passed

David Schuler
 President

Christy Walter
 Secretary