

**GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**406-761-6528**  
**Minutes of the Public Board Meeting**  
**May 14, 2024**

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

The Public Meeting began at 7:07 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Jerry  
Second: Colette Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 4/23/24: Kristie  
Second: Colette Passed

**Checks Rec'd at the Meeting:** #639 \$600.00 ck# 237 #502 \$200.00 ck #12266

**Old Business:**

3/12/24 ~ Dave reported from Joel on 2/27/2024 that MJD is six weeks out on equipment for the Poly Phosphates.  
4/9/2024 ~ Chemical Feed MT (polyphosphates) is waiting on materials/equipment before they complete install. 4/23/24  
~We are still waiting for the equipment for the poly phosphates.

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. 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 with a 6-hour dormant period completed semiannually until DEQ determines we can return to normal testing period.

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.

5/14/2024 ~ Dave has changed the domain from Go Daddy to Ionos Incorp. The first year is \$2.00 and the following years as \$18 as long as we have debit card on file. This includes the email account. Dave will end up owing the district \$116 which will be paid at the next meeting. There was a disruption of service to Paystar, but it is now working.

**New Business:**

Christy provided the board the 2023 CCR.

We need to elect new board positions at next meeting.

Dave brought up the generator – he suggests selling it. Jerry said he thinks it needs to be in working condition to sell it, and that it needs a new battery.

Motion to spend up to \$400 to get it up and running and sell it: Colette  
Second: Kristie Passed

We need to determine the 2024-2025 budget for the July public meeting. Brian, Kristie and Arny will work on those numbers.

**Bookkeepers Report:**

4/9/2024 ~ To use the Utility Billing would require us to change from the credit union to a bank. It was decided that we will continue. 4/23/2024 ~ Arny is trying to find out what we may owe for training that we will not be using. Arny will follow up with the Wipfli about where we are with the audit. He knows there are findings, but he has not received anything on what those are. 5/14/2024~ The gal who was doing our Audit went on emergency maternity leave. There is a gentlemen who is supposed to be following up with Arny.

We received a notice that our insurance will be renewed, but no additional information provided.

The following information was read for approval:

# 4970	Colette Phillippe	\$	138.53	Director's Fee
# 4971	Gerald Ulmen	\$	138.53	Director's Fee
		\$	<b>277.06</b>	

Wendy Weissman CPA	\$	141.25	QBO and Payroll
Hawkins	\$	128.50	Freight and CL2 Kits
Energy West	\$	44.24	PH # 2
Energy West	\$	36.76	PH # 1
Utilities Underground Locate	\$	5.16	3 Locates
Montana State Fund	\$	201.43	Workman's Comp
KDS Networks	\$	54.95	Monthly Internet Service
Northwestern Energy	\$	994.81	PH # 2
Northwestern Energy	\$	1,211.93	PH # 1
City of Great Falls	\$	26.00	Water Samples
AT&T Wireless	\$	110.85	Monthly service
Brian Blackford	\$	1,484.80	General Manager wage
Kristie Blackford	\$	138.53	Director's Fee
Lori Eby	\$	82.33	Grand Administrator Wage
Gary Humble	\$	207.55	Wages, Mileage Misc
Arnold Schandelson	\$	2,044.46	Bookkeeper's Wage
Schuler, David	\$	108.53	Director's Fee
Royce Shipley	\$	203.98	Wages, Mileage Misc
Christina M Walter	\$	378.40	Secretarial Wage
	\$	<b>7,604.46</b>	

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

**Delinquents:**

Payments are due May 27, termination will be May 29

# 668 \$ 235.50 # 567 \$ 258.38 # 507 \$ 298.49

**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:**

- PH #2 has a leak. Brian will work with Dennis to work on a solution to solve the problem.
- We will be moving to pump timers for summer watering this week.

Upcoming absences: Brian and Kristie will be gone Aug 9-19.

Motion to adjourn at 7:46: Kristie  
Second: Jerry Passed

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David Schuler  
President

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Christy Walter  
Secretary