

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
406-761-6528
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
May 28, 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: Dennis
Second: Jerry Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 5/14/24: Colette
Second: Kristie Passed

Elections:

Nomination for Dennis as President:	Jerry	Second:	Kristie	Passed
Nomination for Dave as First Vice President:	Jerry	Second:	Colette	Passed
Nomination for Jerry as Second Vice President:	Dennis	Second:	Kristie	Passed
Nomination for Colette as Third Vice President:	Dennis	Second:	Jerry	Passed
Nomination for Kristie as Treasurer:	Colette	Second:	Jerry	Passed

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. 5/28/2024 ~ Good News - We received an email from Marty at MJD Contracting saying the materials are in Billings being delivered to Helena early next week. Hopefully the install will be complete by July 1st. In the newsletter Dave clarified what Poly Phosphates are and why we need them in our district.

3/26/24 ~ Dennis reported that the Lead and Copper rule has changed. We will need to inventory and report by October 1, 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. 5/28/2024~ Testing was completed the weekend of the 18th- 19th. Inventory is 80-90% complete. Gary and Royce will work on contacting residents during their meter reads within the next few meter reading cycles. This will consist of them knocking on doors as they do meter reads and asking if the resident knows what the service is to their house, such as copper, plastic, galvanized, etc.

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.

Motion to close this: Colette
Second: Dennis Passed

Christy provided the board the 2023 CCR. Please note with the Newsletter in this month's mailing postage will require 2 stamps.

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

5/28/2024~ The board discussed and Dennis will get a battery for the generator. Once the battery is in

We need to determine the 2024-2025 budget for the July public meeting. Brian, Kristie and Arny will work on those numbers. 5/28/2024 ~ Public Meeting will be July 9. There will be a budget meeting Wed 5/29 at 6:00.

New Business:

Motion to purchase 15 rolls of stamps for approximately \$960 prior to price increase: Colette
Second: Dennis Passed

Bookkeepers Report:

5/14/2024~ The gal who was doing our Audit went on emergency maternity leave. Arny is meeting with Clayton, Wednesday 5/28/2024 to determine the findings. Another audit will need to be completed by 12/31/2024 since our project was not completed in one year.

Insurance of approximately \$7,700 due by July 1,2024

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

Associated Business Systems	\$	851.00	Envelopes & Statement paper
Hawkins	\$	40.00	Chlorine Cylinders
	\$	891.00	

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

Treasurer's Report:

Everything is looking good in Quick Books. Kristie is working with Arny to access Black Mountain.

General Manager's Report:

- PH #2 has a leak at turbine. This has been completed.
- A new leak has formed in the chlorine injection line. Brian will address

Upcoming absences: Brian and Kristie will be gone Aug 9-19.
Brian and Kristie will be gone May 31-June 6 Gary will cover with Royce to available as needed.
Christy is out June 15-20

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

David Schuler
President

Christy Walter
Secretary