

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
406-761-6528
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Annual Meeting
July 23, 2024

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Kristie Blackford, Colette Phillippe; Dave Schuler
Conducting: Dennis Peppenger
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter
General Manager: Brian Blackford
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson

The Public Meeting began at 7:07 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Dave
Second: Colette Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 7/09/2024: Colette
Second: Kristie Passed

Checks Received at the meeting: #571 \$325.00 ck#1810

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. 6/25/2024 ~ no updates on phosphates.
7/9/2024~Brian received a text from MJD saying he should have the remaining supplies by the end of this week?
7/23/2024 ~ Hawkins will be delivering the phosphates. It is supposedly in route.

Homeowners at #501 mentioned that whoever moved the berm at Pumphouse #1 pushed up against the fence at least 4-6 Inches and on his sprinklers. Brian will use his Kubota to correct this. Brian will continue working on #501 when it cools off a little.

Dave brought up the generator – he suggests selling it. Nothing is wrong with the generator; it was low on antifreeze and oil. Dennis has completed the maintenance. We need to start it annually and log it. 7/9/224 The generator needs to be started and logged quarterly. 7/23/2024~ Generator is working. No further action Closed

Jerry mentioned that because of the excessive water flooding the homeowner on the east side of Pumphouse 1 has had pump his septic twice and needs to have another pumping. Motion to pay pumping: Colette Second: Kristie Passed The board approved paying for the next pumping, the homeowner will provide us with the statement for that pumping. 7/9/2024 ~ homeowners will have the third pumping once the ground dries out.

RESOLUTION NO. GHCWD 2025-001 ~ Resolution of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana to Increase Rates for the Users of the District's Water System

Motion to Accept Resolution No. GHCWD 2025-001: Colette
Second: Kristie Passed closed

RESOLUTION NO. GHCWD 2025-002 ~ Resolution of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2025 for the Users of the District's Water System.

Motion to Accept Resolution NO GHCWD No. 2025-002: Jerry
Second: Colette Passed closed

RESOLUTION NO. GHCWD 2025-003 ~ Resolution of the Gore Hill County Water District, Montana to Adopt the Updated Fee Schedule (See Attached).

Motion to Accept Resolution NO GHCWD No. 2025-003: Jerry
Second: Colette Passed closed

New Business:

No New Business

Bookkeepers Report:

We received a refund of \$1,029 from Gannett (Great Falls Tribune) for an over charge in 2023.

Arnie passed out Month End (P&L, Balance Sheet) reports.
Rates have been updated for July billing.

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. 6/11/2024 ~Arny will have hopefully a final meeting 6/13/2024 with WIPLI
 6/25/2024~ Nothing from Clayton since June 13. 7/9/2024 ~ Arny needs to contact Clayton with Arny's bio. Arny will call him again tomorrow. 7/23/2024 ~ Clayton told Arny that the audit is in review. He doesn't know why we need another audit 24-25. Arny will call DNRC and verify. The board is under the impression an audit is needed each fiscal year.

#625 has not made a payment since June 2023. Current balance due is \$1,605.01 for water. That does not include the money that we forwarded her in 2020 for the leak. She is being notified that she will be terminated on 6/27/2024. She will not be turned back on until funds are received. 7/9/2024 ~said she is working with Neighbor Works. Board decision is unless we get confirmation from Neighbor Works or payment, she will be terminated 7/17/2024. 7/23/2024~water was turned off on 7/17/2024. Water was turned back on 7/20/2024. She stated that she will be receiving a check from Neighborworks on July 29. She she will contacting a board member once she has it. She will be hung on 7/29/2024 5:00 pm if we have not received this partial payment with termination on 8/1/2024 along with another turn on fee.

The following bills were read for review and approval:

Rocky Mtn Insurance Svcs	\$ 7,221.00	Policy Invoice
Northwest Pipe Fittings	\$ 81.17	Ball Valve and Float
Energy West	\$ 23.25	Pumphouse # 2
Cascade Electric	\$ 2,804.00	Troubleshooting switch overflow
Energy West	\$ 1,958.00	Water tests
Hawkins	\$ 1,694.42	Chlorine
	\$ 13,781.84	

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

Delinquents:

Payments are due 8/12/2024 Termination will be 8/14/2024.

# 507 \$ 223.43	# 564 \$ 198.40	# 567 \$ 258.38	# 580 \$ 57.00
# 593 \$ 286.60	# 603 \$ 182.10	# 625 \$ 2830.13	# 635 \$ 291.73
# 646 \$ 35.98	# 649 \$ 233.44	# 650 \$ 124.96	# 665 \$ 296.42
# 673 \$ 133.08	# 676 \$ 65.49	# 683 \$ 70.56	# 687 \$ 85.93

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to Report

General Manager's Report:

- Brian is working with his Tech person to upgrade our office tower, monitors, etc. Total cost should be about \$150.00. 7/23/2024 ~ Brian is taking the computer to be upgraded.
- Meter Reading charger is not working. Brian has contacted national rep to procur a new charger. I was told we should have new charging brick for the meter wands on or about 7/25/2024.
- PH #2 had a chlorine line tubing crack. Tubing has been replaced
- #509 has a billing issue.
- #531 had a brittle signal wire. This has been replaced.
- DEQ notified us of a violation on combined radiums and gross alpha for the monitoring period of 4/1/24-6/30/2024. The letter dated 7/16/2024 and test results were published 7/16/2024. Brian is going to call DEQ and verify that any action is required.

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 Dave
 Second: Colette Passed

 Dennis Peppenger
 President

 Christy Walter
 Secretary