

**GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**406-761-6528**  
**Minutes of the Public Board Meeting**  
**Oct. 10, 2023**

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

The Public Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Motion to accept the minutes of Sept 28, 2023: Dennis  
 Second: Jerry Passed

Checks rec'd at the meeting. #511 ck#1020 \$318.89 #502 ck#12198 \$200.00

**Old Business:**

*We need to start the process of putting in 2 new wells.* Lori's Notes: she has requested Draw 5 on our loan. With this disbursement we have drawn \$1,042,348 to date. Clayton Johnson of Wipfli, LLP is supposed to send an engagement letter this week and then they will get started on the audit. We have about \$482,000 left to draw on the loan. Clayton Johnson of Wipfli, LLP is supposed to send an engagement letter this week and then they will get started on the audit. As of 9/26/23 we have not received the engagement letter. 9/26/23 ~ Brian is drawing water samples from both new wells which is a requirement of DNRC as well as the water rights. Brian has completed the water samples. As of 9/26/23 we have not received the sample results.

10/10/23~ we have received notification that we have the water rights and a refund of \$700. It was determined that we didn't need to file for new water rights.

**New Business:**

No new business

**Bookkeepers Report:**

Arny has been trying to get Black Mountain moving forward for utility billing. He is consistently be put off 2 weeks at a time.

Arny was not able to do the transfers to O&M, Construction Savings and Admin due to a shortage of funds.

The following information was read for approval:

# 4931	Void	\$ 0.00	
# 4932	Void	\$ 0.00	
# 4933	Void	\$ 0.00	
# 4934	Void	\$ 0.00	
# 4935	Void	\$ 0.00	
# 4936	Void	\$ 0.00	
# 4937	Void	\$ 0.00	
# 4938	Void	\$ 0.00	
# 4939	Clint Wigham	\$ 150.38	# 715 Return of Deposit and Int Earn
# 4940	Colette Phillippe	\$ 135.52	Director Fee
# 4941	Gerald Ulmen	\$ 135.53	Director Fee
# 4942	Aaron/Brittney Brokl	\$ 150.36	# 550 Return of Deposit and Int Earn
# 4943	Kenneth Willingham	\$ 150.38	# 614 Return of Deposit and Int Earn
# 4944	Kristina Pollard	\$ 150.40	# 621 Return of Deposit and Int Earn
# 4945	Clinton Bersuch	\$ 150.40	# 652 Return of Deposit and Int Earn
# 4946	Christian Thom	\$ 150.36	# 723 Return of Deposit and Int Earn
# 4947	Hugh Jacoby	\$ 150.42	# 729 Return of Deposit and Int Earn
# 4948	Michael Cunningham	\$ 150.42	# 731 Return of Deposit and Int Earn
# 4849	IRS	\$ 203.62	Federal Tax Deposit
		<b>\$ 1,677.79</b>	

AT&T	\$ 156.15	Monthly Cell Phone
AdEdge	\$ 1,367.85	Ultrasonic Sensor
KDS Networks	\$ 38.95	Monthly Internet Service
Utilities Underground Locate	\$ 10.99	7 locates
Energy Labs	\$ 373.00	Annual Testing - old wells
AdEdge	\$ 120.00	Freight on Ultrasonic Sensor
Northwest Pipe Fittings	\$ 211.75	4 Adapters
Hawkins Inc	\$ 689.82	Chlorine and Cylinders
Wendy Weissman CPA	\$ 312.00	Bank Rec and QBO and Payroll
Aqua source	\$ 322.00	Rotating Assembly, Webtrol seal 7 O-ring
Aqua source	\$ 99.00	Webtrol seal & O-ring (replacement)
Brian Blackford	\$ 1,482.05	General Mgr./Operator Wage
Kristie Blackford	\$ 135.53	Director's Fee
Alice Christensen	\$ 35.00	Mowing
Lori Eby	\$ 591.08	Grant Admin
Gary Humble	\$ 277.99	Wages, Mileage Misc
Colette Phillippe	\$ 135.52	Director's Fee
Arnold Schandelson	\$ 953.82	Bookkeeper's Wage
David Schuler	\$ 105.53	Director's Fee
Royce Shipley	\$ 442.72	Wages, Mileage Misc
Christina M Walter	\$ 349.23	Secretarial Wage
	<b>\$ 8,209.98</b>	

Transfer fm Main to Bond Repayment: \$5,954 Bond Repayment  
 Motion to pay these bills as read: Dennis  
 Second: Jerry Passed

**Delinquents:** Payments were due 10/9, termination will be 10/11  
 # 660 \$ 125.94 # 556 \$ 163.53 # 625 \$ 300.09 # 646 \$ 191.65  
 # 648 \$ 414.27 # 665 \$ 381.13 # 673 \$ 307.16

**Treasurer's Report:**  
 Excused

**General Manager's Report:**

- September 2023 4,400 gallons of water system loss. Also expressed as 0.2% system loss. Brian wants to see a 3-month running average giving credence to it.
- Booster pump at PH#1 is installed. PH #1 is up running.
- Brian has reached out to Lori to find out a status on the ortho phosphates.
- We are now on winter timers.
- Received spare booster pump from Aqua Source. Bill to follow.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 Dennis  
 Second: Jerry Passed

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David Schuler  
 President

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Christy Walter  
 Secretary