

**GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**406-761-6528**  
**Minutes of the Public Board Meeting**  
**Public Meeting**  
**February 25, 2025**

Board Members present:	Dennis Peppenger, Jerry Ulmen and Mercy Padgett
Conducting:	Dennis Peppenger
Recording Secretary:	Christy Walter
Operator:	Brian Blackford
Bookkeeper:	Arny Schandelson
Guest:	Mike Carroll

The Public Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Motion to open the meeting:	Mercy	
Second:	Jerry	Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 2/25/25:	Mercy	
Second:	Jerry	Passed

**Checks Received at the Meeting:** #502 \$200.00 ck# 12366    #541 \$136.74 ck#13970

**Old Business:**

#705 ~ Homeowner was questioning what the status of the generator was. He offered to help us sell the generator Dennis said he will ask Grant to start the process of selling the generator for \$16,500. 11/12/2024 ~ Homeowner has placed the ad on craigslist with Dennis's phone number. 12/23/24 ~ Dennis had a request to purchase the generator. This was refused because it was a low-ball offer. Dennis is waiting to hear back. 1/14/2025 ~ Dennis is still waiting. 1/28/2025~ It was suggested to re-run this ad. 2/11/2025 ~ David will follow up with the 705. 2/25/2025 ~ Continued.

12/10/2024 ~ MT Rural Conference registration is out. Conference dates are 3/12/25-3/14/25. Dave will not be able to attend. Mercy will need to attend the conference to maintain her operator's license.

Dave will not be available for any of the meetings during February and March due to a scheduling conflict with his job.

#672 ~ was questioning his water usage. His December usage was over 20,000 gallons. Brian did check the meter 12-13 days ago with the wife. Brian verified that the when the water was shut off there was no meter reading. The board reviewed his annual billing and Brian suggested changing his meter tomorrow. 2/25/2025~ Brian changed the meter. 3/11/25 ~ meter has been changed. We are monitoring usage.

**New Business:**

The homeowner at #525 has been out of town for the last 2-3 months. He had extremely high-water usage while they were gone. Mercy suggested that we install a new meter and follow it for the next 60 days to see what is going on. They will be gone off and on over the next few months.

Cascade County sent us a notice of a garage being build on the Ulm Vaughn Frontage road. This is out of our district and not a GHCWD concern. No Action

**Bookkeepers Report:**

8/27/24~ # 580 sent an email asking about the attachments we should be sending with the emailed bills. Arny and Christy will get an email list together to and will send out the CCR and Quarterly Newsletters. We will continue to send out enclosures in bulk emails blind copied to those who received emailed statements. 9/10/2024 ~ Arny will provide Christy a list. 10/22/24 ~ Arny has provided Christy a paper list. He is working on an electronic list.

3/11/2025 ~ We made \$1600 on the \$57,000 CD at the credit union that can be rolled into the next maturity.

Motion to roll into a 7month cd at 3.85%:	Mercy	
Second:	Jerry	Passed

3/11/2025 ~ Black Mountain rolled out a new program which allows for auto-pay in house vs the Paystar payments. Arny handed out information for the board to review.

3/11/2025 ~ We received a bill from Great West to MJD Contracting for the polyphosphates installation from November 2024. Motion to reopen the loan and add this bill to our loan: Mercy

Second: Jerry Passed

Mercy and Dennis will go down the Credit Union to get Mercy added.

The following bills were read for approval:

AT&T	\$ 104.34	Monthly Cell Phone Service
Anderson's Backhoe	\$ 1,440.00	Excavated & Located water leak & Curb Stop Box
Associated Business Systems	\$ 225.00	Yellow Door Hangers
Great West Engineering	\$ 352.00	Professional Fee
Northwest Pipe Fittings	\$ 232.26	Curb Box 1 1/2" tap
Utilities Underground Locate	\$ 3.50	2 locates
Wendy Weissman CPA	\$ 155.00	QB & Payroll
Northwestern Energy	\$ 2,034.63	Pumphouse # 2
Northwestern Energy	\$ 3,783.47	Pumphouse # 1
MJD Contracting	\$ 66,300.00	Contactor Payment Polyphosphates Payment
	<b>\$ 74,630.20</b>	

Motion to Pay the Bills as Read: Jerry  
Second: Mercy Passed

**Delinquents:** Payment is due 3/24/2025 Termination is 3/25/2025. #625 \$218.31

**Treasurer's Report: Excused**

Kristie has reviewed the "paper" side of the paperwork. She will get online to review further. 2/25/2025~ Kristie will work on this.

**Operator's Report:**

- #672 Water meter replaced at customer request
- #678 Requested new meter due to possible erroneous meter readings.
- #678 has requested a new meter but has not answered the phone or called Brian back.
- #525 Changing the meter at 6:00pm Thursday 3/13.
- #675 has a leak in the line from the meter pit to the house.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50: Mercy  
Second: Jerry Passed

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Dennis Peppenger  
President

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Christy Walter  
Secretary