

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
406-761-6528
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Public Meeting
July 22, 2025

Board Members present: Dennis Peppenger, Mercy Padgett, David Schuler (Excused), Jerry Ulmen, Kristie Blackford
Conducting: Mercy Padgett
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter (Excused)
Operator: Brian Blackford
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson
Guest: #693

The Public Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Mercy
Second: Dennis Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 6/24/25: Jerry
Second: Dennis Passed

Checks Received at the meeting: #502 #12401 \$200.00

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. 1/14/2025 ~ Dennis is still waiting. 2/11/2025 ~ David will follow up with the 705. 5/13/2024 ~ Dave and the homeowner updated the posting. 6/24/2025 ~ the price has been reduced to \$15,000 and Dennis will get an advertisement with MT Rural Water. 7/8/2025~ Dennis will get the info to MT Rural Water. 07/22/2025 MT Rural water will post it on their website. Dennis and Brian are going to do a trouble shoot on the generator battery.

#706~ Homeowner is questioning the usage on the July bill. His bill reflected usage of over \$800. This was a clerical error in meter reading. We will correct this. Closed

Annual Budget Meeting will be August 8/12/2025. 7/8/2025 ~ Brian, Kristie, David and Arny crunched the budget. We will be increasing across the board 5%.

New Business:

#639 had questions about the bill. The board is reviewing this account and our operator is going to review her meter.

The cascade county commission has sent a notification for a special use permit to build a sports training facility. After researching this property, it is not eligible for use of Gore Hill Water.

Bookkeepers Report:

#634 ~ homeowner is questing her water usage while she was gone. 5/27/2025 Arny provided usage to Brian to review. Brian reported that she had a leak in Jan. 6/10/2025 ~ We will need to follow up with Brian on this. 07/22/2025 634 had contacted our operator and she was instructed to contact the board about the billing and never did.

Arny talked to the auditor and we need to do an audit this year. Arny has tried to schedule a meeting with the WipFli. 7/8/2025~ Arny is working on getting this scheduled. 07/22/2025~ A meeting has been scheduled

Arny has talked to Cascade County regarding the delinquent balances. Arny has the format they want the information provided. We will have this prepared for the 8/26/2025 meeting so we can have this at the Cascade County by 9/1/2025.

Bond payment went thru without a problem. (Closed)

#667 is still questioning his water usage. He is asking to have his meter replaced. 07/22/2025 Brian is trying to get into contact with customer and the phone number is not current. Brian is going to #667 to contact individual.

#662 - we received a notice from the credit union that their June check bounced. (Closed)

The following bills were read for approval

Wendy Weissman CPA	\$ 160.10	Quickbooks & Payroll
Hawkins, Inc	\$ 663.43	Chlorine, Freight, Cylinder
Hawkins, Inc	\$ 30.00	3 Chlorine Cylinder
Utilities Underground Locate	\$ 12.25	Evaluation Notification
City of Great Falls	\$ 26.00	Water Testing
Gerald Ulmen	\$ 138.53	Director's Fee
Northwestern Energy	\$ 1,827.66	PH# 1
Northwestern Energy	\$ 1,980.48	PH# 2
Total	\$4,838.45	

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

Delinquents: Payment was due 08/11/2025 Termination is 08/12/2025

#625 minimum amount due: \$225.00

#648 balance: \$915.79

#660 balance: \$271.11

Treasurer's Report:

Kristie is working on filing and reviewing accounts.

Operator's Report:

Replaced Check Valves at pumphouse #1.

Liquid Chlorine injectors at pump house #2 were checked and will be ordering another rebuild kit.

Variable Speed Drives have been malfunctioning. Cascade Electric is scheduled to fix them in August.

Upcoming Absences: Dave will be out 7/22; Kristie & Brian will be out August 26, 2025. Mercy will be out August 5.

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 Mercy
Second: Jerry Passed

Mercy Padgett
President

Christy Walter
Secretary