

Granite Oaks Water Users Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 25, 2021

Approved Sept 22, 2021

THOSE PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS

Contract Staff

Jim Bricker - President
Ken Nelson, Vice President -Absent
John James, Treasurer
Daryl Mathern, - Secretary
Ron Weber – Board Member

Bob Busch, Manager, GOWUA
Allen Kaplan – Accountant
Cheryl Ibbotson – Ariz Utility Billing Solutions
Derek Scott- A Quality Water Co.-Operator

1. The meeting was convened at 9:00 am at 302 W. Willis St., Prescott, by President Jim Bricker.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
Meeting of July 28, 2021

Motion: Daryl Mathern moved to approve the minutes of July 28th. John James seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports:

3a. Financial Report

Allen Kaplan reported that year to date (thru July) water sales of 154.k are up about 23k more than a year ago. Expenses year to date are about 14k less than a year ago, at 126.7k.

Year to date net income of 29k is 36k more than last year's loss of 6.8k. Cash balance increased 18.8k from June to 251k.

John James reported that the balance in the Operations account is \$10,954 and the balance in the Corporate account is \$139,234.

Action Item: Jim Bricker will investigate rates at Foothills Bank and New York Bank and advise the Board.

3b. Operator's Report

Derek Scott reported that weed control is continuing. He reported that just recently, lightning damaged the flow meter at Post Oak. There was some discussion about the usefulness of the meter. Daryl Mathern suggested we check to see what is available now that will work better and then decide whether or not to replace it.

Action Item: Derek Scott will check to see what type(s) of meters are available and what the cost would be to replace the current meter.

3c. Wallace Report

Cheryl Ibbotson reported that everything is going well. She reported that there is only one delinquent account of less than \$50.00 and they are working on it.

3d. Manager's Report

Bob Busch reported that water use in July was significantly lower than last year at 6.8 million gallons and 2.23% unaccounted for. He is continuing to follow up on backflow testing. One customer with a new well on Holly Oak will have his device in and tested this month. He said he has one other customer (Hollander) who has not responded to two letters. The customer has no phone number contact.

Action Item: Bob Busch and Cheryl Ibbotson will investigate the status of the Hollander account.

Bob Busch reported that Yavapai County has announced a grant program for infrastructure improvements for water and sewer systems. He suggested that GOWUA consider applying for grants for the VFD, new well and additional storage projects. Applications are due to the County by October 1, 2021.

Action Item: Bob Busch will prepare applications for the three projects and submit to the Board for approval.

4. Old Business

4a. Action Items – No action items.

4b. Status of VFD Installation

Daryll Mathern asked about the status of the VFD installation project. Derek responded that John Patton had reported that the manufacturer (Grundfos) has had significant difficulty with delivering satisfactory equipment since the Covid epidemic. John Patton said the two deliveries of VFD's were defective and had to be returned. He now has the proper equipment and expects to start installation soon.

Daryl Mathern asked if we have adequate lightening protection at all our sites. Derek Scott replied that we do have lightening protection at all sites. He checks regularly. The Post Oaks meter apparently was not properly grounded and lightening took it out.

Bob Busch commented that he thought GOWUA is required to test customer meters every ten years. Derek Scott commented that the meters are guaranteed by the manufacturer for 10 years.

Action Item: Bob Busch will verify the ACC requirement for customer meter accuracy testing.

5. New Business

5a. Board Elections

Bob Busch commented that he prepared a flyer for the August bill soliciting volunteers for the Board. John James' and Daryl Mathern's terms expire this year.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd at 302 W. Willis.

Minutes transcribed by Bob Busch

Submitted By:

Secretary