

Granite Oaks Water Users Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting of July 28, 2021

Approved Aug 25, 2021

THOSE PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS

Contract Staff

Jim Bricker - President
Ken Nelson, Vice President
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 371 Garden Street, Prescott, by President Jim Bricker.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
Meeting of June 23, 2021

Motion: Ken Nelson moved to approve the minutes of June 23. Daryl Mathern seconded. Motion passed.

3. Reports:

3a. Financial Report

Allen Kaplan reported that year to date (thru June) water sales were up about 15k from compared to budget and expenses are about 18k less than budget. Water sales are about 5% higher than last year to date and revenue is about 22% higher due to the new rates. The Company's net income is about 28k ahead of a year ago. Cash is up about 13k about a year ago. Total cash is at about 232K. He reported that the new depreciation rates are in effect.

Cheryl Ibbotson reported that the tax return for 2020 is in progress.

John James reported that the balance in the Operations account is \$28,971 and the balance in the Corporate account is \$114,946.

3b. Operator's Report

Derek Scott reported that the County is finished cleaning the ditches throughout the subdivision. He stated that during the valve/fire hydrant inspections, he discovered one hydrant that was leaking and corrected that problem. Weed control has been started. Derek reported that well sounding levels were: Glenshandra - 283.2 ft.; Deerfield - 274.6 ft ; Post Oak – 312.7 ft . These are readings were made at random times and the wells may have been operating up to the time of measurement. He reported that all generators have been checked and are set to exercise each week on Wednesday.

Bob Busch asked about the status of the VFD installation project. Derek responded that the equipment is still in transit.

3c. Wallace Report

Cheryl Ibottson reported that everything is going well. She reported that the few delinquent accounts (9) had been called and all but one agreed to pay. The other, owing \$51 is a move out, and he will be sent a follow up bill to the forwarding address.

3d. Manager's Report

Bob Busch reported that he is continuing to follow up on backflow testing. Bob reported that a guest speaker has been located for the annual meeting. He said he sent out a sample One Call Now announcement for the annual meeting to the Board. If the Board approves, he will send it out to all customers with a phone number in the One Call Now system. Bob reported that the Wingspace conference room will not be available for future meetings, so a new meeting location needs to be found.

4. Old Business

4a. Action Items – All were completed.

4b. Annual Meeting.

There were some typographical errors noted on the draft agenda. There was some discussion about items to be covered in various reports from the Board and some discussion about what handouts would be provided at the meeting.

4c. Status of VFD installation

Covered above – no action taken

5. New Business

5a. Board Elections

Two terms are up for election, plus two open seats. Candidates will be solicited at the Annual Meeting.

5b. Location of Future Board Meetings.

Discussed above – no action taken.

5c. One Call Now

Bob Busch reported that the current One Call Now Plan subscription includes 400 contact phone numbers. We now have over 450 customer phone numbers are over the maximum. He said that the cost for adding another 100 contact numbers would increase about \$165 per year. The current plan costs \$1,018. 500 customer numbers would increase the cost to \$1,172. There was some discussion about the effectiveness of the One Call Now vs signs in the street. Cheryl Ibottson commented that her company uses an email alert system that is free. There was some discussion about increasing the One Call Now system for a year, then going to an email alert system.

Motion: Ken Nelson moved to increase the One Call Now plan to five hundred numbers for the current subscription cycle. Ron Weber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25th at a location to be determined.

Minutes transcribed by Bob Busch

Submitted By:

Secretary