

Grand Isle Consolidated Water District Minutes of Regular Meeting June 12, 2019, 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Michael Inners, Janine Banks, Shannon Bundy, Lynda Morgan-Gardiner, Court Perry and Judi Reposa.

Board Members Not Present: None.

SOS Members Present: Operators Warren Steadman and Joe Danis.

Green Mountain Engineering: Not present

Community Members Present: David Banks, Ken Mirvis, Dave Gratton, Mary Ellen Puda and Tim Oliver. Also present was Jennille Smith representing AT&T.

Additions to the Agenda

1. User David Gratton was present to speak to the board.
2. Filling the vacant Water Commissioner position.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Shannon motioned to approve the May 13, 2019 regular meeting minutes and Judi seconded the motion. All Commissioners were in favor so the motion passed with Janine abstaining.

Questions from User's

1. Dave Gratton now owns the line originally owned by Labounte. The District owns the rest, including the ones with the broken valve boxes. Canoe St. extension owner has been calling him regarding water main casings sticking up about a foot in the area. They are upgrading road bed and he wants to do it right. Trying to pull the community in that area together. Warren said the valve boxes are our responsibility and we will have his contractor take care of fixing the valve boxes in that area. We will also mark all the others in the area. Gratton also wants to get water. Gratton does now own the water lines but we are interested in taking over the water lines up to the curb stops. Gratton indicated his agreement and the parties and lawyers will work on that. Gratton will fix the road and we will replace the valve boxes.
2. Town Garage Connection Application – Commercial connection rated for 100 gpd for 4 employees. Requested waiver of connection fee. Shannon motioned to waive the connection fee and Janine seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed. Consensus was that we would not charge Debt service until the meter is installed as construction has not even begun yet.
3. Lot #3 in Pearl St. subdivision. We have connection agreement and check for a 3 bedroom family home. All parcels in this subdivision have had curb stops and service lines installed most of the way to the unbuilt homes' properties (no reason to continue digging the same location). Janine motioned to approve the connection fee, Shannon seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Operator's Report

SOS's full report is attached to these minutes, discussion ensued on a few items.

- 1) Investigated report of tropical fish dying for no reason at a user's home. They found lines running in unusual places in that area plus they found a blowoff they did not know about and they flushed the line and added it to the flushing list. Testing showed no unusual readings although the pH was a bit elevated. Flushing may solve this issue.
- 2) User complained water tastes like dirt. Joe ran usual tests and tasted it and concluded it was fine after running the water for a minute. Perhaps pipes in the home need flushing.
- 3) Our billing computer died and we need to get a service contract for the meter/billing software, \$1700 per year. Shannon motioned to sign for a one year service contract. Judi seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- 4) Driveway needs upgrading for GAC trucks to get in to replace the carbon. Needs to be done soon to allow settling time.
- 5) Generator offline again. We have a coolant leak and a call into Milton Cat. Will hope they can repair soon and decided rental not needed at this time.

- 6) SOS will be participating in a Cyanobacteria monitoring seminar and participates in the monitoring program throughout the summer.

Engineer's Report

Green Mountain Engineering (GME) was not present but sent an email.

Hello –

Hope all is well. As an update for week completed since the last monthly meeting, we provide the following:

Brad met with Allison Murphy and Patrick Smart from the State of Vermont regarding the Filter Room Manifold Reconstruction Project and discussed the technical review design comments they had. A few minor issues were discussed, and the plans have been revised and submitted to the State.

GME also reviewed the draft Permit-to-Operate that was sent via. email by Allison Murphy on May 14th. Brad discussed the permit and some revisions with Warren on May 15th and Warren followed up with an email to the State with the suggested revisions. GME has no further comments on the draft permit. As a reminder, all comments regarding the draft permit need to be submitted to the State by June 14th. I have attached the draft permit to this email.

GME is not attending tonight's meeting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Brad

Brad Washburn, P.E.

Project Engineer

Treasurer's Report

- 1) Insurance is being put in on an accrual basis and it shouldn't have been added yet, as the bill isn't due until July. Will accrue and/or pay in July.
- 2) We should raise rental costs of Global net as they have never increased from the original contract. They are slow paying now. (Verizon already pays us a 3% increase per year.)

Old Business

1. AT&T Lovers Lane Cell Tower Proposal. Jennille Smith was present and explained the current situation with the tower. They have considered an additional 20 potential sites. Four finally approved, but 2 dropped out. Just us and one other property, 41 Lovers Lane are being considered and are primary properties. They are doing due diligence. So, do we want to proceed with this project or not. Setbacks may prove to be an issue. Shannon motioned to pursue a contract with AT&T. Lynda seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.
2. Change in Stipend Discussion. Lynda voiced her dislike for the proposed plan which she felt degraded a volunteer's efforts, Judi agreed and Janine noted that even if you miss a meeting, you are still a Commissioner and still respond to emails, etc. We will address chronic Commissioner absences by changing the By-Laws for approval at the December Annual Meeting.
3. Newsletter – Will be pushed out to September as our current billing system is having issues.
4. Bonding Treasurer and Bookkeeper – Janine will contact VLCT and see if we are already covered through our insurance policy.
5. Green Mountain Water Environment Association water education grant. Our contact replied that documents are ready anytime we are. We will include in September bills.
6. Last month's user agreed to pay and he did not. Tennant is paying for water usage.

New Business

- 1) Filling the vacant Commissioner position. Two volunteers were present at the meeting.
 - Tim Olver – Tim is a new homeowner in town but has always lived in the Islands. He worked at KBV, his parents live in GI and his in-laws in No Hero. Studied Politics in college. Wants to get involved in the town and jumped on this opportunity.
 - Ken Mirvis – Has been a seasonal resident for 25 years. Been an environmental writer & engineer and still does teaching and addresses communication issues in his retirement. Wants to get more involved. Leaves around Thanksgiving and comes back in early March usually.
 - We discussed the need for Commissioners to at least plan to be available for budgeting and the Annual meeting in December. Ken said he was happy to get younger people involved and said he would still attend meetings and give us his opinions if we wanted to appoint Tim to this position.
 - Shannon nominated Tim Oliver and Judi seconded the nomination. All Commissioners voted for the appointment of Tim Oliver to fill the vacant position for the rest of the year.

Shannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM and Judi seconded it. All were in favor.

Janine Banks _____ Date: _____
GICWD Clerk



SIMON OPERATION SERVICES, INC.

June 12, 2019

Mr. Michael Inners
Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
Grand Isle, Vermont 05458

Dear Michael,

Enclosed please find the following reports and activities for the water treatment facility for the month of May, 2019.

1. Monthly Activities Report
2. Vermont Water System Operations Report

If you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to call us toll free at 1-888 767 - 1885.

Sincerely,

Joe Danis
Warren Steadman

cc: Facility copy

**GRAND ISLE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT
MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT
MAY 2019**

A: ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

1. Two samples were taken for coliform testing. Both samples were absent. Monthly backwash data was taken and the monthly report sent to the Watershed Management Division. The monthly Water Operations report was sent to the Water and Groundwater Protection Division
2. Six service line taps in two locations were made for the Dubuque subdivision on Pearl Street. The first home is currently being built.
3. SOS personnel assisted the owner of 3 Yacht Road to determine if there was a leak on his service line. He was given a new curb box and rod to replace the old one while the contractor was repairing the service line.
4. Santor construction dug and repaired two curb boxes that were damaged on the distribution line that is on the Cozy Cottages property.
5. The dead end distribution lines have been flushed.
6. SOS employees made a service call to 102 Allen Road after the owner complained that the water tasted like dirt. The water was tested for Chlorine, Ph and PO4 which were all normal. Owner said that there was less odor if the water was left running. It was suggested that as the mobile home is an older home, the piping may be the cause of the odor. It was recommended that letting the water run for a few minutes before drinking might help.

B. ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

1. Installation of the smoke detector over the fire alarm panel was scheduled with the Royal Group (Fire Pro Tech). However we are waiting for them to reschedule.
2. The new shed is prepped for painting as soon as the weather cooperates.

C. ACTIVITIES PLANNED OR NEEDED.

1. The corroded electrical fitting in the main electrical switch panel will be taken care of later this spring.
2. Neagly & Chase will be contacted to provide us with an estimate on the replacement of the plant piping once the State permit is approved.
3. The carbon in GAC filter #2 (First in line) will be replaced in early Fall.

D. BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS.

- 1, Accounts receivable as of June 6 was \$18215.42
2. On May 20 38 disconnect notices were mailed.
- 3 There were no 24 hr disconnects posted.