

Grand Isle Consolidated Water District

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 10, 2018, 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Judi Reposa, Andy Phypers, Michael Inners, Shannon Bundy.

Board Members Not Present: Janine Banks, Lynda Morgan-Gardiner and David Borthwick-Leslie.

SOS Members Present: Warren Steadman

Community Members Present: Court Perry and Jennille Smith from AT&T.

Additions to the Agenda

None

Review of Meeting Minutes

Shannon motioned to approve the September 12, 2018 meeting minutes and Andy seconded the motion. All Commissioners were in favor.

Questions from User's

None

Operator's Report

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

- 1) Discussed the letter from Clayton Williams, a Professor at UVM who has a grant to study organic material causing DBPs and wants us to collect samples for him. Ray Solomon thinks it is a good idea. What are the associated costs?
- 2) Discussed tank levels. Tanks both equalize at some point, however, we discovered with the HMI system that high south winds rile up the turbidity in the lake, and when the Kinetico system works hard, the flow rate drops substantially. Therefore the Lover's Lane tank overflows and probably has been doing so for years. Now we know, we can control that issue with the HMI system, with some study and possible modifications to the input valve on the Lover's Lane tank.
- 3) TetraSolv responded quickly to our need of new gaskets.
- 4) Two 1" meter/lines on East Shore South were discussed. Consensus was that they need to pay difference between meters.

Engineer's Report

None.

Treasurer's Report

Andy stated we are in a good position. Spreadsheets jive. On track with budget, payroll is way down, in better shape than past years.

Old Business

- 1) Michael sent letter to Lover's Lane residents about AT&T's tower placement. Nobody came to night to raise issues.
- 2) AT&T presentation: They got the plans from GME for the area. Michael questioned the property line issue – make sure they are correct (get tax map). Warren asked several questions:
 - Structure base? Will need to blast down 8 feet or so for the pad and footing. He wants generator pad moved away from our water lines underground.
 - We need room to plow so need to move things a bit.
 - Guidewires? Jennille: Possibly. Still needs to be determined, but is not anticipated, but would incorporate using other people's property.
 - Tower will be 140ft tall. Water tank is 60ft.

- Asked to tap into their emergency generator in case we have the need up there. Offered our power bills to see the consumption needed. Jennille will ask.
- We would like an internet connection for us to use for health and safety up there, for use on HMI control system. Our current connection does not work well – is spotty. Overflow of water tank discussed to address Jennille’s concerns. Overflows infrequently and water is diverted to ditch that runs along the road. Better internet connection will help prevent this. Jennille will check into it. DC Energy can help with questions she may have and Warren gave her the number.

Michael had questions:

- Lease agreement needs to be presented to the public and possible opposition to the project needs to be addressed. Jennille understood.
- Permits needed? 248A permit vs Act 250? Jennille believes it will be 248A probably.
- Local permits? They will let local jurisdiction know ahead of time – they won’t be the last to know.
- Jennille is looking for comments on lease before doing another draft. Mark up the one we have. Michael will do so and work with her.

We noted GME needs to approve all designs. Is it possible the tower could shed ice? What is the tower design as far as preventing this? Jennille will find out.

Jennille noted there is a recreational easement by one neighbor and she will need to have them sign off on it once design & location is all set. Will talk to state and local authorities too at that time.

Jennille said that in 6-8 weeks she would like to have the lease agreed upon and the permitting process start.

Discussion ensued if lights are needed for the tower and Jennille said the FAA will determine that. She will look into it.

- 3) Reserve Fund – Interest rates are going up so should we work on getting into a bond/CD or wait? Andy will talk with Community Bank.

New Business

None

Andy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM and Shannon seconded it. All were in favor.

Transposed from Shannon Bundy’s notes and Respectfully Submitted by,

Janine Banks _____ Date: _____
 GICWD Clerk