

# Grand Isle Consolidated Water District

## Minutes of Regular Meeting December 09, 2020, 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Janine Banks, Michael Inners, Tim Olver, Court Perry, Ken Mirvis, Lynda Morgan-Gardiner

Board Members Not Present: Judi Reposa - excused

SOS Members Present: Operators Joe Danis and Warren Steadman

Members present: David Banks

Janine Banks Called the meeting to order at 7:18

### Additions to the Agenda:

- **Old Business: VT-Alert Update**

### Review of Meeting Minutes

- November Meeting Minutes
  - Ken voted to approve, Lynda seconded. All were in favor.

### Questions from Members:

- Grand Isle State Park Construction Project.
  - The State Park has an internal project to replace piping within the Park. Since they are a member of GICWD and part of their project would require replacing a meter, they would need our participation to sign-on to the project. They had intended to work on this project in 2020, but the work was postponed and the permit expired. This technically makes GICWD a co-applicant.
  - Michael made a motion to have Janine to sign-on to be a co-applicant on the State Park's permit. Court seconded. All were in favor.

### Operator's Report:

- Warren mentioned another member that requires GICWD, as a co-applicant, to sign-on to put a new line beneath a road (Rt. 314) for LCT. Some discussion ensued and Michael stated that the board should sign-on as a co-applicant for LCT to proceed with this.
  - Michael made a motion. Tim seconded. All were in favor.
- Warren asked to get the Airline Project initiated and to contact Alliance Mechanical.
- Joe contacted Efficiency Vermont (EV) to help analyze what's occurring with our electric usage increase. EV remotely checked some things out but did not perform an on-site inspection due to COVID restrictions. Joe analyzed the electric cost of water production and without in-depth analysis, the numbers indicate that our increased water production

aligns roughly with the increased power consumption.

### **Engineer's Report:**

- The engineers were not present at the meeting.
- Court spoke with Alan from Green Mountain Engineering.
  - Once Michael has finished the grant application GME will review.
  - They've also been sent the information from the Aquastor related scenario with our tanks. They are pursuing communication with resources at Aquastor. Nothing new to report as of this meeting otherwise.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Michael presented some key items from the report
  - We're going to end the year close to budget on operating expenses and on budget on debt.
  - There have been 6 applications from delinquent members for payment plans.
    - Lynda asked to clarify how many delinquent accounts there are. There are 25 accounts. Several are not eligible for various reasons that deem them not related to COVID.
    - A reminder was sent out on Monday to apply before the deadline.
  - Delinquent Accounts: A final lien was put on 25 Adam's School Road and the account has now been disconnected. The other long-term delinquent account, on canoe road, has made a payment to avoid disconnection.

### **Old Business:**

- Update on ratepayer assistance program:
  - Discussed during the Treasurer's Report.
- Update on planning loan application:
  - Discussed during the Treasurer's Report.
- Transition to 3-year averaging for large user rates:
  - Discussed previously and brought up to verify plan for implementing this next year. Janine mentioned that this is the go forward plan, but Warren suggested that the board vote on it.
  - Ken asked for Warren to provide some context as to the near-term and long term advantages and disadvantages for adopting this. Warren provided further explanation.
  - Michael made a motion to adopt the 3-year average. Court seconded. All were in favor.
  - Warren to send a letter to inform the large users on this decision. Janine to modify the policy to include this decision.
- VT-Alert Update:
  - The test went out to just the board members. There have been mixed results and Janine has reached out to the representative for the Alert System (Everbridge), Ian. There are some adjustments that need to be made, specifically to allow for

text alerts.

- The SOS Operators are not Alert Contacts at this time and it's planned to have them added.
- Ken offered to assist with further internal testing, before a public member test.

**New Business:**

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM. Janine moved to Accept, Ken seconded, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Tim Olver \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
\_\_\_\_\_ GICWD Clerk



SIMON OPERATION SERVICES, INC.

December 9, 2020

Ms Janine Banks  
Grand Isle Consolidated Water District  
Grand Isle, Vermont 05458

Dear Janine,

Enclosed please find the following reports and activities for the water treatment facility for the month of November, 2020

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 1-802-244-7544.

Sincerely,

Joe Danis  
Warren Steadman

Cc: Facility copy

143 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676 1-802-244-7544

## GRAND ISLE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

NOVEMBER 2020

#### A: ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

1. Two samples were taken for coliform testing. Both samples were absent. Monthly backwash data was taken and the monthly report was sent to the Watershed Management Division. The monthly Water Operations report was sent to the Drinking Water and Ground Water Protection Division.
2. Impact Fire of Williston inspected the facility fire extinguishers.
3. The new installation on Shirley Avenue was inspected.
4. Santor Construction repaired the curbstop to the blow-off at Westside Village.
5. The curbstop at 8 Adams School Road was located and straightened. The curbstop is located in the right-of-way to a new house being built at 8A Adams school road.
6. The Royal Group completed the annual system check of the fire alarm system.
7. Santor Construction dug to repair a leaking valve to a blow-off on East Shore North near Hyde Point. The valve was temporarily closed to prevent it from leaking but will need to be dug and repaired in the spring. The bolts on the valve were not SS and were replaced with SS bolts. The two mainline valves on either side of the blow-off will be dug and checked at the same time the valve for the blow-off is repaired.

#### B. ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

1. Contacts are being made to get quotes on replacing the Kinetico air system.
2. Bolts that are showing corrosion in the filter building are being replaced with SS bolts as time permits.
4. A second set of Warranty information has been sent to Allura by certified mail.
5. Efficiency VT has been contacted to help evaluate electric power usage.

#### C: ACTIVITIES PLANNED OR NEEDED

1. The replacement of the West Shore Master Meter will be scheduled for next spring.
2. Bell Hill operating water levels will be adjusted for the winter to prevent ice damage.

D: BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS

1. Accounts receivable as of December 1, 2020 was \$33,366.01.
2. Four requests for grant money have been processed and approved.
3. No new liens in November and one lien released.
4. The balance of outstanding liens is \$14,484.20