

Grand Isle Consolidated Water District

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 11, 2021, 6:30pm

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

Board Members Not Present: N/A

SOS Members Present: Warren Steadman and Joe Danis

Members present: Bill Stone

Janine Banks Called the meeting to order at 6:32 with all members present.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Adding two items to New Business
 - Sturgeon Road – Mound system
 - Lawsuit for lien paid – call for executive session

Review of Meeting Minutes

- June 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - Judi made a motion to approve. Lynda seconded. All were in favor

Questions from Members

- Joe Danis:
 - Dean Henry, not a member yet, lives on 314, in South Hero by West Shore. Planning an 8-9 lot subdivision. Wants to know if Grand Isle wants to put the water line in for him if there are enough connections.
 - Ken asked what the difference is between a water line and water main. Joe answered that there isn't.
 - Warren noted that this would be a large scale project, including an engineering study and permits from the state. The benefit is that it would add a good amount of connections to the district.
 - Ken asked if we could do a cost-benefit analysis. Warren answered that something similar has been looked into, "down past Eagle Camp".
 - Janine asked if it's going to cost us to do the cost analysis. Warren and Michael answered: yes it would.
 - Michael asked if he has submitted anything to the Development Review Board with South Hero. Joe doesn't know as of now.

- Michael suggested that we contact GME for his quick opinion, before pursuing a cost-benefit analysis.
 - There are multiple additional properties that have interest.
 - Michael noted that we would want to seek commitments from some of these additional potential members.
 - A very rough estimate is that this could be a 1 Million Dollar project.
 - Ken and Michael noted that some form of contingency or contracting could be drafted to pursue the project.
 - Warren suggested a proposal similar to one done on Ciera Drive, in which the contractor installed the line, then turned it over to GICWD.
 - Some additional discussion ensued and it was determined best to get GME's opinion before pursuing further.
- Janine Banks
 - There may be a post office issue with a member receiving a bill delayed. This is the second time and the member doesn't want to pay any late fees.
 - Bill Stone mentioned that he was speaking the Post Office and that they're currently understaffed with overtime and stressful conditions.
 - We could suggest that Crystal doesn't charge them for a late fee.

Operator's Report:

- Joe spoke regarding last month's approval of heaters and mixers getting installed.
 - The heaters are no longer available whatsoever.
 - We've received a new quote for just the mixers and the estimate is less than previously quoted.
 - Recommended that we drain the tank and replace the anodes.
 - Tim asked if the anode replacement was a part of the new mixers quote. Warren said that they are quoted separately.
 - \$4,200 estimate for anode replacement.
 - We're saving roughly \$5,000 per tank by not purchasing/installing the heaters.
 - Some discussion ensued on the last month's conversation around the decision to purchase and install both the heaters and the mixers.
 - Michael and Court noted that we should still install the electrical enough to support mixers and heaters, if we decide to install heaters in the future.
 - Joe mentioned another quote for \$2,100 to inspect inside the tank.

- Joe found an article demonstrating the efficiency of mixers in tanks and will share that with the water board.
- Michael made a motion to proceed with the mixer only solution, add in the anodes and electrical work, and inspection. Court seconded. All were in favor.
 - Janine asked when the anodes were replaced last. Joe said 2015
- Warren mentioned that the carbon may need to be replaced beginning in the fall. This is already budgeted.

Four more connections on Pearl Street.

Engineer's Report:

GME was not present but sent an email.

Treasurer's Report:

- Michael presented an overview of the budget.
- Payment Plan approval
 - Past Due Accounts discussed with Crystal
 - The State has reactivated the Rate Payer Assistance Program. Received a few applicants. Crystal with SOS has been reaching out to encourage those applicable to apply. Eligibility mainly based on impact by COVID.
 - 20 members behind significantly. Totaling about a \$30k deficit.
 - August 21st is when disconnect notices go out again.
 - We will initially offer a 1 year payment plan with as much as 30 months, to pay off debt owed. Late fees would be waived.
- Tax sale at mobile home park June 29th.
 - Tax sale did not occur at the mobile home park, so none of our accounts went to tax sale.
- Pipe Line Replacement Project
 - Janine emailed to the state on 8/10/2021

Old Business:

1. Update on Active Projects
 - a. LCT Building |
 - i. Some discussion ensued. The next DRB Meeting is next Wednesday. The August 4th tour was canceled, but the deliberative meeting was held.
 - ii. Michael would like authorization from the board to proposed a condition to LCT, that they do not discharge contaminants into the lake either directly or indirectly. We're asking them to commit to this as a part of the permit.

- iii. Court made a motion to authorize Michael for this. Judi seconded.
 1. Discussion: Janine asked Michael if this is related to the letter she had composed, regarding conditions we're
 2. Bill Stone asked Janine if she would read it to the board. Janine said that she would share the her letter via Zoom and also read it aloud.
 3. It was determined that Michael would help revise some of Janine's letter and send it to the DRB.
 4. Court withdrew his initial motion and proposed a new motion to proceed with Janine's letter once revised. Judi seconded. All were in favor.
- b. Piping Replacement Project
 - i. Covered in Treasurers Report.
- c. Rescue Plan Funds – Planning Commission Meeting
 - i. Janine attended the PCM and presented our letter. Janine's takeaway was that the funds could be shared out equitably to approved applicants. The next select board meeting is next Monday at 6PM, the next Planning Commission is next Tuesday at 6PM.
2. Raewyn Lane Debt Service
 - a. Janine presented via email that this project delay is not the fault of the members but a pandemic-related delay.
 - b. Some discussion ensued.
 - c. Lynda made a motion to accept the letter. Ken seconded. All were in favor.
3. Meter Pit Policy
 - a. Joe and Warren to update the connection agreement. Joe has a rough draft currently.

New Business:

- Entered Executive Session for 2 Sturgeon Road. Michael made a motion to enter executive session. Court seconded. All were in favor.
 - o Resuming the meeting at 8:31 PM. We are going to appoint Michael as a board member to respond to the small claims court matter that's been presented to us. Michael abstained, all others were in favor.
- SOS noticed a mound system being constructed at 2 Sturgeon Road within 24 feet from the Water Line. Septic Systems cannot be within 50ft of water line systems.

- The property owner asked SOS if the waterline could be “sleeved” down the road to be outside of the 50ft required distance. This has been done before in certain situations but this situation would prove very costly.
- Court made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynda seconded. All were in favor. Meeting ended at 8:39.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM. Court made a motion to adjourn, Judi seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Olver, GICWD Clerk

Date: _____

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SIMON OPERATION SERVICES, INC.

August 11, 2021

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 July 2021.

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

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call us at 802-244-7420.

Sincerely,

Joe Danis
Warren Steadman

Cc: Facility copy

143 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676 802-244-7420

GRAND ISLE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT

MONTHLY REPORT
JULY 2021

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. The tap on the distribution line and the installation of the meter pit at 151 East Shore North was witnessed and the water turned on.
3. Connection agreements were approved for 51 Dubuque Drive

and 19 Lover's Lane. The meter has been installed at the Dubuque Drive location.

4. Four connection fees for the four-lot subdivision planned at 45 Pearl Street previously discussed was received. Individual connection agreement forms will be submitted as the project progresses.

5. While cycling valves, construction of a mound system on Sturgeon Road was noticed. The end of the mound was approximately 25 feet from the Sturgeon Road water line. The wastewater division was contacted. They indicated that the permit for that mound had expired and they would investigate the situation.

6. Repairs to correct five meter issues were completed.

B: ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

1. DC Energy has ordered a replacement light for one of the lights in the Kinetico filter room. The current overhead light which is also an emergency light has failed and cannot be repaired.

2. Annual valve cycling of the mainline valves is taking place as time permits.

3. Aquastore has informed us that the tank heaters that were approved for the Bell Hill and Lover's Lane tanks are not available. They recommend we install the mixers in both tanks and replace the anodes in the Lover's Lane tank.

4. Weekly samples of raw and finished water were collected and sent to the Health Dept for Cyanotoxin analysis. (Blue Green Algae.

C: ACTIVITIES PLANNED OR NEEDED

1. The West Shore master meter replacement is planned for this year. The master meter has been purchased but the installation will not be done until fall as the water will have to be off to the West Shore during the installation.

2. The bolts on the valves at the blowoff on East Shore North will be replaced when conditions permit. One of the valves may have to be replaced.

3. Mainline flushing will begin when valve cycling is completed.

D: BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS

1. Accounts receivable as of August 2, 2021 was \$53,249.

2. No new liens were initiated or released in July.

3. The balance of the outstanding liens is \$9,773.74

4. Nine accounts have used the ACH draft as a means of paying their water bills.